

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

CBI Families Help Establish Sherwood Montessori School and Much More

By Jim Jessee

Nelda and I recently interviewed Russell Shapiro and his daughter Clara at Sherwood Montessori, a brand-new charter school authorized by the Chico Unified School District. The school had been in session just 28 days at the time of our interview. Russell said that this was one of his first “days off,” although he asked us to meet him at the school, where we got a wonderful tour. Of course, while there he could not help but take care of a little business, too.

Russell has been working on this project nearly full-time for a solid year. Along the way he has developed an expertise in charter school law; California’s state education code and standards; public, teacher, and parent relations; negotiations with the CUSD (whom he highly praised for being strict but very helpful and positive throughout the process); and, lastly, some mighty fine grant and contract writing. The result is a charter school contract, detailed operating budget and curriculum, and other formal requirements that were approved in record time. Russell’s exceptional work is now being used as a model for others.

Upon approval of the school’s charter last December, Russell worked with fellow CBI congregant David Green to secure significant lines of credit. Russell also wrote and received a founding grant, which has launched the school very well. Sherwood Montessori achieved its three-year-enrollment goal of 100 immediately. With more than 250 applicants, Sherwood Montessori immediately achieved its three-year enrollment goal of 100 students. They had a lottery to decide who got to attend, and many were disappointed.

After graduating from the University of California at Santa Barbara, Russell and his wife Heather Fisher moved around the country chasing teaching jobs. Their first big move was to Maine where Ella Rose, now age 10, was born. The young family then moved onto Colorado, Las Vegas, and Minnesota, where their other three children were born (Clara Eve, age 7, and twins Lily Anne and Celeste Leah, age 5). When they moved to Chico four years ago, they enrolled Ella at the private Montessori School on the Esplanade. Heather eventually became director of the school during its last year of operation. During that year, several parents

and teachers got together to discuss forming a charter school in Chico so more families would be able to take advantage of the Montessori option. The group asked Russell to write the charter. In September of 2009, Russell created a board of directors with himself as chair, and recruited two other CBI members, Haim (Harvey) Rappaport and David Green, along with four additional members, each of whom offered specific expertise necessary for this effort. Harvey and David continue on the board, although Mia Rappaport is in the Spanish Immersion Program at Rosedale Elementary, where the Naiman children also attend. The Green family have their children at Shasta Elementary. CBI members Kaitlyn Zeichick, Lucas Zukrow, and Noah Stone attend Sherwood, and other CBI families are following the developments closely, hopeful that their children will attend there someday.

Russell was the original driving force and chief janitor for Sherwood Montessori throughout this past year as a volunteer, along with a few key others. Heather named the school, wanting a name that suggested dark green colors, and alluded to Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest, which recreated for the famous Errol Flynn movie filmed in Bidwell Park, only a few blocks away. David Green leased the facility, a wonderful school at the Lutheran Church on Moss Avenue, and Heather researched, selected and purchased all the furniture and equipment, curriculum materials, library materials, and other supplies. Harvey and the rest of the board hired



Photo of Clara by Nelda Jessee

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all the teachers and the school director. Many parents have helped to assemble the furniture, install equipment, continue to do custodial care, and landscape the playgrounds. The children maintain a wonderful winter vegetable garden and host a weekly Farmer's Market on Friday after school.

Russell essentially put his professional career as a Chico State professor of geology with a specialty in early Earth fossils on hold this past year to do all this work. He is eager to get back to his professional research and teaching, as he sees the school well underway with a professional staff and, now with students, lots of parent help, too.

Both in the past and the present, CBI members and families have been well represented as leaders, teachers, counselors, aides, and, most important, parent volunteers in our area schools, including the university. Several of our CBI families have chased the Spanish Immersion Program from Chapman, to Parkview, to Rosedale schools, helping out as volunteers and teacher aides through it all. The Open Classroom had many a CBI student and parent participant over the years.

This year CBI member Jeremy Miller is on the faculty of the new Chico Green High School, and CBI teens Charlette Naiman and Shaelyn Howard are students at the new Inspire Charter High School. Andrea Lerner Thompson is currently serving on the Chico Unified School District Board, helping steer our community through some of the worst times for education funding that we have known.

Our families have been and are well represented as leaders and as volunteers supporting innovative education on many fronts locally, nationally, and abroad. Many of our CBI parents and grandparents have volunteered in the public schools over the years to make sure their children's classmates had exposure to Jewish holidays and traditions, and that our children get the extra attention and care needed to succeed in their studies. Many other CBI members currently have or have retired from highly responsible positions in teaching, library sciences, and administration at every level of education in the North State through the years. We are proud the list is so long that we cannot mention all of them here.

In keeping with our core Jewish values on family, *tikkun olam*, and providing the greatest opportunities for education for our children and the children of others, we find our CBI members very actively involved in all the schools of our community and making significant contributions to better the education of all. Thank you, CBI families.



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 To make an appointment with Rabbi Danan, call 342-6146.



Television Donation Sought

Looking to do a *mitzvah* that will really help out CBI? The congregation seeks the donation of a flat screen TV that includes a DVD player. We would like to get a TV small enough to be safely transported around the building on a cart that we already have. Please contact Rabbi Danan at 342-6146 if you would like to make this donation.

From Our Rabbi: Coming to Services “For No Reason”

By Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

The Year Mom Got Religion, a book by Lee Meyerhoff Hendler, is about “One Woman’s Midlife Journey Into Judaism.” Hendler came from a prominent Jewish family that belonged to a large temple. Jewish community was a priority; spirituality was not. She describes one of the most awkward moments of her journey as the first time she went to Shabbat services, “for no reason.” Of course, she always went when there was an official “reason” like the High Holy Days or a *bar* or *bat mitzvah*. But just to go on an ordinary *Shabbat* when there was “no reason” but praying and learning *Torah*? It made her feel very exposed, wondering what the “regulars” would think of her and whether her own family and peers would think she was becoming too religious. Once she got past the awkwardness, Jewish spiritual practice eventually became central to her life.



I would like to suggest that you, too, consider coming to CBI *Shabbat* services “for no reason.” It doesn’t have to be a holiday, life-cycle event, or even a special speaker! Our songs, discussion, fellowship, special programs, shared meals, and sense of community are all compelling reasons to attend, any *Shabbat* of the year. But the best reason to come to services is to nourish your soul through the ancient and rewarding spiritual practice of *davening* (prayer).

In a wonderful new book, *Making Prayer Real*, Rabbi Mike Comins analyzes “why prayer is difficult and what to do about it.” He points out that Orthodox synagogues and Christian evangelical megachurches see eight out of 10 members participating every Sabbath, but “if a liberal

synagogue draws 10, maybe 20 percent of its members with any kind of regularity, it is considered a success.” We tend to go only when there is a “reason.” Too many things put us off.

Comins found that years after getting involved with wilderness programs, meditation, *tai chi*, and Jewish mysticism, he began to tune into the treasures of traditional Jewish prayer. He writes, “For years I attended services, when I attended... because I liked the music, identified with the community, enjoyed seeing friends, and relished a good sermon and *Torah* discussion.... Now my central goal is to slow down, make some space for God, listen, and respond.... My prayer life changed when I took ownership of it and no longer left my heart’s expression in the hands of rabbis, cantors, the *Siddur*, the building architect, the community, or whether a baby happens to be crying in the sanctuary today.” His book is devoted to helping liberal, non-Orthodox Jews find real spirituality and meaning in the prayer experience. I would like to start a group to read and discuss this important book. Contact me if you are interested.

At the same time, please know that I and our Ritual Committee want to create service experiences that are relevant and appealing to all our congregants. Our non-denominational community has congregants from many different backgrounds, so it can be challenging to meet everyone’s needs. But we are always seeking creative ways to make our services more welcoming, engaging, and inclusive. Our Ritual Committee, chaired by Keren Carter, is developing a survey on holiday and *Shabbat* services. Of course, you can always come to me or Keren with your concerns and ideas. We hope to see you at services on holidays and special occasions...but also on regular *Shabbats*, “for no reason,” other than the priceless ones of being with your community, learning *Torah*, praying, and taking time out for your inner life, your soul.

Jessica Leitner to Speak on “Israel Advocacy at Chico State”

On November 19 at our 7:30 p.m. service, Jessica Leitner, Chico State student, Hillel intern, and daughter of CBI members Michael and Sarah Leitner, will be our featured *Shabbat* speaker, addressing the topic, “Israel Advocacy at Chico State.” She will explain her role as a CAMERA campus fellow representative this year, which includes Israel advocacy at Chico State. Jessica was chosen as one of a handful of outstanding student leaders around the country to serve in this role.

The mission of CAMERA, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America, is “to serve as a media-monitoring, research, and membership

organization devoted to promoting accurate and balanced coverage of Israel and the Middle East. CAMERA fosters rigorous reporting, while educating news consumers about Middle East issues and the role of the media.” CAMERA states: “Since public opinion ultimately shapes public policy, distorted news coverage that misleads the public can be harmful to sound policymaking. CAMERA is a non-partisan organization and takes no position with regard to American or Israeli political issues or with regard to ultimate solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict.”

Young People Leading Two November Services

Our *Mishpachah Shabbats* resume on the first Fridays of the month, beginning on November 5. *Tot Shabbat* is at 5:30 p.m. for our youngest children and their families. Everyone else should arrive at 6 p.m. for a *Shabbat* dinner, which will be prepared by the Rappaports and the Millers. There is no set cost for dinner; donations of any amount may be made to our *Mispachah Shabbat* fund, if you are able. After dinner (approximately 7 p.m.) students will help to lead a family service for all ages.

On Friday, November 12, at 7:30 p.m., Kaitlyn and Joy Zeichick will join Rabbi Danan in leading the *Kabbalat Shabbat* service.

Please come to services, support our young people, and *kvell* as we listen to them lead.

Thanksgiving Shabbat

There will be no formal services on Thanksgiving weekend, but we will hold a "Thankful" Shabbat Afternoon Potluck and Havdalah on Saturday, November 27, 5 p.m. at the Danan home, [REDACTED].

Bring a meatless dish to share. We'll give thanks for our blessings and our community. Come say hi to Liora and Charles, who will be visiting.

RSVP to the Danans, 343-6337 or rabbi@cbichico.org.

Mazal Tov

To Irv and Nitsa Schiffman on the marriage of their daughter Tamar to Jonathan Lechter on October 10 (10/10/10), in Alexandria, Virginia.



Avraham Danan helps to unroll the entire Torah scroll on Simchat Torah, as the congregation holds it up.

Mark Your Calendar for *Hanukkah* Celebrations in December



The first light of *Hanukkah* is kindled on Wednesday evening, December 1 and CBI will celebrate with a festive party and special services. Our annual *Hanukkah* party will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday night, December 4, at the ARC Pavilion located at 2040 Park Ave. We will enjoy a delicious potato *latke* dinner, live music by our CBI band, and more! Bring your *menorah* and candles to light. Cost for the evening (including dinner) is \$8, \$4 child (\$20 maximum per household). To help with the party, contact Kristy Bergson at 228-5481.

Our *Mishpachah Shabbat* will be held on the *Shabbat* of *Hanukkah*, Friday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m. (*Tot Shabbat*) and 6 p.m., featuring a catered dinner and an innovative family *Shabbat* and *Hanukkah* service for all ages, led by our *B'nai Mitzvah* students. The *Shabbat* of *Hanukkah* will also be observed at our *Torah* service on Saturday, December 4, at 10 a.m., with special readings and *Hallel*.

And speaking of *Hanukkah*, the CBI gift shop will be open during the Religious School hours of 3:30 to 6 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: November 2, November 9, November 16, and November 30. You'll find a wonderful selection of *menorahs*, *dreidels*, candles, and many more Judaic gift items. Please stop by and check out the great selection!

The gift shop will also be open during the *Hanukkah* party at the ARC Pavilion on December 4. If you need additional shopping hours, please contact Fran Halimi at 521-4238. All proceeds benefit CBI.

HANUKKAH SHOPPING MADE EASY!

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We will also be open during CBI Hanukkah Party on Sunday, December 4th, 6 p.m. at ARC Pavilion.

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Sisterhood/Haverot News

By Donna Greenberg

Isn't this a lovely time of the year, with the leaves turning spectacular colors and the weather cooling to more comfortable temperatures?

I would like to offer thanks to those ladies who helped with our annual potluck/kickoff in the *sukkah*. Thank you to Loretta Steinke for helping me with the set-up—lugging long tables, placing tablecloths on the tables, setting out candles, etc. To Pam Dakof for ordering and bringing the coffee, thank you. Thank you as well to Rabbi Julie for the traditional *Sukkot* blessings as well as offering a creative and meaningful art project that brought the group together. It was a blessing to honor those whose lives have touched us in some way. It was a pleasure to host some women from the Celebration of Abraham, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I could not have done all of this myself!

The Sisterhood/Haverot's next program is "Women's Issues," which will take place on Sunday, November 14 from 2–4 p.m. at the home of Sue Mintzes. An invitation will be sent via e-mail and regular mail for those without e-mail. As this is a new event for us, I hope that women of all ages will attend. This will be an informal, informative, fun, and non-threatening program discussing three main issues: education, families, and women's health. Open forums with facilitators will be used to keep us on track. I hope many of you will attend and offer your "expert" ideas and opinions on these topics. As an added incentive—CHOCOLATE, FRUIT, AND DRINKS will be offered for your enjoyment.

If you have not returned your Sisterhood/Haverot membership applications, please do so as soon as possible so that the roster can be finalized and sent out. If finances are an issue, send in the application

with whatever amount is comfortable for you. No one will be turned away. The monies you send help support programs for not only Sisterhood/Haverot members, but also our CBI family as well as local community groups. Remember, our goal is to meet the needs of all of our women, where one can discuss women's issues and find moral support, friendship, laughter, food, and drink throughout the year.

Sisterhood/Haverot is continuing our tradition of sponsoring the Friday night *onegs* on the second Friday of each month, with occasional exceptions. All I ask is for members to help each month with set-up, food preparation, and clean up. You can do this as a team or by yourself, and you will be reimbursed up to \$30. Please volunteer when you can! This is a wonderful *mitzvah*!

Feel free to call me at 891-6439 or e-mail at drg@mv.mv.com if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or are willing to help. I am looking forward to a great year!

Sisterhood 2010-2011 Calendar

Women's Issues.....	November 14
Sisterhood Shabbat	January 21, 2011
21st Anniversary Party	February 26, 2011
Meditation	April 10, 2011
Bagel Brunch	May 15, 2011
End of the Year Brunch.....	June 2011

President	Donna Greenberg
Treasurer.....	Kristy Bergson
VP, Interest Groups.....	Pam Dakof
Secretary/Sunshine.....	Sue Mintzes
Members at Large	Loretta Steinke and Terri Richman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 3:30 p.m. Gift Shop Open 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	3	4 4:30 p.m. Exploring Judaism Class 6:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	5 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Mishpachah Shabbat: Dinner & Family Service	6 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
7	8	9 3:30 p.m. Gift Shop Open 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	10 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	11 4:30 p.m. Exploring Judaism Class 6:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	12 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	13 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
14 2 p.m. Discussion on Women's Issues at Sue Mintzes' house	15	16 3:30 p.m. Gift Shop Open 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	17 11 a.m. Sages' Brunch	18 4:30 p.m. Exploring Judaism Class 6:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	19 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Speaker: Jessica Leitner	20 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
21	22	23 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving	26 NO Service	27 NO Service 5 p.m. Potluck & Havdalah at the Danans
28	29	30 3:30 p.m. Gift Shop Open 3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	1 Eve of Hanukkah	2 4:30 p.m. Exploring Judaism Class 6:30 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	3 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6 p.m. Mishpachah Service	4 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service 6 p.m. Hanukkah Party at ARC

Shabbat Services for November

CBI celebrates *Kabbalat Shabbat* on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., often accompanied by instrumental music, except for the first Friday of the month when we have an early *Mishpachah* (Family) *Shabbat*. 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, November 5 Light Candles at 5:44 p.m..	5:30 p.m. 6 p.m.	Tot Shabbat Mishpachah Service Shabbat Dinner prepared by the Miller and Rappaport Families followed by a <i>Mishpachah Shabbat</i> for all ages. RSVP to CBI office 342-6146 or admin@cbichico.org if coming to dinner.
Saturday, November 6	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat Toldot <i>Kiddush</i> sponsored by Victor Mlotok and prepared by Bonnie Mitchell
Friday, November 12 Light Candles at 4:37p.m..	7:30 p.m.	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> led by Joy & Kaitlyn Zeichick with Rabbi Danan <i>Oneg</i> sponsored by the Bergsons in memory of Barry Bergson
Saturday, November 13	9a.m. 10a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan <i>Parashat Vayetze</i> <i>Kiddush</i> sponsored by the Gottliebs in memory of the family's <i>yahrzeits</i> .
Friday, November 19 Light Candles at 4:31p.m.	7:30p.m.	<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Jessica Leitner will speak on "Israel Advocacy at Chico State" <i>Oneg</i> sponsored by the Sisterhood
Saturday, November 20	9a.m. 10a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan <i>Parashat Vayishlach</i> <i>Kiddush</i> sponsored by the Ginsberg-Saberskys in honor of their anniversary.
Friday, November 26 Light Candles at 4:27p.m.	NO Service	NO Service
Saturday, November 27	5 p.m. Program at the Danan home, 196 E. 2nd Ave. No formal service today	Potluck Se'udah Shlisheet (Shabbat afternoon meal) & Havdalah at the Danans. RSVP to rabbi@cbichico.org or call 343-6337

Thanks to the Consecration Families and Social/Cultural Committee, the Mitchells, the Sisterhood, the Mintzes, the JTC parents, the Jessees, the Naimans and Robin Black for sponsoring *Onegs* and *Kiddushes* in October.

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!**

HAVEROT/SISTERHOOD PRESENTS AN
AFTERNOON OF WOMEN'S ISSUES



Please come to an informal, fun and informative afternoon to discuss issues that concern women. We will focus on educating children, families and health issues (menopause).

Open forums with facilitators will keep the discussions flowing.

Bring your concerns and your knowledge and let us all try and help each other.

Sunday, November 14, 2010, 2 – 4 p.m. (mezuzah ceremony at 1:45 p.m.)

at the home of Sue Mintzes, [REDACTED]

Chocolate, fruit and drinks will be served. Dress comfortably
RSVP to Sue Mintzes at 636-4244 or sue_mintzes@hotmail.com

JTC members carve their "Ya'akov Lanterns" at a social event in October.



Right: Chloe Pressman, Alex Thompson and Molly Steindorf.
Left: Emily Carter (president) and Justin Halimi.

Hazon Food Conference

The Hazon Food Conference is a unique gathering that will bring together 200 professionals, lay leaders, and foodies to connect, collaborate, and continue to build the New Jewish Food Movement. The West Coast Conference takes place December 23–26 at Walker Creek Ranch in Sonoma County. The Conference will provide in-depth sessions that strengthen and expand participants' knowledge of Jewish thought on food, agriculture, and consumption, as well as opportunities to build community with regional cohorts and professionals of similar backgrounds.

The program will include:

- Examining the Jewish community's role in creating a socially and economically just and environmentally sound food system
- Networking and regional gatherings for farmers, educators, activists, chefs, entrepreneurs, and other groups of people to collaborate and establish action plans
- Celebrating a joyous *Shabbat*

For more information and to register, visit www.hazon.org, or call the Hazon San Francisco office at 415-397-7020.

Silent Auction Reminder

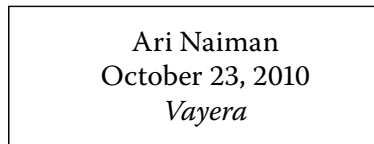
The CBI Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011. Anyone who brings in items for the auction will receive a letter that the contributor can use for tax purposes. Volunteers are needed and appreciated, as are any ideas you may have to make the auction one to remember. For more information or to help out, please contact Karen Rogers at 321-2227. Many thanks!

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Plaques

The CBI Religious School now has the perfect way for you to honor and remember your childrens' *bar* and *bat mitzvahs* while at the same time lending a helping hand to the Religious School. In honor of Ari Naiman's *bar mitzvah* a beautiful plaque has been made available to everyone to remember and honor all the *bar* and *bat mitzvahs* that took place at Congregation Beth Israel. We are requesting a donation of multiples of *chai* starting at double *chai* or \$36 to purchase a perpetual engraved plate to honor a *b'nai mitzvah*. Each plate will include the person's name, date of *bar/bat mitzvah* and *Torah* portion

(see example below). Many thanks go out to the Halimi family for their generous contribution and support in obtaining the *b'nai mitzvah* plaque. A perpetual plate can be ordered by contacting Steve Naiman, Religious School Chair, and can be paid to either Steve or Carol Edelman, Religious School Director. Both Carol and Steve can be reached on Tuesdays during Religious School or by phone or e-mail, located in the CBI roster. Make checks payable to Congregation Beth Israel and include "*b'nai mitzvah plaque*" in the memo space. Order forms can be found in this newsletter or in the CBI lobby.

Plaque Sample:



B'NAI MITZVAH PLAQUE ORDER FORM

First and last name of person ordering plaque _____

First and last name of *b'nai mitzvah* _____

Date of *bar/bat mitzvah* _____

Name of Torah portion _____

Amount Submitted:

- Double *Chai* \$36
- Triple *Chai* \$54
- Other \$72/\$90/\$108

Phone number if you need to be reached: _____

Check number (optional): _____

Proceeds will go to the Congregation Beth Israel Religious School fundraiser. Thank You for your support!
Return this form with your check to Steve Naiman, Carol Edelman, or the CBI office.

Anniversaries

David Frankel & Janice Gagerman
November 14, 2010
Helene Ginsberg & Andrew Sabersky
November 28, 2010

Birthdays

Hannah Puig November 1
Leanna Rawley November 1
Celeste Shapiro November 1
Lily Shapiro November 1
Jean A. Corwin November 7
Richard Rogers November 9
Rafael Frankel November 11
Al Abrams November 13
Charlette M. Naiman.....November 14
Chloe Pressman.....November 14
James W. Jessee.....November 16
Laurie Howard.....November 17
Michael Paull November 18
Lucas Zukrow November 19
Charles Danan November 21
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Arielle Leitner..... November 23
Noah Thompson November 26
Bonnie L. Mitchell November 30
Elizabeth Sperber..... November 30

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David & Fran Halimi: Annie B donation in memory of Martha Rosenfeld

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"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?"

Yahrzeits

Dan Kass November 1
Remembered by Shirley Puritz
Everet Straus November 2
Remembered by Peter Straus and Nancy Evens

Ida Lindheim..... November 3
Remembered by Avraham and Julie Hilton Danan
Eleanor Zacharin..... November 3
Remembered by Dennis & Eddi Deromedi
Bruce Kleiman..... November 9
Remembered by Richard Gitelson & Elisa Kleiman
Isidore Altman..... November 15
Remembered by Michael Mulcahy & Wendy Diamond
Michael AveryNovember 17
Remembered by Loretta Steinke
Betty HiltonNovember 17
Remembered by Avraham and Julie Hilton Danan
Leatrice Joy Fine November 19
Remembered by Matthew N. & Isabel L. Fine
Bill Solomon..... November 21
Remembered by Joel & Susan Mintzes
Salvador Troncoso Jr..... November 26
Remembered by Derek & Magdalena Baum
Jacob Shapiro November 28
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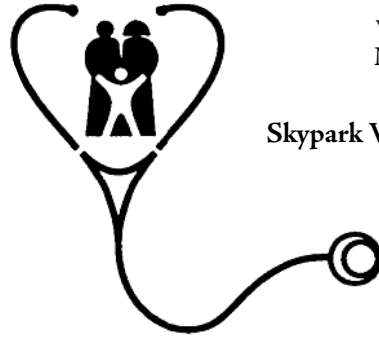
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Nov. 5	Mishpachah Shabbat
Nov. 19	Jessica Leitner speaks at services
Nov. 27	“Thankful” Potluck at the Danans
Dec. 1	First Hanukkah Light
Dec. 4	CBI Hanukkah Party at ARC

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. with an early family service the first Friday of the month, 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*.



Steve Margolin lifts the Torah scroll