

Rosh Hashanah, 5772

Staying Centered and Moving Forward in Challenging Times

The Hebrew New Year of 5772; arrives at the end of September. Join us for lively and inspiring services led by Rabbi Julie Danan, with Avraham Danan as our Hazan (cantor) and many other leaders and participants, including our wonderful CBI band. Our theme this year is, “Staying Centered and Moving Forward in Challenging Times.” Today’s future shock can sometimes lead us to rediscover age-old wisdom. Sermons and discussions this holiday season will explore our response to the rapid pace of change in our world: on the personal, communal, and global level.

Selichot

We prepare spiritually for the Days of Awe with a Selichot Experience on Saturday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. at home of Rabbi Julie & Avraham Danan, 196 E. 2nd Ave, 343-6337. Bring a vegetarian dish to share for our Shabbat afternoon meal which will be followed by *Handalah* and a brief program to help us prepare for Rosh Hashanah. We conclude with a short and sweet Selichot Service.

Rosh Hashanah Eve Brings the Community Together

Erev Rosh Hashanah service is Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Danan will speak about “Jewish Time.” We will also hear a message on the “State of CBI” from our new president, David Zeichick, and a brief update on our Capital Campaign from David Halimi. A Kiddush with traditional holiday desserts is sponsored by our Board, who will also be blessed during the service. Sisterhood will provide apples and honey for a sweet new year.

What Will the New Year Bring for Israel?

Morning services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. until about 12:45p.m., including a Torah reading and Shofar service. Dr. Sam Edelman, CBI member and Executive Director of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East,



will speak on, “What the New Year Bodes for Israel.” With domestic unrest combined with the initiative for Palestinian statehood in the U.N. this month, what are Israel’s prospects for 5772?

Tashlich at One Mile

The service is followed by Kiddush. Tashlich, the custom of “casting our sins” into the water will be observed after the service at One Mile in Bidwell Park, Thursday, Sept 29, 1:30 p.m.. Bring a vegetarian dish for our delicious Potluck Picnic.

Children’s Services & Childcare

We strongly encourage families to bring their children. There will be children’s services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah at about 11 a.m., and on Yom Kippur at 10:30 a.m., after the children have the opportunity to

participate in our Torah parade. In addition, childcare will be available during the evening and morning services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and much of Yom Kippur.

Texts That Challenge

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Friday, Sept, 30, there will also be a service from 10 a.m. until about 12:30 p.m., with a Torah reading and Shofar service. Rabbi Danan will lead a study session on one of the most difficult passages in the Torah: the “Binding of Isaac,” which is read on this day. A light lunch will be served at the Kiddush afterward.

Shabbat Shuvah: Teshuvah for Our Planet

Rosh Hashanah flows right into Shabbat Shuvah (Sabbath of Return) this year. There will be no Friday night service on Sept. 30, but Shabbat Shuvah 9 a.m. class and 10 a.m. Torah Service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1. This Shabbat offers a special focus on repentance and renewal for the New Year. Al Abrams, CBI member and environmental activist, will speak about, “The Teshuvah We Need for Our Environment.”

Mark Your Calendar for Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Yom Kippur

Eve of Yom Kippur, Friday, Oct. 7

Since Yom Kippur occurs later in the fall this year, it begins and ends earlier than last year.

6:20 p.m. Those who wish, join Rabbi Danan for candlelighting and welcoming Yom Kippur and Shabbat.

6:45 p.m. Kol Nidrei Service.

Kol Nidrei will be sung by Dr. Steve Schwartz. Rabbi Danan will speak about, "The Oldest Newest Thing."

Yom Kippur Day

Saturday, Oct. 8

9:30 a.m. Morning Service with Torah Reading

Rabbi Danan will speak about, "Do You Read from Right to Left?"

10:30 a.m. Children's Service (concurrent)

12:30 p.m. Yizkor

1 p.m. Program on Bereavement, led by the

Megibows

Services & Programs continue throughout the Day

7:20 p.m. Final Shofar, followed by Havdalah and Break-the-Fast

Contact Carol Edelman or Tim Carter if you can prepare something for Break-the-Fast.

Sukkot

Eve of Sukkot

Wednesday, Oct. 12

8 p.m. Dessert and welcome the holiday in the Danan family sukkah.

Thursday, Oct. 13

Sisterhood Potluck in the Sukkah

Friday, Oct. 14

6 p.m. Mishpachah Catered Dinner in the Sukkah

Saturday, Oct. 15

10 a.m. Shabbat of Sukkot Service

Sunday, Oct. 16

Sukkah Tour. Please contact Rabbi Danan if you would like to open your home sukkah to the congregation.

Simchat Torah Extravaganza

Friday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

Simchat Torah is the climax of all the fall holidays, as we complete our annual cycle of Torah readings and immediately begin again to the accompaniment of hakafot (Torah parades), flags, dances, live music by our fantastic CBI band, refreshments, and treats for the kids. We will unscroll and reroll the entire Torah as a community. Our youngest Religious School students will be honored at the Consecration/Sweetness of Torah Ceremony.

Team Tekiah

Join our team of Shofar blowers for the holidays! There will be a "taste of Shofar" on the Eve of Rosh Hashanah, full Shofar services on both days of Rosh Hashanah, and a final long shofar blast to signal the end of Yom Kippur. If you can toot your own horn, contact "Team Tekiah" leader Steve Margolin, 342-6476, smargolin@digitalpath.net. Steve is also happy to provide instruction to new Shofar blowers. Contact him now as the holidays start soon!

Missing School for Rosh Hashanah

Missing school and work on the holiest days of the Jewish year is a powerful way to demonstrate the timeless value of our ancient faith. Fortunately, this year Yom Kippur falls on Shabbat and there is no need to miss school in order to participate fully. However, Rosh Hashanah does come midweek this year. Rabbi Danan would like to encourage and support all of our families with school aged children and teens to join their Jewish peers throughout the country in taking Rosh Hashanah off from school. We will have childcare and children's services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

State law permits our students to miss school for religious reasons, and the Chico Unified School District Attendance Policy explicitly states that they may miss school because of "observance obligations of a student's religion." Parents should provide a note or phone call explaining the reason for the absence.

Need a Ride to Services?

Elders in need of transportation to Rosh Hashanah services should contact Sue Mintzes, 636-4244, who will try to arrange rides as possible. If you need a ride for Yom Kippur, contact Loretta Steinke, 343-3662.

Lulav Orders Due Sept. 8

CBI will once again be taking orders for Lulav & Etrog sets for Sukkot. This includes the branches of palm, willow, myrtle and the fragrant citron fruit (etrog) that are waved during prayer on the holiday. To order a set, give a check for \$36, marked "lulav" to the CBI office by September 8. You will be able to pick up your set at CBI in time for Sukkot.

Tea Time with the Rabbi September 19

It's high time for some tea! Join Rabbi Danan for tea and snacks or even a light supper ("dutch treat") at T-Bar on Vallombrosa at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 19.

Before the holidays begin, this is a great opportunity just to visit, shmooze, and ask any questions that are on your mind. Bring a friend! No need to RSVP but if you email admin@cbichico.org that you are coming it will help us to plan.

I remember a few years back, that a local rabbi in my home town mentioned that he was having trouble deciding on a relevant new topic for his Yom Kippur sermon. There just wasn't much happening in the world. As they say, "be careful what you wish for." The words of the old Chinese curse, "may you live in interesting times" have been fulfilled in abundance in recent years.

On top of the economic recession, wars abroad, and environmental challenges, the pace of change is simply breathtaking for most of us. Technology advances from day to day, but human wisdom does not seem to be keeping up. We can communicate more easily than ever, and yet at times it seems that we can't talk to one another across political, religious, and social divides.

That's why this High Holy Day season, I have decided to focus on the theme of "Staying Centered and Moving Forward in Challenging Times." Today's future shock can sometimes lead us to rediscover age-old wisdom. Sermons and discussions this holiday season will explore our response to the rapid pace of change in our world, on the personal, communal, and global level.

On Rosh Hashanah Eve, we customarily focus on our home community. I will speak about the nature of "Jewish Time," which honors both forward progress and ancient rhythms. That evening will be devoted to strengthening our community as we gather to welcome the New Year. Our president, David Zeichick, will report on the state of the congregation, and David Halimi will update us about new developments in our dream of a new congregational home.

Over Rosh Hashanah, we will also look far beyond



the circle of our own community. Sam Edelman will speak about "What the New Year Bodes for Israel" on the first morning of Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 29). In his role as Executive Director of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, Sam is continually meeting with Israeli leaders and staying abreast of the latest developments for the Jewish state. We are truly privileged to have him in our community. On Shabbat Shuvah (Oct. 1), Al Abrams will give the Devar Torah on, "The Teshuvah We Need for Our Environment."

Al walks the talk of how to live an environmentally ethical lifestyle and was the one to initiate our "Green Menorah" program at CBI.

On Yom Kippur Eve (Oct. 7), my sermon will focus on "The Oldest Newest Thing." The Jewish community, like the rest of society, seems to always be looking for the next magic program or one Big Idea that will invigorate the Jewish people and stop assimilation. At the same time, our society seems to be racing in two directions: we embrace the latest technology but at the same time we long for a simpler, more rooted way of life. Do we need new ideas, or do we need to rediscover the value of the ancient wisdom?

Finally, on Yom Kippur morning (Oct. 8), I'll ask the question, "Do You Read from Right to Left?" You'll have to be there to hear the set-up! But the main question I'm asking is, does being Jewish make us different anymore? And does it make a difference?

I hope to see you all on the Days of Awe and explore the ways that we can move ahead while never losing our center. *L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu ve-Tebateyemu*—May you be written and sealed for a good year in the book of life, whether it's a scroll or an ebook!

Annie B's Fund Drive Assists CBI

Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) is once again participating in the Annie B's Community Drive. The Drive allows us to take advantage of an exceptional grant program from Annie B's sponsor, the North Valley Community Foundation. The Foundation will add an additional 7% (based on last year's results) to donations made to CBI between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30, 2010. Both members of CBI and non-member friends of CBI are encouraged to participate.

Although our operating funds (membership dues and religious school fees) are not subject to this match, all other donations to CBI, such as the General Fund, Building Fund, Yiskor and Yahrzeit donations, Gert Lenner Fund (youth camp), Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (for community welfare needs), Religious School Fund, and High Holy Day



donations are subject to the additional dollars.

Your donation check should be made out to "Annie B/CBI" and sent to our CBI address. We will then submit the checks to Annie B's foundation. All of the funds contributed to CBI through Annie B's Community Drive are then returned to CBI by Oct. 15, along with the funds added by the Foundation.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Irv Schiffman at 343-7108 or Karen Rogers at 321-2227 and we will be happy to answer them for you.

Confirmation Class to Start

All post B'nai Mitzvah students in grades 7–10 are eligible to join Confirmation Class. Class will be taught by Rabbi Danan, generally on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (adjusted for holidays), from 5:30–6:45 p.m., and includes a pizza dinner. Our subject this year is, “Hot Topics.” Instead of a class on Sept. 7, students are all invited to the JTC swim party, dinner and kick-off meeting at the Steindorf home, 4 Baroni Dr., 343-1774. The first regular class will be held on September 14. Contact the CBI office, 342-6146 for a registration packet.

Brunch Bunch Now for All Ages!

CBI Sages think that Seniors shouldn't have all the fun! They want members of all ages to enjoy the delicious food and enjoyable socializing of their monthly brunch with the Rabbi. That's why the Sages are renaming their monthly meeting, “Brunch Bunch,” and opening it to all members, regardless of age. Brunch Bunch takes place the third Wednesday of the month. Our next gathering is Wednesday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m., at Nash's on the Esplanade. You can order from the delicious breakfast or lunch menus, and are always welcome to bring some pictures and stories of your travels and family occasions to share with our group. We also take up a small tzedakah collection at each brunch.

Shabbat Class Begins Sept. 17: Encountering God in Judaism and Our Lives

Saturday Mornings, 9–10 a.m.

Shabbat Class this year will explore the really big question: the nature of God and the human relationship to God. Rabbi Danan (and guest teachers including Prof. Jed Wyrick) will lead us to explore the sometimes surprising ways that our ancestors understood God in the Bible, Rabbinic literature and mysticism. Then we will study the writings of modern Jewish theologians who grappled with difficult theological questions. The ultimate aim of the class will be to develop our own personal theologies and “metaphors” for the unknowable, for God. The class is free and open to all interested adults.

Please purchase the following two books as textbooks for this class: *Finding God—Selected Responses* by Rifat Sonsino & Daniel B. Syme (under \$10 on Amazon), and *The Many Faces of God: A Reader of Modern Jewish Theologies* by Rifat Sonsino (\$15 on Amazon, or cheaper used). Bring a bible (Tanakh) to the first class.

Exciting Capital Campaign News, you don't want to miss!

The CBI Capital Campaign drive is reenergized and moving forward with some exciting news. The dream of a new building in a nicer neighborhood with the amenities that can better serve our membership is very much alive. Our CBI Building Fund is now near six figures! We recently sold the piano that had been donated to the Building Fund by a long-time friend of CBI, Ron Becker. The Fund received a further boost by a very generous gift of \$10,000 bequest to CBI by our late beloved long-time member, Shirley Puritz.

The time has come to start preparing to take steps towards realizing our goal by molding our vision and begin to visualize our dream. This requires participation and input from every CBI member. To guide us through the initial phase of this process, the CBI Board has authorized the employment of a local and well respected architectural and engineering firm, Griffith Architects. At this first stage, Mr. David Griffith plans to provide us with Programming and Predesign services, which includes meetings (workshops to gather ideas) with the Congregation members, resulting in design of key areas and graphic support for visioning and continued fundraising. We hope to be far enough in the process to create a pamphlet by Rosh Hashanah with information and conceptual drawings of our future Jewish Center.

Our first CBI Building Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.. Bring your ideas to share and enjoy some delicious deserts and refreshments at CBI. All members should be expecting an e-mail communication with some preliminary inquiries prior to the meeting. I encourage every one of you to participate in this important building block. In order for our dream to become reality, we need to dream together.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or with any questions.

With Personal Regards;

David Halimi

CBI Capital Campaign Committee Chair

david@halimi.com, (530) 521-6300

Exploring Judaism Begins

Exploring Judaism class begins on Thursday, September 15, 5:30 p.m. This free class will be taught by Rabbi Danan on Thursday afternoon or evening. The exact class hour for subsequent Thursdays will be determined by class participants. Exploring Judaism is for anyone interested in learning more about Judaism, including those who wish to become Jewish and those who want to fill in the gaps in their Jewish education. It will run through January, including a winter break. To register for the class, call 342-6146 or email rabi@cbichico.org.

From Our President

Happy New Year. I am excited about the upcoming year and everything we have planned. As usual there is a lot happening.

At the top of our agenda is a very important project that we have had on the back burner for the last couple of years, our building campaign. This project is vital to our synagogue's growth and vitality. We were fortunate to receive a very generous donation two years ago. I am confident that our community possesses the talent and dedication to turn this seed money into the synagogue of our dreams.

David Halimi will continue to lead the campaign. He has many plans to refocus our attention and energy on this important endeavor.

With the start of the New Year comes the start of

another school year. Did any of you hear our radio ads announcing Shul School on KCHO? Pretty cool, huh? A big thank you to David and Gabriel Green for the donation of the radio ad. What a great idea!

I am sure none of you missed the fabulously redesigned membership packets. Kristy and Justin Bergson did a tremendous job on this. I know it will motivate all of you to match their hard work with some work of your own. Specifically, filling out and mailing in your packet. CBI's well-being depends upon it.

One last item of business. In an effort to keep communication flowing and open I will include all of the highlights from our board meetings.

Shalom,
David Zeichick

From Haverot

By the time you are reading this newsletter, you may be remembering the Kickoff party at Bev Paull's where we gorged ourselves on chocolate and shared stories of Sisterhood past and planned for the future. Thank you to Bev Paull for offering your lovely home for the occasion along with the wine and flowers and Renee Everett, Donna Greenberg, Karen Rogers, Pam Dakof, Loretta Steinke, and Kristy Bergson for providing the chocolate treats.

However, if you were not able to come do not despair! We are planning our annual Sukkot potluck dinner at CBI on October 13 at 5:30 p.m. which promises to be a memorable evening of Jewish holiday celebration with our fellow sisters. Those of you who came last year remember Rabbi Julie's art project where we remembered those who most shaped our lives. Again, we will be asking for donations for the Torres Shelter. Please check the email updates for specifics. Also, if you were not able to come to the Kickoff, you can bring your hand delivered membership form with your dues check to this event. Any dues contribution will be appreciated, so we can continue our

programs.

On November 6 we will have our first Women's Issues event at 2 p.m. at my home at 5 Temperance Way Chico. We are still in the planning stages, but we want to give all of you a heads up so you can be thinking of some issue that you would like to discuss with your fellow sisters. Everything we share is confidential, and I have received feedback that the support from the group has been helpful. Besides benefitting from the serious nature of the discussion, we have enjoyed the camaraderie.

Please note that our next board meeting is September 14 at Donna Greenberg's home at 6:45 p.m. Anyone wishing to help with the planning is more than welcome.

Sisterhood will be providing the apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah and flowers for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We want to wish everyone in the CBI family a happy and healthy new year.

L'Shanah Tova,
Sue Mintzes
Haverot President

Jewish Federation Offers Birthright Israel Trip

For the first time ever, The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region is hosting a Taglit-Birthright Israel trip and the spots are filling up quickly! 40 young adults ages 18-26 will explore historical sites; hike throughout the land; and connect with local Israelis. Stay tuned for updates! For more information, contact Jennifer Morrison at jmorrison@jewishsac.org or 916.486.0906 ext. 306.



JTC PIZZA / POOL PARTY!!!

Not a member yet? No problem. ALL teens and tweens are welcome! The first official "meeting" will be at the Steindorf's, Wednesday, September 7th between 5:30 and 7 p.m. We will be voting on officers, discussing possible projects, and having fun! You do not need to be attending confirmation class or shul school, come meet other Jewish teens / tweens for some good times! Please contact Vicky Steindorf at 343-1774 or at victoriasteindorf@yahoo.com if you are planning on attending so we know how much pizza to have on hand. The Steindorf home is at 4 Baroni Drive. See you then!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	Rosh 30 Chodesh Elul 3:30 p.m. Shul School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	Rosh 31 Chodesh Elul	1	2 7:20 p.m. Candle lighting	3 Prashat Shoftim NO Service
4	5	6 3:30 p.m. Shul School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	7 5:30p.m.JTC Pizza at the Steindorfs	8	9 7:09 p.m. Candle lighting 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service Religious School Shabbaton begins	10 Prashat Ki Teitzei Shul School Shabbaton Weekendav
11 7 p.m. Executive Board Meeting	12	13 3:30 p.m. Shul School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	14 11 a.m. Interfaith Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Begins	15 5:30 p.m. Exploring Judaism begins 7:30 p.m. CBI's New Building Workshop	16 6:57 p.m. Candle lighting 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	17 Prashat Ki Tavo 9 a.m. Adult Study Begins 10 a.m. Torah Service
18	19 5 p.m. Tea with the Rabbi at T-Bar	20 3:30 p.m. Shul School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	21 11 a.m. Sages' Brunch at Nash's on the Esplanade 7 p.m. Executive Board Meeting	22 5:30 p.m. Exploring Judaism	23 6:46 p.m. Candle lighting 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	24 Prashat Nitzavim- Vayeilech 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
25	26	27 3:30 p.m. Shul School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	28 Blessing of the New Board 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana 6:38 p.m. Candle lighting	29 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service 11 a.m. Children Service (concurrently) Dr. Sam Edelman speaks on "What the New Year bodes for Israel." 1:30 p.m. Taschlich at One Mile	30 10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Service 6:43 p.m. Candle lighting	1 Prashat Ha'Azinu Shabbat Shuva 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service

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Shabbat & Holiday Services for September

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 usually have an early Mishpachah (Family) Shabbat.(Not this month). 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. This month we also celebrate Rosh Hashanah with special services and programs.

Friday, September 2 Light Candles at 7:21 p.m.		NO Services—Enjoy Shabbat at Home
Saturday, September 3		NO Services Happy Labor Day Weekend!
Friday, September 9 Light Candles at 7:09 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat led by David Frankel and Helene Ginsberg Devar Torah by Loretta Steinke Oneg by the Sisterhood
Saturday, September 10	10 a.m.	NO Service Shul School Shabbaton
Friday, September 16 Light Candles at 6:58 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg TBA
Saturday, September 17	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service Parashat Ki Tavo Kiddush TBA
Friday, September 23 Light Candles at 6:47 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg provided by TBA
Saturday, September 24	7 p.m.	POTLUCK, Havdalah and Selichot at the Danans
Wednesday, September 28 Light Candles at 6:38 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashanah Rabbi Danan speaks on “Jewish Time.” Kiddush by CBI Board Apples & Honey provided by the Sisterhood
Thursday, September 29 Light Candles at 7:35 p.m.	10 a.m. 11 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Service Children’s Service (concurrent) Sam Edelman speaks on “What the New Year bodes for Israel.” Taschlich & POTLUCK lunch at One Mile
Friday, September 30 Light Candles at 6:35 p.m.	10 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Service with Torah discussion led by Rabbi, Kiddush Lunch from Social/Cultural Committee.
Saturday, October 1	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service Parashat Ha’azinu – Shabbat Shuvah Al Abrams speaks on “Teshuvah for the Environment.” Kiddush TBA

Thanks to the Gottliebs, Inge Schmidt, the Sisterhood, the Megibows and the Benaron/Steindorf families for providing an Oneg or Kiddush in the month of August.

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.

Menchkins News—Apples and Honey Playgroup!

Mark your calendars now for the Menchkins Rosh Hashanah playgroup scheduled for Sunday, September 25th, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Join us as we prepare for the holidays with our tots in a fun, hands-on, sensory based playgroup for the whole family. We will conclude with a vegetarian-dairy OK potluck. Apples and honey as well as other holiday treats will be provided! The group will meet at CBI. To rsvp and for any additional information, contact Lisa Rappaport, 345-9326/lisarappaport4@yahoo.com.

Shul School on the Radio!

A huge thank you to David and Gabrielle Green for donating a week's worth of advertising on KCHO Northstate Public radio. Due to their generous gift, we were able to promote our Shul School the full week before classes began on August 23. How exciting it was to hear "Congregation Beth Israel's Shul School" on the air!

Beautiful Student Made Rosh Hashanah Cards

A fundraiser for Shul School

- Get ready for the holidays
- Enjoy the tradition of sending New Year's cards
- Support Shul School

Each set includes:

- 12 unique cards with colorful envelope
- Original artwork by our students, aged 4-11

Donation: \$18 (or more!) Cards are available in the office, during Shul School or from Lisa Rappaport. Get your set now, supplies limited!

Sew Daddy Summer Camp

Raises Money for Shul School

This summer, Russell Shapiro and Harvey Rappaport held their popular "Sew Daddy" summer sewing camp at CBI. In exchange for having a nice cool room and a relaxing shaded playground for their seamstresses, these two awesome abbas donated ALL net profits to our Shul School. Additionally several sisterhood members donated gorgeous fabrics, buttons and other sewing materials as well as snacks to help keep the supply costs to a minimum. Although this was not a CBI event, several of our Shul School students attended the camp. With the creative and expert guidance of Harvey and Russell, the campers sewed beautiful book bags, posh pillow cases and adorable aprons. After all was said and done, the "Sew Daddy" camp donated \$240 to CBI's Shul School! Thank you Russell and Harvey for all your hard work and dedication (they did not pay themselves for this week long program!) We also would like to acknowledge the following people for their wonderful donations of sewing supplies: Phyllis Cullen, Anne Gottlieb, Bonnie Mitchell, Loretta Steinke, Renee Everett, and Gabrielle Green. Thank you to

Laurie Howard and Heather Fisher for snack donations. And a very appreciative thank you to Jean Corwin for donating the tuition for one camper to attend. All of you helped make this a wonderful experience for all the participants while simultaneously supporting our school!

Shul School News

Lisa Rappaport, Director

Opening Day

We are off to a fabulous start this year. We enjoyed our first day on August 23rd where we got acquainted and oriented. We also did some creating and designing. Make sure to check out the Shul School wall which now currently dons "Our Jewish Stars." Thank you to Harvey Rappaport for photographing all of our wonderful students. You will kvell when you see them! On the first day the students also worked on drawing a Jewish symbol which will soon, hopefully, be part of a Shul School T-shirt we are designing.

Bruchim Habaim (Welcome!)

I want to welcome back our returning teachers Ruth Gordon (Gimmel class) and Keren Carter (B'nai Mitzvah class). We have all been busy this summer planning and getting ready for the year. Our teachers return with continued passion and wonderful ideas for teaching our children about their Jewish heritage.

We have some new faces in our school this year. Our new Alef teacher is Russell Shapiro. We are all thrilled to have him, his fantastic ideas and his enthusiasm for the youngest members of our school. Many of you know Russell as Ella, Clara, Celeste and Lily's dad. Others of you know him as Chico State Professor of Geology. Others still know him as avid sewing machine collector and seamster. He is now adding another dimension to his already full personality... Russell, the moreh of Kitah Alef!

We are also very fortunate to have three very able volunteer aides in our school this year. Kaitlyn Zeichick will return to the Gimmel classroom, assisting Ruth Gordon. Joy Zeichick, who had her bat mitzvah in June, will be assisting Russell in the Alef classroom. We would also like to welcome Michael Puig who will be helping in various capacities throughout the school. It is always wonderful to see our school alums return to help out the younger group of kids coming up behind them!

Rosh Hashanah Card Fundraising Project

Over the summer Anne Gottlieb and I offered a Rosh Hashanah card making workshop for our students. With Anne's artistic expertise, she guided the students in designing an effective greeting card and helped them perfect the drawing of key Rosh Hashanah symbols. The cards are quite stunning and are on sale now. When you send one of our cards you make a connection with a friend or family member, you support our school and you share the beautiful artwork of our students. All proceeds from

the sale of our cards go directly to the Shul School. The cards are available from Liz in the office, from Lisa Rappaport, and during Shul School hours. Cost per pack is \$18 and includes 12 cards and matching envelopes.

Last Bits of News

- The Shul School facebook page is coming soon.
- Our 3rd Annual Shabbaton is scheduled for September 9-11. Next months newsletter will included highlights from the event.
- We have many more exciting events and programs coming up so check your emails for up to the minute information!

Nourishing Jewish Life -Shul School Receives Grant

The Shul School was recently awarded a \$2,050 grant for the program, "Nourishing Jewish Life." Under the direction of Lisa Rappaport the program aims to build community by teaching about Jewish culture through a culinary avenue: cooking, baking and eating! Though most of our activities will be based in the school as student and family education projects, we also hope to include the extended congregation in some of the programming. We are forming a committee now for members who are interested in learning and teaching about Jewish culture through cooking and food. If you are interested in being involved in this exciting program, please contact Lisa Rappaport at 345-9326 or email at lisarappaport4@yahoo.com. We hope to include an article in next month's newsletter with more detailed information about each of the program's specific activities. Also look for information about this program in the weekly email as our programming gets underway.

Torres Shelter Project a Success!!

Since April, CBI has been providing—purchasing, preparing and serving--- one meal each month at the Torres Shelter. That's approximately 500 meals for homeless folks, a mitzvah CBI can be proud of!!! The Tikkun Olam committee would like to thank the following individuals and groups who have already made this new mitzvah a resounding success with their generous contributions of time and money: Justin and Kristy Bergson and their German student, Tom Roche, Maureen and Greg Einhorn, Nancy Evens and Peter Straus, the Haverot Sisterhood, Sarah Leitner and Rob Merenbloom, Nitsa and Irv Schiffman, and Loretta Steinke.

We have seven more months to go to fulfill our one year commitment. To do so we need individuals, families and groups to continue to volunteer to help. Please contact Nancy @ 343-3946 nancyjevans@gmail.com or Maureen @ 896-0931 mknowlton@csuchico.edu about how to sign up and/or contribute tax deductible funds for this worthy cause.



In June, CBI hosted a luncheon for teachers participating in a Holocaust Education Seminar at Chico State.

Thanks to several CBI members who helped by serving lunch or playing klezmer music.

Rabbi Danan gave a tour of the temple. For most of the teachers, it was their first visit ever to a synagogue.

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May their memories be a blessing.

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We would like to thank the following nadvanim:

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Loretta Steinke: In honor of the Edelmans and all their work with our students

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



Anniversaries in September

David and Kelly Zeichick..... September 1

Samuel & Carol Edelman..... September 6

Peter Straus & Nancy Evans..... September 15

Birthdays in September

Irma Dakof..... September 1

Eddi Deromedi..... September 3

Jordan Cottrell..... September 4

Jess Price..... September 4

Nancy Evens..... September 5

Greg Einhorn..... September 6

Carol Passovoy..... September 9

Sharon Kaplan..... September 13

Beverly Paull..... September 15

Larry Trimboli..... September 15

Dr. Miguel Puig..... September 18

David Zisle..... September 22

Sarah Lewkowicz..... September 27

Maria Naiman..... September 28

We will list CBI members and their children up to age 21.

Yahrzeit List

Treasa Cohen Levison.....August, 21

Remembered by Helene Ginsberg & Andrew Sabersky

Lee Cole..... August, 22

Remembered by Al & Sandy Abrams

Eve Dobkin.....August, 23

Remembered by Oscar Dobkin

Ida Kipperman.....August, 26

Remembered by Karen K. & Richard Rogers

Isaac Eli Zisle.....August, 29

Remembered by Rhonda & David Zisle

Ida Sirkin.....August, 31

Remembered by Mark & H.T. Levine

Martha Sunny Rosenfeld..... September 4

Remembered by David & Fran Halimi

Rayna Kanter..... September 8

Remembered by Mendel & Nadine Tochterman

Sarah Senehi-Abadia..... September 12

Remembered by David & Fran Halimi

Sarah Sarkin Ginsberg..... September 15

Remembered by Helene Ginsberg & Andrew Sabersky

Celia Shapiro..... September 15

Remembered by Deborah Shapiro

Ferne Stern..... September 19

Remembered by Eli & Joan Stern

Rita Sanger..... September 20

Remembered by Jeremy & Amy Miller

Frances Brownfield Jessee..... September 24

Remembered by James W. & Nelda Jessee

Shifra Chaikoff..... September 25

Remembered by Stanley & Anne Gottlieb

Anna Kahn..... September 26

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Mark your calendar

Sept. 7	JTC Pool & Pizza Party
Sept 15	CBI New Building Workshop
Sept. 19	Tea Time with the Rabbi
Sept. 24	Selichot at the Danans
Sept. 28	Eve of Rosh Hashanah
Oct. 7	Eve of Yom Kippur

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 Shul 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*.



Steve Margolin sounds the shofar.