

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

Shavuot Outdoor Family Service, Potluck Holiday Picnic, and Swim in Bidwell Park

June 8 at 11 a.m.

Congregation Beth Israel will celebrate our first ever outdoor Shavuot service and picnic on Wednesday, June 8, 11 a.m. at the Council Ring at Lower Bidwell Park (in the wooded area near Caper Acres and the Baseball Field), followed by a noon potluck picnic and swim at One Mile.

On June 8, 11 a.m., we'll gather for a family-friendly, brief Shavuot service for all ages at the Council Ring, including a reading of the 10 Commandments from our small Torah scroll. There will be fruit/flower baskets and tiny Torahs for the kids to carry as they participate. Then at noon we'll move over to the One Mile picnic area for a potluck Shavuot picnic, water play, and a swim in Sycamore Pool. Water is a symbol of Torah and water-splashing games are popular for Shavuot in Morocco and some Sephardic communities in Israel. So bring along your bathing suits, towels, sunscreen and water toys for after-lunch fun!

About the Holiday

Shavuot is a major Jewish festival that celebrates the giving of the Torah. The Torah was given in the wilderness, so it seems appropriate to celebrate it in nature during Summer Break.

The holiday is observed by reading the 10 Commandments from the Torah, studying Torah (even throughout the night), eating dairy foods (symbolic of the "milk and honey" of Israel), and decorating with flowers, fruits, and baskets to symbolize the offerings of the First Fruits in the ancient Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Traditional Foods to Bring

In keeping with the dairy and fruit theme of the holiday, we would like for people to sign up to bring traditional holiday dishes such as: blintzes, noodle kugel, cheesecake, fruit, cheeses, and also vegetable salads and grain dishes (Shavuot is also the wheat harvest). Rabbi Danan has fond memories of cheese enchiladas from San Antonio!

Email admin@cbichico.org or call 342-6146 and let us know what you can bring for the potluck (not required but it really helps us to plan!)

Joy Zeichick's Bat Mitzvah, June 25

Joy loves to be busy. In addition to Religious School, Joy's after-school activities have included musical-theatre dance, jazz dance, improv, math Olympiads and yearbook. She especially enjoys the improv group where her creative and humorous side really shine through. In prior years, Joy has enjoyed acting with various theater groups and has performed several times at Laxson.



In May, Joy graduated from the Rosedale Dual Immersion program in Spanish and will attend Chico Junior High next year. She has been studying Spanish since pre-school and definitely has an aptitude for languages. Her bilingual education most certainly prepared her well to learn Hebrew.

Joy inherited her parents' scientific curiosity. (David and Kelly met in Computer Science class in college). She is the go-to person in the Zeichick household for advice on working anything electronic. She loves to help her dad put together furniture and she enjoys cooking.

This last semester, Joy assisted David in his Computer Programming class at Butte College by compiling student programs and testing them for accuracy. But while she may think like a computer scientist, she does not resemble the stereotypical programmer in any way. Social and easy to get along with, Joy always has an eye towards dressing fashionably in her own signature style.

A straight-A student, reigning class chess champion and twice elected class president, Joy clearly thrives in school. Joy is aimed towards a successful and joyful future, filled with friends, family and a love of learning and all with a sense of humor.

Please let the Zeichick family know if you are planning to attend Joy's Bat Mitzvah on June 25th. BatMitzvah@Zeichick.com or 592-6001.

Shabbat Sing-Along with Free Middle Eastern Dinner

Join us on Friday, June 3, 6:30 p.m. for Shabbat dinner and a sing-along at CBI. We'll serve a Middle Eastern dinner from Petra at no charge, sponsored by the Rabbi's Fund. There will be no formal service; instead we'll say the blessings, eat, and then sing and learn new songs led by some of CBI's talented singers and musicians. RSVP to the CBI office, 342-6146, admin@cbicochico.org.

Shabbat Scholar Irv Schiffman

June 10, 7:30 p.m.

CBI President Irv Schiffman recently returned from a stay in Israel and will be our Shabbat Scholar at our Friday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat. Irv's topic is, "The Vanishing Peace Process" in Israel. Irv is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Chico State. Sisterhood will provide the Oneg Shabbat that evening.

Hevra Kaddisha, Tahara Training – Sunday, June 12, 1 p.m. at CBI

CBI is creating a team of men and women capable of performing tahara, the Jewishly sacred way of preparing the deceased for burial. While our plans for tahara training at the mortuary in Sacramento are not able to happen this month, we will be learning together and formulating procedures here at CBI. Please RSVP to Sharon Kaplan at 893-2264.

Congregational Meeting and Board Elections CBI Annual Membership Meeting and "Ice Cream Social" Oneg

June 17 after Friday Night Service

Join us on June 17 for our Friday evening service and CBI Annual Membership Meeting. After a brief but lively service, the CBI Board will sponsor an "Ice Cream Social" Oneg. President Irv Schiffman and Rabbi Danan will review highlights of the year and thank our board, and we'll thank Irv as he completes his term of service. The new slate of board members and officers will be up for your approval (see page 5).

Tefillin Service June 23, 4 p.m.

What do Michal (daughter of King Saul), Rashi's daughters, and CBI Bat Mitzvah girls have in common? They are all women who put on tefillin, a custom usually observed by men in Jewish tradition. Tefillin are leather boxes containing biblical verses wrapped on the arms and forehead for weekday

(usually morning) prayer, based on the verse in the Ve-ahavta: "Bind them for a sign upon your hands and let them be for frontlets between your eyes." Joy will follow in her older sister Kaitlyn's footsteps with an egalitarian Tefillin service the Thursday before her Bat Mitzvah. She'll be joined by Molly Steindorf, who is becoming Bat Mitzvah in August. The ceremony will take place June 23, 4 p.m. at CBI. It includes a very short afternoon service during which Joy will read from the Torah. It is optional to bring your own tallit and tefillin if you have some and we will gladly provide assistance in putting them on, prior to the service.



Tefillin

Adult Hebrew Learning

CBI's Intermediate Class has graduated from the second book in the series, Aleph isn't Enough, and is now moving on to the third book, Bet is for Bereshit. Now able to read and translate phrases of text, we are moving on to learning to translate whole paragraphs of Torah text. Quite a celebration! Beginning Hebrew classes will begin again in the spring of 2012 and I hope you will join me on this journey into understanding more about the joys of this ancient and accessible language. Please contact Keren Carter for private sessions or questions at 809-0303.

Rosh Chodesh – Thursday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at CBI

The Hebrew month of Sivan encompasses the holiday of Shavuot and the receiving of Torah. While Passover embodies physical freedom, Shavuot embodies our spiritual freedom. From Pirke Avot we know that the Torah was passed down from Moses at Sinai to Joshua; he from Joshua to the Elders, from the Elders to the prophets; the prophets to the men of the great assembly. So too, Miriam also received the Torah and passed her (yes, Torah is a feminine noun!), to many great women. Please join us for the earthly delights of sharing foods of the season and great discussion about the women of wisdom.

From Our Rabbi: Looking Back at 5771

by Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

It's been another tumultuous year around the country and the world, calling on all our inner and outer resources to serve others and do our part for Tikkun Olam. It's also been an active and exciting year here at CBI. Here are just some of the many things that brought us together in 5771.

Once again, we began our Jewish year with a Religious school Shabbaton at the Zeichick's cabin in Mill Creek, and a rollicking "Back to Shul Night" featuring the CBI band. Our JTC youth group had just come back from a historic service-learning trip to Belize that led many of them to do more service to others and the environment. My theme for the High Holidays was the deceptively simple idea of "How To," and our sermons focused on the challenging themes of "How to Be a Mitzvah Mensch," (with remarks by congregants), "How to Really Support Israel when We Disagree," And "How To Be a Lamed-Vavnik (a secret saint) in a Troubled World." My daughter Liora, who works in International Relations, spoke about "New Beginnings" in American Diplomacy, particularly as it relates to freedom of religion. On Shabbat Shuvah, President Irv Schiffman spoke about "One State or Two" for Israel and the Palestinians. Most of these sermons are on our CBI website (sometimes it's nice to review them mid-year and see how we are doing in our spiritual goals for the year).

Sukkot was busy and full, with a family Sukkot dinner, Sukkah Tour, Sisterhood Sukkot dinner, and a gala Simchat Torah featuring music by our band and unrolling both the real Sefer Torah and a fantastic Model Torah made by our Religious School.

This year, CBI continued to serve as a "Synagogue Center" for the North State, providing nourishment for the "head, heart, and hand." Learning for the "head" included monthly Shabbat Scholars, featuring our own cadre of marvelous CBI professors along with Prof. Ed Rabin of Davis and Shaliach Elad Lerech from Sacramento. We also offered two Exploring Judaism classes, Shabbat Study for adults, and two levels of Hebrew instruction. For kids, our bustling and joyful Religious School directed by Dr. Carol Edelman continued to offer high quality educational programs from pre-school through Confirmation. Our kids and young families continued to benefit from PJ Library's program of free books.

For the heart and soul, we expanded our Shabbat repertoire from our traditional Kabbalot Shabbat (often involving our fantastic band!), Mishpachah Shabbats, and Torah services, to include a series of "Re-Jew-venating" Alternative Shabbat Experiences, including Making Prayer Real, Neshama Yoga, Shabbat University, Torah study, and a fun Havdalah, Dinner, and Jewish Movie Night. Ritual



Chair and Rabbinic student Keren Carter began to lead monthly Rosh Hodesh programs. To find more of our spirituality in the outdoors and nature, we are adding to our outdoor activities with a Lag Ba-Omer picnic and hike, a Shavuot outdoor service this month, and a Shabbat Walk in July.

Also for the heart and soul, our community continued to be a venue for mutual support and connection. We celebrated marriages, B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation. With the help of our Sunshine & Mitzvot Committee (chaired by Sue Mintzes) and developing Hevra Kaddishah (chaired by Keren Carter), we supported congregants through bereavements, illnesses, and recoveries. We gave farewell blessings to some families and welcomed new members. We also had a wonderful visiting family from Israel who liked Chico and CBI so much that they decided to return next year!

For the hands (symbolizing community, creativity, and service), we had lots going on with renewed Menchkin activities led by Lisa Rappaport with Amy Miller, JTC youth group (president Emily Carter), Haverot Sisterhood (led by president Donna Greenberg), Sages, and the Book Club. Sisterhood members enjoyed special interest groups that range from Mah-Jongg to Movies to Theatre and Knitting, and events from Meditation Day to dinners. They also began a wonderful series of discussions on Women's Issues. The Gert Lenner fund continued to help our kids attend Jewish Summer Camp.

Our hands (and feet!) did mitzvot for others through Mitzvah Day and a Blood Drive, and took up tzedakah collections for planting trees in Israel after the Carmel Fire, as well as for Torres Shelter, Jewish Federation Japan Fund, American Jewish World Service, and Mazon. Most recently, the Tikkun Olam committee launched a new project to serve dinner at the Torres shelter on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Community members took part in Cropwalk, Celebration of Abraham events (including the annual dinner program that I chaired on the theme of "Serving God by Serving Humanity") and the Interfaith Council.

There was more to celebrate with our ever-popular annual Silent Auction (chaired by Karen Rogers), Hanukkah Party (chaired by Kristy Bergson), and Sisterhood Bagel Brunch continuing to be big community favorites. Spring holidays brought a giant community Purim celebration with the performance of "Shushan 4G." For Passover, we had lots of room to spread out for our community Seder at the Canyon Oaks Country club. The Religious School presented a Model Seder for the

Continues on next page

From Our Rabbi continued

Sages, while the Menchkins acted out the parting of the Red Sea and interacted with a variety of larger-than-life Seder objects.

Thanks are due to our dedicated board members, generous donors, hard working committee chairs, devoted educational staff, loyal “minyanares,” and tireless volunteers. If I begin to name each person individually, I will take up much more than my allotted column space, so please know that we appreciate and value your hard work and contributions! I must offer a special thanks to our outgoing president, Irv Schiffman for all his hard work, and to our administrative assistant Liz Bohn, for keeping our office running smoothly and cheerfully. Let’s enjoy the summer and gear up for a wonderful year in 5772!

Kitchen Magic

Thanks to all who kept us so beautifully fed this year. Thank you to the Mitchells for chairing our Kiddush Committee and our community Passover Seder, to Betty Jo Sensemen for signing people up for Onegs and Kiddushes, and to Monica Zukrow for organizing our Mishpachah Shabbat dinners.

Thanks to everyone who provided Onegs and Kiddushes, including our Sisterhood who did one each month, to those who cleaned behind the scenes, and to all the Religious School families who provided Mishpachah dinners. The Sisterhood presented CBI with a beautiful new refrigerator this spring.

Derech Eretz is the traditional Hebrew term for courtesy and good manners. With so many hard working volunteers serving beautiful Oneg Shabbats and Kiddushes from our kitchen, let’s honor them with Derech Eretz. Here’s how: express your appreciation, offer to lend a hand (especially with clean up), and be courteous. For example, be sure to ask the host before you help yourself to leftovers. With just a few simple actions, we can make serving in our kitchen a pleasure to all concerned. Todah Rabbah. Thank you very much, to all who make magic in our kitchen.



Our new CBI fridge, donated by Haverot Sisterhood. Thanks to Michael Mulcahy and helper for enlarging the space to fit it.

June Menchkins* Event: Outdoor Alef-Bet Hunt

Come on an exciting hunt through the Hooker Oak Park and see if you can find all the letters of the Alef-Bet! Our hunt will be followed by a short circle time with an alef-bet story and singing the alef-bet song. Afterward, families will enjoy a picnic and free play. Bring your lunch, picnic blanket and/or chairs, sunscreen and sharp

eyes for spying all those letters. This fun Menchkins event will take place on Sunday, June 26th from 11:00-1:00ish. We will meet at the picnic area by the basketball courts at Hooker Oak Park. If you have any questions and to RSVP, contact Lisa Rappaport at lisarappaport4@yahoo.com or 345-9326.

*Menchkins are our youngest members, aged birth to 5 years.

CBI Summer Shabbat Schedule

Summertime is a relaxed time in Chico. Rabbi Danan is on break in July, and enjoyable Shabbat programs will be organized and led by our Ritual Committee, chaired by Keren Carter. There are no services the first weekend in July or the first weekend in August. Otherwise there will be one Shabbat event each weekend in July through mid-August:

Saturday, July 9, 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Walk. The Schiffmans will lead the Shabbat walk in Bidwell Park. Meet at the Schiffman home at 9:30 a.m. RSVP to the Schiffmans.

Friday, July 15, 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat led by Loretta Steinke

Saturday July 23, 10 a.m. Torah service led by Keren Carter, with Torah reading by Steve Margolin (Parashat Matot).

Friday, July 29, 6 p.m. Potluck Shabbat Dinner at the Carter home. RSVP to Keren Carter, 809-0303.

Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m. Torah service led by Rabbi Danan (Shabbat Nahamu).

Friday, August 19, 7:30 p.m. is “Back to Shul Night!” and our regular schedule resumes.

Annual CBI Car Wash Fundraiser

Benefits the Gert Lenner Campership Fund to send kids to Jewish summer Camp

When: Sunday, June 5th, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: La Dolce Plaza
Burger Hut (corner of Cohasset & Lassen)

You can support this event in many ways, by getting your car washed, selling car wash tickets, assisting in washing cars and bringing needed car wash supplies. See Burger Hut coupon p. 9.



From the President – Vote For Our Volunteer Board

By Irv Schiffman

This is the time of year when the CBI Board puts together a list of candidates to present to the membership for election to the executive board and for election of the committee chairs. This is usually not an easy task. However, we are very fortunate that this year many of our CBI executives and committee chairs have agreed to be nominated for the same or different positions. Along with Rabbi Danan and our Administrative Assistant, Liz Bohn, activities and functions at CBI are carried out by these dedicated volunteers and others who give of their time and effort to keep our temple running.

Stan Gottlieb, who has been doing an excellent job as Treasurer for the past six years has agreed to continue in that post for another year. This is one of the most important positions on our board and we are fortunate to have such a concerned and active member.

David Zeichick, a board Vice President, has agreed to serve as President of CBI. David has been editing our newsletter these past months and has responded affirmatively whenever asked to assist CBI in one way or another. After two years as President, I will now assume the role of Past President on the board, a position previously held by David Halimi, who will now serve as Vice President in charge of the Capital Building Campaign. We hope to have an important announcement regarding that campaign in the near future. Another past president of CBI, Dave Bermann, the present Vice President for Membership, will remain on the board as a Member-at-Large. Our Vice President for Building and Grounds, Michael Mulcahy, who watches over our property as if it was his own, has also agreed to stay on for another year.

Committee chairs who have agreed to be nominated again for their positions include Keren Carter as head of the Ritual Committee. Keren has worked closely with Rabbi Danan and has taken on true leadership responsibilities, particularly with regard to High Holy Day services. Kristy Bergson, our former Chair of the Social and Cultural Committee, will be the new Membership Chair. Jona Pressman takes complete minutes as Secretary of the Board and is nominated to continue in that role. Marshall Thompson has once again agreed to wrestle with our finicky watering system and microphones as head of Building and Grounds. Newcomers to the board, Amy Miller, will nudge contributors and edit our newsletter as Communications Chairs. We do not yet have a replacement for the very busy Phyllis Cullen who served as head of the Tikkun Olam/Social Action Committee.

Karen Rogers, a real go-getter who has obtained many donations to our Silent Auction from Chico retailers, will continue as Fundraising Chair and she is already planning the next Silent Auction in December. Steve Naiman has agreed to continue as the Religious School Chair and

Steve has some interesting fundraising activities in mind. Loretta Steinke, who carefully tends to our front and back yard plantings, is nominated to take over the Sunshine and Mitzvot chair from Sue Mintzes. Sue will join the board in the advisory position as the co-head of Haverot. Donna Greenberg, the former head of Haverot, will join the board as Social and Cultural Chair. Elisa Kleiman will continue on the board in a Member-at-Large position.

All of the above nominees deserve our thanks for their willingness to contribute to the administration of CBI. Although not a member of the board, I would also like to thank Rhonda Zisle for her efforts in making sure that our kitchen and sanctuary are clean and welcoming.

I hope our members will give their full support to these volunteers by voting either by e-mail, telephone, or attending the annual membership meeting on Friday evening, June 17. At that meeting we will review our accomplishments of the past year – of which there were many – and look forward to the many activities and programs scheduled in the year to come.

Slate of Nominees for 2011-2012 (5772)

CBI Board of Directors

Executive Board

President	Zeichick
Vice President/Capital Campaign	David Halimi
Vice President/Bldg and Grounds	Michael Mulcahy
Vice President /Membership	Kristy Bergson
Past President.....	Irv Schiffman
Treasurer.....	Stan Gottlieb
Secretary	Jona Pressman

Committee Chairs

Building and Grounds.....	Marshall Thompson
Communication	Amy Miller
Fundraising	Karen Rogers
Religious School	Steve Naiman
Ritual	Keren Carter
Tikkun Olam/Social Action	TBA
Social and Cultural	Donna Greenberg
Sunshine and Mitzvot	Loretta Steinke
Member-at-large.....	David Bermann
Member-at-Large	Elisa Kleiman
Member-at-Large	TBA

In addition to those listed above, the incoming Sisterhood president, Sue Mintzes, will serve on the board. To make this year's election easier on the environment and the budget, we will have a paperless election

You can vote in one of the following three ways:

1. Email: admin@cbichico.org, or
2. Call Liz Bohn, administrative assistant, 342-6146, box 1. (Either way, indicate that you approve or disapprove of the slate by 5 p.m. on June 17.)
3. Vote in person at the annual meeting.

Haverot Sisterhood News

Donna Greenberg

To participate is to benefit!

As I am writing this article I am realizing this will be my final one as Haverot Sisterhood President. After three years it is time to entrust the Presidency to another with fresh eyes and a renewed enthusiasm. It has been sometimes hard and demanding but at the same time tons of fun and a great learning experience. I have also learned to delegate without feeling guilty... okay somewhat guilty. I will always cherish the many friendships I have found and hope to continue with these friendships. I am not leaving the Board, but will still be a presence for support and advice. With summer quickly approaching, we find ourselves at the end of another triumphant Haverot Sisterhood year! And what a busy year it was — with something new — Women’s Issues, and a variety of programs and fundraisers including a lovely Asian-themed dinner at House of Bamboo to celebrate Haverot Sisterhood’s 21st year, membership kick-off with a potluck in the sukkot, Sisterhood Shabbat, Pre-Passover Meditation, and the Bagel Brunch. We donated to a variety of causes, celebrated simchas and mourned losses, we played mah jongg, attended plays, laughed at comedy musicals, listened to music, and attended movies — what an active group!

The Bagel Brunch was again another smashing success!! Despite the rain and cold weather the Bagel Brunch was both a financial and wonderful success. Fortunately, in anticipation for wet weather we set up the classrooms for seating instead of outside seating and added more tables inside. It was warm and cozy inside where everyone was having a grand time chatting and eating. As usual the food was delicious and plentiful. And despite holding the event 2 weeks later, we made a nice profit — approximately \$2500, of which a portion will go towards the Gert Lenner Campership Fund and various other projects for CBI. And, according to my calculations, some 165 people attended this year. Since this was my first year organizing the show, I was very nervous of attempting to pull this off. But it is true that it “takes a village to raise a Bagel Brunch.” There are so many people to thank that I will include a separate list, but I want to give my biggest thanks to Fran Halimi, who was out of town for the Bagel Brunch, and as many of you know has arranged, choreographed and coordinated the Bagel Brunch for many years. I want to thank her for all of her encouragement, support and trust in me to make it a success. In addition, she kept meticulous notes from past years that made planning and shopping so easy.

And I must say the new refrigerator came in handy for the Bagel Brunch! We were able to fit just about every



Bagel Brunch 2011

item including 300 eggs, a huge bowl of herring, orange juice containers, platters of lox — you name it fit! If you have not seen the refrigerator make sure to check it out; it is truly beautiful. The Haverot Sisterhood board set a goal of purchasing a new refrigerator and having it installed by the Bagel Brunch and, thanks to Michael Mulcahey and his carpentry magic, the goal was met!

The annual slate of officers is a little late this year while the nominating committee continues to finalize positions. The New Year officially starts July 1st and we will be voting by e-mail (regular mail for those without e-mail) for next year’s officers as soon as possible. Voting may have taken place by the time you receive the newsletter.

Watch your mailboxes for an invitation to the end-of-the-year event. You do not want to miss this, so mark your calendars for Monday June 6h for a fantastic dinner program at Nash’s. Please note the date was changed. I hope many of you can attend, as we will be installing our new officers for the New Year and reviewing the past year!

Last, but definitely not least, I want to thank my wonderful board for all of their hard work and dedication. Thank you Sue, Kristy, Pam, Loretta and Terri; we were a small and mighty group of women!

Feel free to call or email (891-6439 or drg@mv.mv.com) if you have any questions, comments, concerns or willingness to help.

Shalom and Be’ahava, Donna

Sisterhood 2010-2011 Calendar

End-of-the-year Brunch.....June 5

Sisterhood Board

PresidentDonna Greenberg
Treasurer Kristy Bergson
VP/Interest Groups Pam Dakof
Secretary/Sunshine.....Sue Mintzes
Members-at-Large ..Loretta Steinke and Terri Richmond

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
40th day of Omer 29	41st day of Omer 30	42nd day of Omer 31 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	43rd day of Omer 1 Yom Yerushalayim	44th day of Omer 2 7:30 p.m. Rosh Hodesh Celebration	45th day of Omer 3 Rosh Chodesh Sivan 6:30p.m. Shabbat Dinner & Sing-Along	46th day of Omer 4 10 a.m. Torah Service
47th day of Omer 5 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Car Wash fundraiser at 3211 Cohasset Rd	48th day of Omer 6 Sisterhood Dinner Party at Nash's	49th day of Omer 7 Erev Shavuot 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	Shavuot I 8 11 a.m. Shavuot Service in Bidwell Park	Shavuot II 9	7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Shabbat Scholar Irv Schiffman 8:17 p.m. Candle lighting	11 Parashat Beha'alotcha 10 a.m. Torah Service
1 p.m. Hevra Kadisha, Tahara Training 12	13	6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 14	11 a.m. Sages' Brunch at Nash's 7 p.m. Full Board Meeting 15	16	7:30 p.m. General Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Social 8:20 p.m. Candle lighting 17	18 Parashat Sh'lach 10 a.m. Torah Service
19	20	6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 21	22	4 p.m. Tefillin Service 23	7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 8:21 p.m. Candle lighting 24	25 Parashat Korach 10 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Joy Zeichick
26 11 a.m. Menchkins Event at Hooker Oak Park	27	6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 28	29	30	July NO Service 8:21 p.m. Candle lighting 1	2 Parashat Chukat Rosh Chodesh Tamuz NO Service
Rosh Chodesh Tamuz 3	4	6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 5	6	7	8:20 p.m. Candle lighting 8	9 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Walk led by Schiffmans'
10	11	6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 12	13	14	7:30 p.m. Loretta Steinke leads Kabbalat Shabbat 8:17 Candle lighting 15	16 Parashat Pinchas
17	18	Tzom Tammuz 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 19	11 a.m. Sages' Brunch, location TBA 7 p.m. Executive Board Meeting 20	21	8:12 p.m. Candle lighting 22	23 Parashat Matot 10 a.m. Keren Carter leads Torah Service
24	25	6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 26	27	28	6 p.m. Potluck at Carters 8:06p.m. Candle lighting 29	30 Parashat Masei
31						

Shabbat Services for June & July

CBI celebrates Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., often accompanied by instrumental music, except for the first Friday of the month during the school year, when we usually 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. Once a month we will offer alternative Shabbat Experiences in place of our usual schedule.

Friday, June 3 Light Candles at 8:12 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Dinner (catered) and Sing-Along We will enjoy a mideastern dinner by Petra plus singing. (No formal service)
Saturday, June 4	10 a.m.	Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat Naso POTLUCK Kiddush
Friday, June 10 Light Candles at 8:16 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Shabbat Scholar Irv Schiffman gives an update on the "The Vanishing Peace Process" in Israel. Oneg provided by the Sisterhood.
Saturday, June 11	10 a.m.	Torah Service Parashat Beha'alotecha. Kiddush sponsored by Mike & Bev Paull in honor of their anniversary
Friday, June 17 Light Candles at 8:19 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat and Congregational Meeting. Oneg provided by the CBI Board
Saturday, June 18	10 a.m.	Torah Service Parashat Shelach. Kiddush sponsored by Wendy & Michael Mulcahy in honor of their anniversary and his birthday
Friday, June 24 Light Candles at 8:21 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Joy Zeichick. Oneg provided by the Zeichicks
Saturday, June 25	10 a.m.	Joy Zeichick's Bat Mitzvah Parashat Re'eh Kiddush Luncheon provided by the Zeichicks
Friday, July 1 Light Candles at 8:21 p.m. Saturday, July 2	NO Service this weekend	NO Service this weekend
Friday, July 8	NO Service	NO Service
Saturday, July 9	9:30 a.m.	The Schiffmans will lead the Shabbat walk in Bidwell Park. Meet at the Schiffman home at 9:30 a.m. RSVP to the Schiffmans.
Friday, July 15 Light Candles at 8:17 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Loretta Steinke Oneg TBA
Saturday, July 16	NO Service	NO Service
Friday, July 22 Light Candles at 8:12 p.m.	NO Service	NO Service
Saturday, July 23	10 a.m.	Torah Service led by Keren Carter. Torah Reading by Steve Margolin Parashat Matot Kiddush TBA
Friday, July 29	6 p.m.	Potluck at the Carter's home RSVP to Keren Carter at 809-0303, kerenchaya@gmail.com
Saturday, July 30	NO Service	NO Service

Thanks to the Sisterhood, the Gottliebs, the Confirmation Class Parents, Keren Carter & Inge Schmidt, the Mitchells. **Call Betty Senseman, 345-7727, to schedule your Oneg or Kiddush.** To celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or any special event with the community, please provide a Friday night Oneg or a Saturday Kiddush this year. **Preferably make and serve it yourself,** or alternately make a donation of \$25 (Saturday Kiddush, \$50), and we'll find a volunteer to prepare it.

Shul School

Its official, the CBI Religious School has a new name. A nationwide (okay maybe just countywide) contest was held to free our school of its very long and boring name. The creative geniuses behind the name are Harvey Rappaport and Inge Schmidt. Thanks to them our CBI kids will have a zippy new name to their Tuesday afternoon activity.... "I'm going to Shul School!"

Before we announce the second big change for Shul School, we would like to thank our outgoing director, Carol Edelman. Carol has done a phenomenal job these past two years. Some of the highlights include the school's trip to the Jewish Museum in San Francisco, organizing both fun filled Shabbatons (minus the kosher marshmallows) and the swim/slide party, which she was brilliantly able to schedule between winter-like storms (how do you do it?). Thanks Carol! We will miss you as our director.

We are very excited to announce the new director of Shul School, Lisa Rappaport. The school is in very experienced and educated hands. Lisa graduated from UC Berkely as a Phi Beta Kappa. She went on to receive her Masters in Psychology from JFK University. Lisa has taught English and was a director of a private school in the Bay Area. We have been very lucky to have her as the Aleph and now Bet teacher for the past four years. The school will surely flourish under Lisa's direction.

Two fundraisers for the price of one

A percentage of the food purchased at Burger Hut during the car wash from 11 a.m. -2 p.m. will go to the CBI Religious School.

For more information on how you can support these two programs, please contact

Steve Naiman at naimansteve@yahoo.com or 899-9225.

Beyond Mitzvah Day at the Torres Shelter



CBI hopes to extend Mitzvah Day to include the 4th Wednesday of every month, when its members have the opportunity to prepare and serve a meal at the Torres Shelter. The Torres Community Shelter is a 120-bed homeless shelter, and it is the only shelter in the area that serves women, men and families with children.

The first team of volunteers (Nancy Evens, Lisa Kleiman, Greg Einhorn and Maureen Knowlton) served up an Easter Sunday barbecue, which was well received and appreciated by the residents. CBI's second meal was served on Wednesday, May 25th.

In order to continue with this mitzvah, help is needed with not only preparing and serving the meal, but also raising the funds to provide the meal. Seed money for the first month was raised with the book sale on Mitzvah Day. If you would like to help:

- Sponsor/co-sponsor a meal. The budget is approximately \$150 per month. The cost will be a bit less during the summer months and a bit more during the winter when the shelter's census is up. A donation in any amount would be greatly appreciated.
- Come and help – next meal is Wednesday, June 22nd.
- A great family mitzvah to sponsor and serve a meal!
- A great b'nai mitvah project!

If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Maureen Knowlton at MKnowltonJersey@gmail.com or Nancy Evens at nancyjevans@gmail.com. Arrangements for donations are being discussed with the CBI board. Look for more information in the August newsletter.



Congregation
Beth Israel



Fundraiser Afternoon

Come out and show your support:
Bring this coupon and a % of all sales will
go directly to your congregation
(excluding gift cards)

Sunday, June 5th
11—2 p.m. 3211 Cohasset Rd

Mazel Tov CBI Graduates

Ethan Halimi, son of Fran and David Halimi, is graduating from University of California, Santa Barbara with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis in Technology Management.



Rebecca Kahn, Robin Black's daughter, is graduating cum laude from the American Jewish University. She is receiving a Psychology Major and a Business Minor. Rebecca was picked to give a speech at her senior lunch. She also received an award for Creative Achievement from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Sharonne Edelman, daughter of Sam and Carol Edelman, is graduating from UC Santa Barbara.

Emily Carter, daughter to Keren and Tim Carter, has graduated from Chico High School. This summer, she will be a full time counselor at UAHC Camp Newman/Swig in Santa Rosa. In the fall, she will head to Oregon State University to study psychology and pre-med.

Arielle Danan, daughter of Rabbi Julie and Avraham Danan, graduated as co-valedictorian from Chico High School. She plans on studying Nutritional Anthropology at UC Berkeley after taking some time off to volunteer for WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms). Congratulations also go to Arielle for winning first place in the FHA-HERO Wedding Cake Decorating Contest for the State of California.

Sarah Lewkowicz, daughter of Mark and Carol Lewkowicz, graduated from Chico High School, and is going to California State University, Chico.

Emily Levine, daughter of H.T. and Mark Levine, graduated from Chico High School, and is going to Berkeley City College.

Alex Thompson, son of Marshall Thompson and Andrea Lerner Thompson, graduated from Chico High School, and is going to Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

Hannah Puig, daughter of Madelyn Holzman and Miguel Puig, graduated from Pleasant Valley High School, and is going to University of San Diego.

Based on information received at press time. If your graduation didn't appear here, please send to David Zeichick for inclusion in the August Newsletter.

Todah Rabbah

From Donna Greenberg, Haverot Sisterhood President and Bagel Brunch Organizer

Haverot Sisterhood once again celebrated a successful

Bagel Brunch but this could not have occurred without many hands helping. Thank you and a hug to following people for helping to make this such a wonderful event: Rabbi Julie for her moral support; Rhonda Zisle for publicity; Lisa, Mia and Lucy Rappaport and Robin Black for napkins and silverware wrap-ups; Pam Dakof for arranging the linen rentals and vegetables; Bev Paull for taking care of the lox; our herring preparers: Irma Dakof, Rick Rogers, Loretta Steinke and Nelda Jessee; our fruit preparers: Kristy Bergson and Harvey Rappaport; our flower contributors and arrangers: Nitsa Schiffman, Sue Cottrell, Nelda Jessee, Helen Ginsberg and Sue Mintzes; Saturday set-up crew: Avraham Danan, Irv Schiffman, Pam Dakof, Bev Paull, Maureen Knowlton, Leanna Rawley, Andrew Sabersky, Laurie Howard and Kristy Bergson; our superb bakers: Nelda Jessee, Shaelyn Howard, Loretta Steinke, Carol Roniss, Renée Everett, Bev Paull, Nitsa Schiffman, Leanna Rawley, and Karen Rogers; Sunday Set-up: Bev Paull, Sue Mintzes, Karen Rogers, Leanna Rawley, Laurie Howard, Kristy Bergson, Pam Dakof, Scott Dakof; our exceptional egg cookers: Scott Pressman, Justin Bergson and Scott Dakof; our worker bees during the Bagel Brunch: Sue Mintzes, Karen Rogers, Pam Dakof, Kristy Bergson, Bev Paull, Laurie Howard, Shaelyn Howard, Irma Dakof, Carol Roniss, Rick Rogers; our 50/50 Raffle sellers extraordinaire: Sadie Pressman and Joy Zeichick; our hard-working clean-up crew: Keren, Emily and Tim Carter, Rob Greenberg, Loretta Steinke, Bev Paull, Pam Dakof, Laurie Howard, Helene Ginsburg, Sue Mintzes, Irv and Nitsa and Irv Schiffman and Leanna Rawley. And if I left anyone out, I apologize in advance.

Haverot Sisterhood would like to give a HUGE "Thank you" to the following businesses for their continuous support by donating and/or offering deep discounts for the Bagel Brunch: Pita Pit, Brooklyn Bagels, Bidwell Perk, Mission Linens.

Kol Hakavod: Noted with Pride

Anne Gottlieb's solo show at the Sally Dimas Art Gallery where more than 35 of Anne's paintings of the natural wonders of the local area, Israel, and Africa were on display.

To **Phyllis Cullen** on her latest art show, "Inspirations-Fabrications" at the Avenue 9 Gallery in Chico.

To **Michael Mulcahy** for having his painting "Yellow Sky Mountain" on display at 1078 Gallery.

Mike Paull's book entitled "Tales from the Sky Kitchen Café". It's a book of aviation-based stories, which are not merely tales about flying, but are stories that go beyond aviation to tell of friendship, fraternity, and the fulfillment of dreams. Visit www.skyhawkpublishing.com for more information.

Todah Rabbah

Thank you to Carol Edelman for organizing the Shabbat Service in memory of Debbie Friedman, and to all the singers and musicians. Thanks to Carol as well for organizing a moving Yom Hashoah service and program.


HaSifriyah & The Library Corner

"Books are made for use, not to be hidden away." ☞

—Sefer Hasidim

CBI Book Group

The Book Group will be on summer hiatus until September. If you would like to be notified about updates, contact Harriet Spiegel at hspiegel@csuchico.edu. See you in the Fall!



Congregation Beth Israel • PO Box 3266
 1336 Hemlock St • Chico, CA 95927
 Ph: 530-342-6146 • Fax: 530-342-0278 • www.cbichico.org

Executive Board

President Irv Schiffman
 Vice President/Membership.....Dave Bermann
 Vice President/Bldg and Grounds..... Michael Mulcahy
 Vice President..... David Zeichick
 Past President/Capital Campaign David Halimi
 Treasurer Stan Gottlieb
 Secretary Jona Pressman
 Sisterhood President Donna Greenberg
 Committee Chairs
 Building and Grounds..... Marshall Thompson
 Communication Terri (Lind) Richman
 Fundraising..... Karen Rogers
 Religious School..... Steve Naiman
 Ritual Keren Carter
 Tikkun Olam/Social Action..... Phyllis Cullen
 Social and Cultural..... Kristy Bergson
 Sunshine and Mitzvot Sue Mintzes
 Member-at-large..... Leanna Rawley
 Member-at-Large John Mitchell
 Member-at-large..... Elisa Kleiman

The CBI newsletter is edited by David Zeichick.
 Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month. Send submissions to david@zeichick.com. Layout by Carla Resnick.

CBI Office Hours • Administrative Assistant Liz Bohn
 e-mail: admin@cbichico.org
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 1–5 p.m.
 To make an appointment with Rabbi Danan, call 342-6146.



WE DELIVER til 3am
 SUN-MON: 11am-12am TUES-SAT: 11am-3am
(530) 899-2847
 240 BROADWAY CHICO, CA



Northern California's Largest
DIAMOND W
 Western Wear & Saddlery
(530) 891-1650
 Fax (530) 891-1670 \ Shoe Repair 343-4522
181 E. 2nd Street, Chico, CA 95928

Helping Children Heal for 25 years
 Parent-Child Conflict • Behavior Problems • Video/Computer Game Addictions • and More
Specializing in Play Therapy



Children
 Adolescents
 Parents/Adults
 Families
 Se Habla Español

HELENE GINSBERG, LCSW
 341 Broadway #400B • Chico • 530.342.1523

BROOKLYN BRIDGE BAGEL

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE EXCELLENT PASTRAMI AND WE ROAST OUR OWN TURKEY BREASTS FOR 4 HOURS?

BAGELS AND MORE.

CALL SCOTT FOR DELI TRAYS
345-3443

Keeper of Your Castle



Karen Rogers

(530) 343-7570 or (530) 321-2227
HOUSE SITTING & PET CARE SERVICES

Dennis Deromedi

Realtor, President, Chico Assoc. Realtors 1998
Realtor of the Year 1999

\$500 donation to CBI General Fund for each listing received and sold through this ad. \$1,000 donation if I have the listing and I sell your home without another agent.



DEROMEDI
& ASSOCIATES
REAL ESTATE

220 West 6th St. Chico, CA 95928
Office: 530-899-2313 Fax 530-899-2314 Cell: 530-321-1828
E-Mail dennis@deromedirealestate.com

Your Ad here!

Advertise in the CBI News!
Contact the office at 342-6146 to find out how.



David T Green

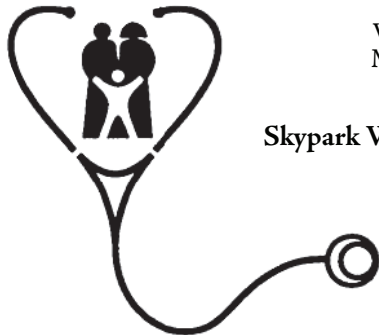
Financial Advisor

2101 Forest Ave Ste 120
Chico, CA 95928
530-892-8460

www.edwardjones.com Member SIPC

Edward Jones

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



William A. Landes, M.D.
Medical Director/Owner

Skypark Walk-In Medical Center

2485 Notre Dame Blvd.
Suite 230
Chico, CA 95928

Phone: (530) 899-9500

FAX: (530) 899-4040

Condolences

Congregation Beth Israel extends condolences to the Levine family on the passing of Mark Levine's mother, Dorothy Levine.

We extend condolences to the Evens-Straus family on the passing of Nancy Even's mother, Violet Sommer.

May their memories be a blessing.

Donors

We would like to thank the following congregants and friends:

Hilton Fund

Avraham Danan & Julie Hilton Danan: In memory of Charles Hilton

Library Donations

Don Lieberman: In memory of Sara Lieberman

Tree of Life

Haverot: In memory of Shirley Puritz

General Donations

Chris & Sherilyn Baker: In memory of Shirley Puritz
S. F. Bud & Evelyn Caldwell: In memory of Shirley Puritz
Andrew Condey
Karen & William Hom: In memory of Shirley Puritz
Milton & Adeline Weiner
Lorraine West: In memory of Shirley Puritz
Barbara Scott: In memory of Shirley Puritz
Don & Alta Chambers: In memory of Shirley Puritz
Gerry Eastman: In memory of Shirley Puritz

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Al & Sandy Abrams
Jason Becker
Pam Dakof, Barry and Gene Belmonte: For the Rabbi's leading the burial marker unveiling of their mother and our long-time generous member, Marilyn Belmonte Puritz family for Shirley Puritz's funeral service by the Rabbi
Norman & Jean Corwin
Steven & Maria Naiman
George & Leanna Rawley: In memory of Shirley Puritz

Yahrzeits

Mark & H.T. Levine: In memory of Mildred Spritz
Michael & Wendy Diamond Mulcahy: In memory of their family's yahrzeit
Jess & Rene Price: In memory of Murietta Price

Gert Lenner Fund

Matthew & Isabel Fine: In honor of Hannah's second birthday

Matthew & Isabel Fine: In memory of Shirley Puritz
Stanley & Anne Gottlieb: In memory of Morris and Edith
Gottlieb

Kiddush

Marshall Thompson & Andrea Lerner

Anniversaries

Mark & H.T. Levine June 11
John & Bonnie Mitchell June 18
Michael & Wendy Diamond Mulcahy June 18
Michael & Beverly Paull June 19
Steven & Maria Naiman June 20
Joel & Susan Mintzes June 22
Mike Panunto & Mari Peters June 28
George & Leanna Rawley June 28
Matthew & Isabel Fine June 29
Tim & Keren Carter June 30
Victor Mlotok & Anne Warner July 7
Marc & Phyllis Cullen July 9
Marvin & Bonnie Megibow July 20
Jed Wyrick & Lance Ferris July 26
Irv & Nitsa Schiffman July 31

Birthdays

Samuel Lewkowicz June 3
Mari Peters June 3
Joy Zeichick June 5
Donna Greenberg June 7
Arik Mich June 7
Michael Puig June 7
Niculina Archer June 9
Lucy Rappaport June 12
Nitsa Schiffman June 15
Victor Mlotok June 18
Michael Mulcahy June 19
Michele Mich June 20
Madelyn Holzman June 22
Garrett Green June 24
Shane Rubinoff June 24
Alex Thompson June 25
Tim Carter June 26
Julia Megibow June 27
Sandy Abrams June 28
Sam Sabersky June 30
Carl Megibow July 1
Ryan Rubinoff July 2
Phyllis Cullen July 5
Mollie Zuehlke July 10
Victor Castaneda July 12
Sue Elefant July 13

Irv Schiffman July 15
Richard Gitelson July 16
Marie Landes July 16
Joseph Lewkowicz July 16
Sarah Einhorn July 17
David Green July 20
Tirza Panunto July 20
Adam Deromedi July 21
Emma Jessee July 24
Isabel Fine July 31

Yahrzeits

Ben Cole **June 2**
Remembered by Al & Sandy Abrams
Eshgah Halimi **June 3**
Remembered by David & Fran Halimi
Josephine Forrest **June 6**
Remembered by Renée Everett
Gertrude Lenner **June 7**
Remembered by Matthew & Isabel Fine
Mazal Danan **June 8**
Remembered by Avraham Danan & Julie Hilton Danan
Zion Danan **June 8**
Remembered by Avraham Danan & Julie Hilton Danan
Estelle Bermann **June 10**
Remembered by Dave Bermann
Max Lenner **June 11**
Relationship Remembered by Matthew & Isabel Fine
Louis Rappaport **June 12**
Remembered by Chaim & Lisa Rappaport
Sandie Rambach **June 14**
Remembered by Arron & Dawn Rambach
Donald Ray Tobey **June 21**
Remembered by Loretta Steinke
Tillie Snower **June 22**
Remembered by the Dakof Family
Carl Rakosi **June 24**
Remembered by George & Leanna Rawley
Shirley Mintzes **July 2**
Remembered by Joel & Susan Mintzes
Mary Rambach **July 2**
Remembered by Arron & Dawn Rambach
Anne Passovoy **July 5**
Remembered by Michael & Carol Passovoy
Morris Rambach **July 9**
Remembered by Arron Rambach
Henry Paull **July 14**
Remembered by Michael & Beverly Paull
James Archer **July 19**
Remembered by Susan Archer
Sol Grossman **July 23**
Remembered by Deborah Shapiro
Don Kipperman **July 25**
Remembered by Karen & Richard Rogers

Congregation Beth Israel
Post Office Box 3266
Chico, CA 95927

Non Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Chico, CA
Permit No. 955

Return Service Requested

Contents	
From Our Rabbi	3
From our President.	5
Sisterhood/Haverot News	7
June/July Calendar	8
<i>Shabbat Services for June/July</i>	9

Mark your calendar	
June 5: Carwash for Gert Lenner Fund	
June 6: Sisterhood Dinner	
June 8: Shavuot Program in Bidwell Park	
June 10: Shabbat Scholar Irv Schiffman	
June 17: Congregational Meeting & Election of New Officers	
June 25: Bat Mitzvah of Joy Zeichick	
Month of July: Summer Shabbat Schedule, see p. 4	

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 about 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*.



At the Lag Ba-Omer Picnic.