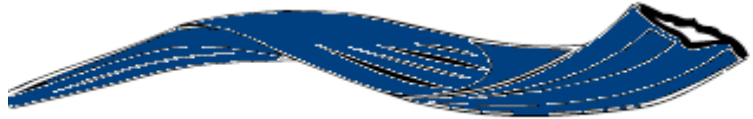


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HIGH HOLY DAYS



Join us for the Days of Awe
Please see the enclosed booklet
for helpful information.

**Congregation Beth Israel
Open House**

Join Us



A Taste of Jewish! As the High Holy Days approach, on Sunday, September 10, from noon – 2:00 pm, CBI is hosting an Open House, inviting the entire Monterey Peninsula Jewish community to check out our warm and welcoming Congregation and all that we have to offer. We ask each and every CBI member to invite an unaffiliated Jewish friend, neighbor, or colleague to join us for this “Taste of Jewish!,” featuring Rosh Hashanah treats from around the Jewish world and more! We are also asking our many gifted cooks and bakers to provide Rosh Hashanah treats—if you are willing to help, please contact Charlotte Salomon, Director of Membership Development and Engagement, charlotte@carmelbethisrael.org.



From the Rabbi's Desk

You should receive this Shofar just a couple weeks before the start of Rosh Hashanah which begins September 15. This year, and even more during this past month, I have noticed the passing of time. For the last part of July and the first part of August I was

blessed with Covid. Because of my asthma, when I first caught it, I struggled with breathing. My doctors put me on paxlovid. What I learned was 20% of those who take paxlovid experience a rebound getting covid a second time. I fell into that category and dealt with a second bout that included more congestion and weakness. Every morning I tested positive and became more frustrated. With Cantor Alisa away, I wondered how I would meet the needs of our CBI community.

I was reminded that I just needed to have faith. CBI lay leaders led Shabbat services and Shabbat study when I was unable to be present. Bar/Bat Mitzvah students agreed to study online with me. And days before a Bar Mitzvah weekend, I finally started testing negative again. Never have I been so excited to be negative! Being positive day after day was exhausting. Work was piling up on my desk. Holy Day sermons were outlined but left unfinished. Prep work for Hesed Academy was delayed. I discovered that patience is not my strong suit. Maybe the lesson I learned from all of this is to value time. Once I was healthy again, I cherished the hours in the day. I had time for calls, time for sermons, time for students and time to be out and about with people.

As I prepare for this New Year 5784, I plan to take advantage of every single day God has given us. While, like you, some time will be wasted doing silly things, I plan on being more appreciative of each day. Healthy, I look forward to interacting in person with my family, with my friends, and with my CBI community. I look forward to work and study and play. I will try to take full advantage of living on the Monterey Peninsula.

Time is passing, but God has blessed each of us with this New Year. Join me in celebrating each minute of each hour of each day of each week of each month. May each breath be filled with health and joy and thanksgiving this New Year.

Susan and my daughters Liotte, Shira and Tani join me in wishing everyone in our congregation a healthy, happy New Year. May we go from strength to strength. Amen.



From Cantor Alisa

Dear CBI Community,
As we enter the season of *Yamim Nora'im*, the Days of Awe, we expand our vulnerability, self-awareness, and compassion by tapping into the wonder of the gift of life and the opportunity to reflect on how live our lives in the face of our mortality. We turn our focus to *t'shuvah*, the practice of remembering and returning to the deeper truth of who we are.

As I learn with my meditation teachers at the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, I rediscover that I am not only my thoughts and feelings, which are continually changing. I practice *witnessing* the changing phenomena of body, thoughts, and emotions. The more I do this, the less I am defined or confined by them. I experience the greater freedom that comes with releasing myself from past grudges or judgements that I may hold at any given time, returning to my true nature, able to choose a different path about how I wish to be in relationship with myself and others, becoming more loving and compassionate. This is the gift of *t'shuvah*—returning to our essential nature—the allowing, present, spacious, beings that we are. In doing so, we cultivate well-being.

This season, may we come to know the work of *t'shuvah* as loving awareness, turning and returning to our essential being as a return to “intimacy with our divine nature and the divinity inherent within all beings” (Rabbi Sam Feinsmith quoting Tara Brach, a contemporary American Buddhist teacher). May we find ways to forgive others, forgive ourselves, and help each other find our way back home to the wholeness and wisdom of who we are.

Below is a poem by Rich Orloff, congregant of Romemu Synagogue in New York City. His words invite us to reflect on our practice of *T'shuvah*, not with brow beating, but instead with tenderness and compassion.

I am looking forward to bringing in this New Year of the Soul with all of you, Cantor Alisa

A Prayer for the New Year by Rich Orloff

As the New Year approaches, I pray:
May I be more open to love
Recognizing it in its myriad of disguises
Letting it sneak through guarded borders to soothe my wounded soul

May I be more open to life
Not comparing it to my unreasonable fantasy

Of what life should be *(continued on the next page)*
But embracing life as one would a tender child doing
their best

May I be more open to myself
Admitting my foibles and respecting their place in the
constellation

May I deepen trust in my friends
And notice every time I meet a trustworthy stranger

May I let go of grievances that have become relics of
history

Accepting that the past can never be changed

May I lose my attraction to suffering
And resist its seductive lure

May I nurture and encourage others

May I enjoy forgiveness

May I embrace grace

May I allow love to inspire action

May I be inscribed in the Book of Life

But as importantly

In each day and with each breath

May the Book of Life be inscribed inside me



Hesed Academy (Developing Kind Souls) Reopens September 10!

Even as I type this message, more
registrations are coming in for Hesed

Academy, CBI's religious school program. I am excited to
continue to serve as CBI's Director of Education with Cantor
Alisa Fineman assisting me in all our educational endeavors,
including overseeing the B'nai Mitzvah program. We have
again engaged a fabulous group of teachers and worked
closely with them to create a stimulating curriculum for our
children. And I am delighted to announce that Sophie Little
has joined Hesed Academy as our new Education
Coordinator. With a strong background in youth education
and active involvement in her hometown synagogue, Sophie
is a wonderful addition to the Hesed Academy team.

Our Kindergarten/First Grade class will study the Jewish
Home while the Second/Third Grade class will explore "The
Jewish Holiday Treasure Trail." Our Third/Fourth graders will
enjoy a wonderful textbook, "Count Me In: Jewish Wisdom
in Action," and our Sixth/Seventh grade class will focus on
Jewish Decision-Making.

Hesed Academy begins each Sunday at 9:30 am. Each week,
all our students will spend time with one of our education
specialists (art, cooking, music, and storytelling), join in
Tefillah in the sanctuary, and engage in their specific class

curricula. Students in Kindergarten through Third grade will
be dismissed at 11:30 am but, for families with older students
at Hesed Academy, our younger students may stay for
supervised play until 12:30 pm. Our Fourth through Seventh
grades continue their studies until 12:30 pm with time for
Hebrew study.

Cantor Fineman and Sophie Little are hiring the CBI teens
who will assist Hesed Academy as Madrichim (student aides)
and reformulating our semi-monthly Aleynu (Eighth through
Twelfth grade) curriculum. In response to the great ideas and
suggestions from last year's Aleynu students, Aleynu's new
curriculum includes a strong social justice component, an
arts component, and opportunities for student-directed
activities. We hope that all our post-B'nai Mitzvah students
take advantage of these wonderful opportunities—please
contact me as soon as possible to register your teens in
Aleynu.

We remain sensitive to health issues—our classroom
windows will be open, we will use air purifiers in every
classroom, our sanctuary, and the social hall, and, weather
permitting, we will hold classes and activities outdoors.

If you have any questions about Hesed Academy, please call
me as I am eager to address your concerns and clarify how
we plan to approach our youth education this upcoming
school year. May our children all be blessed with growth of
body and soul in 5784.

Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum



Lunch with our Clergy

Join Rabbi Greenbaum on **Thursday,
September 7 at noon** at Baja Cantina,
located about a mile east of CBI. This
month, we will explore "The Flow of the

Jewish Calendar." Are the High Holy Days early or late
this year? Which Jewish holiday is the most important?
Why do we have three pilgrimage festivals? Why is the
Jewish calendar year 5783 (almost 5784)? Register
online and come prepared to join our discussion. We
will order off the regular menu so lunch will cost around
\$20.

Hesed Academy Youth Choir!

If you have children who love to sing, Cantor Alisa is
creating our first official Hesed Academy Youth Choir to
meet once a month on Sundays for 30 minutes, directly
after Hesed Academy at 12:30PM. Our Hesed Academy
singers will be invited to sing for special Friday night
services, Jewish holidays and more throughout the year.

**Our fall rehearsals include the following dates: Oct. 22,
Nov. 19, and Dec. 10th on Sundays from 12:30- 1PM.**

If you are interested, please contact Cantor Alisa at cantoralisa@carmelbethisrael.org or call 831-214-4037.



Zumba for All Seasons!

Led by our own Tracy Richards, an inspiring, talented, and certified Zumba instructor, Zumba will meet

on **Sunday morning, September 3, at 10:00 am** in the CBI Social Hall. Zumba will then be on hiatus during the High Holy Days; our next Zumba class will be on Sunday, October 1 at 3:00 pm in the CBI Social Hall. Thereafter, we will meet weekly on Sunday afternoons through the fall months. (We are unable to continue meeting on Sunday mornings as Hesed Academy is in session.) Zumba is a fun and invigorating way to kick off your week and we hope to see many of you on the dance floor on Sunday afternoons—all ages and fitness levels welcome! Suggested donation of \$36 for October – December 2023—you can register online or drop in at your convenience.

<https://www.carmelbethisrael.org/event/zumba-at-cbi2.html>

Selichot Study and Worship



Observance of the Jewish High Holy Days begins with Selichot, traditionally held on the Saturday night before Erev Rosh Hashanah. This year, please join Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum and Cantor Alisa Fineman at **8:00 pm** for Selichot on **Saturday evening, September 9**. The mood of Selichot is reflective and, like the entire month of Elul, helps every Jew to set a certain kavanah (intention) for his or her observance of the High Holy Days. Gather in our social hall beginning at 8:00 pm as we join Cantor Alisa Fineman and Rabbi Bruce Greenbaum for an evening of study and reflection.

We begin our Selichot observance in the CBI Social Hall and, at 9:30 pm, we will move into our sanctuary for our Selichot service (the Selichot service will also be available over Zoom). On this evening of study and prayer, we will reflect together on how we turn towards God, teshuvah, during our High Holy Days season. During the Selichot service, we also observe the tradition of replacing our green Torah mantels with white coverings for the High Holy Days. By joining your congregational family for this meaningful evening, you will be enriched and strengthened for the Days of Awe and the coming New Year.



Sukkah Building Family Fun

Children and adults are invited to join Rabbi Greenbaum Wednesday afternoon, **September 27**

from **4:00-5:00** as we build and decorate our congregation's Sukkah. Adults will help build the main structure. Children will help create and hang decorations. If possible, bring a pumpkin or gourd to add to our Sukkah decoration! Feel free to bring canned goods that will be donated to the Monterey County Food Bank as well. Join us as we prepare for our Sukkot Holiday. Bring a snack to share!



Join Us For Community Shabbat Dinner!

Join us for our monthly tradition of community Shabbat dinners, prepared by Malina Breaux and her entourage of assistants. Savor a sense of community and food worthy of celebration at **6:15 pm on Friday, September 29**.

Join us as we offer blessings for the bread and wine and sing traditional music to begin our erev Shabbat. Evening services follow at 7:30 pm. Register at <https://www.carmelbethisrael.org/event/community-shabbat-dinner4.html> or call the CBI office for reservations. The cost is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children.



The Women's Shabbaton returns!

On **Saturday, September 30, from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm**, CBI is thrilled to bring back a wonderful tradition—the Women's *Shabbaton*,

which will be led by Cantor Alisa Fineman and Rabbi Sarah Schechter. For almost two decades, CBI has supported the desire of CBI women to pray and study together in a more intimate setting. This year, during the holiday of Sukkot, we are reviving this wonderful day of learning and prayer, spirituality and study, and introspection, meditation, and communication... We hope to bring together CBI women of all ages—feel free to invite your mothers, daughters, and other relatives and friends to join us for this special gathering. Please register online so that we know how many women will be joining us for this year's Women's Shabbaton.

<https://www.carmelbethisrael.org/event/womens-shabbaton.html>

An Evening in our Sukkah



On Saturday evening, **September 30, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm**, CBI invites all adult members to join us in our *Sukkah* for wine, cheese, and chocolate! Start off your 5784 by gathering with old friends and meeting new ones—we look

forward to seeing all of you under the stars! If you would like to create your signature chocolate dessert for this event, please contact Charlotte Salomon, Director of Membership Development and Engagement, charlotte@carmelbethisrael.org.

We specially and warmly invite all our Best Years participants to join us for this lovely evening (in lieu of a separate Best Years event in the busy month of September)—if you need a ride to and from CBI that evening, please call the CBI office. Let us know you're planning to attend - RSVPs greatly appreciated <https://www.carmelbethisrael.org/event/sukkot-under-the-stars.html>



Gan HaZikaron

Care of our Jewish Cemetery

As many of you know, CBI owns a section of Mission Memorial Park in Sand City and our Jewish cemetery, Gan HaZikaron, requires our care and attention. We seek a few CBI members to volunteer for an hour or so each month to maintain our grave markers and open space by removing old flowers and debris and relocating displaced stones. If you can assist us in this holy task, please call the CBI office.



CBI Book Club

Here are our next dates and book selections:

September 12, 1:30 PM, home of Karen Wiskoff (RSVP to wiskoff@aol.com for directions to Carmel Valley Manor). Book: *THE OPPELMANN* by Lion Feuchtwanger. VERY LIMITED PARKING MEANS YOU MUST CARPOOL.

October 10, 1:30 PM, hosted by Margaret Goodman and Arlyne Garde (RSVP to Margaret at messgwg@gmail.com for directions to Canterbury Woods). Book: *THE LATECOMER* by Jean Hanff Korelitz.

November 14, 2023, 1:30 PM, home of Laela Leavy (RSVP to Laela at laelaleavy@me.com for directions to Carmel Valley Manor). Book: *THE HILLTOP* by Assaf Gavron. VERY LIMITED PARKING MEANS YOU MUST CARPOOL.

BEST YEARS

On Saturday evening, **September 30, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm** we invite all our Best Years participants to join us for *Wine, Cheese, & Chocolate – An Evening in our Sukkah* (in lieu of a separate Best Years event in the busy month of September)—if you need a ride to and from CBI that evening, please call the CBI office. Let us know you're planning to attend - RSVPs greatly appreciated <https://www.carmelbethisrael.org/event/sukkot-under-the-stars.html>



CBI Goes Back to Israel in 2024!

Rabbi Bruce and Susan Greenbaum will lead one more community trip to Israel in either June or October 2024. Every day will be filled with amazing sights, breathtaking views, meaningful experiences, and sacred moments. We will stay in four-star hotels, eat delicious meals, and celebrate our time in Israel. Highlights will include swimming in the Dead Sea, touring Masada, walking along the walls of Jerusalem, and visiting the *Kotel* (Western Wall). If you have never visited Israel or are eager to return, call Rabbi Bruce as soon as possible to let him know if you prefer June or October for this incredible Israel experience.



Upcoming Fall Events

Following the High Holy Days and Sukkot, CBI Speaker Series will begin again with events planned for **Sunday, October 15**

and **Sunday, October 29**—stay tuned for further details. We are also delighted to announce that, by popular demand, on Saturday evening, **November 11, at 7:00 pm**, Richie Unterberger will return to CBI to present *Blue Suede Jews II*, a continuing exploration of Jewish musicians and other Jewish contributors to the music industry.

CBI Interest Free Loan



Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, CBI continues to offer interest-free loans of up to \$500 to CBI members for personal or professional needs. Please contact the CBI office at 831-624-2015 for the simple one-page loan application; all requests are strictly confidential. CBI is committed to the continuing support of all its members during these challenging times.

Jewish Holidays 5784 (2023 - 2024)

Holiday Name		Holiday Evening	Ends On
Rosh Hashanah		Friday 29 Elul 5783 15 September 2023	Sunday 2 Tishrei 17 September 2023
Yom Kippur		Sunday 9 Tishrei 24 September 2023	Monday 10 Tishrei 25 September 2023
Sukkot		Friday 14 Tishrei 29 September 2023	Friday 21 Tishrei 6 October 2023
Simchat Torah		Shabbat 22 Tishrei 7 October 2023	Sunday 23 Tishrei 8 October 2023
Hanukkah		Thursday 24 Kislev 7 December 2023	Friday 3 Tevet 15 December 2023
Tu B'Shvat		Wednesday 14 Shevat 24 January 2024	Thursday 15 Shevat 25 January 2024
Purim		Shabbat 13 Adar Beit 23 March 2024	Sunday 14 Adar Beit 24 March 2024
Pesach		Monday 14 Nissan 22 April 2024	Tuesday 22 Nissan 30 April 2024
Yom Hazikaron laG'vurah-ve laShoah		Sunday 27 Nissan 5 May 2024	Monday 28 Nissan 6 May 2024
Yom HaZikaron		Sunday 4 Iyar 12 May 2024	Monday 5 Iyar 13 May 2024
Yom Ha'atzmaut		Monday 5 Iyar 13 May 2024	Tuesday 6 Iyar 14 May 2024
Lag BaOmer		Shabbat 17 Iyar 25 May 2024	Sunday 18 Iyar 26 May 2024
Shavuot		Tuesday 5 Sivan 11 June 2024	Thursday 7 Sivan 13 June 2024
Tzom Tisha B'av		Monday 8 Av 12 August 2024	Tuesday 9 Av 13 August 2024



Security at Congregation Beth Israel: A Strategic Imperative

by Dr. Marshal Blatt

Shalom to our Congregation Beth Israel family,

When I first joined the Temple's Board of Trustees, I did so with a dedication to ensure that our sacred space remains a sanctuary of peace, spirituality, and safety. As the trustee responsible for our Safety & Security Team, my commitment to preserving this serenity and ensuring our community's security has only deepened.

Why Is Security Strategic for CBI?

Security isn't just about reacting to situations; it's about being proactive. Just as we carefully plan our religious ceremonies, educational programs, and community events, so too must we strategically invest in and prioritize our security measures. This ensures that every member of our congregation can engage in spiritual and communal life without the shadow of worry.

Synagogues, like other places of worship, are not just buildings. They are the heart and soul of communities. The safety of our congregation is paramount, and it represents a strategic pillar of our overall mission.

The Multifaceted Approach to Safety

When we speak of "Emergency Preparedness" at CBI, it encompasses a spectrum of potential scenarios, each demanding its unique response strategy:

1. Medical Emergencies: These can occur without warning and may involve any member of our congregation, regardless of age. Being prepared means ensuring that our community knows basic life saving techniques.

2. Fire and Earthquake Preparedness: Natural disasters are unpredictable. It's essential that our facility not only adheres to safety standards but also

that our community is educated on best practices during such events.

3. Active Shooter Preparedness: Though it's a scenario we all wish to never confront, it's a reality in today's world. Our commitment is to be equipped and prepared for such situations, ensuring minimal risk to our congregants.

Upcoming Initiatives

This fall or winter, we're excited to announce that we will host a seminar focused on medical emergencies. This program will provide hands-on training on vital skills like CPR, the use of a Medical Defibrillator, and understanding Exsanguination. Your safety and well-being are our top priorities, and we want to equip you with the knowledge that can make a difference.

If you are interested in attending or wish to be involved in any of our safety initiatives, please reach out. Please email me, DrBlatt1@gmail.com. Your feedback, involvement, and support are what make our community strong.

In Conclusion

Our investment in security is both a commitment and a promise. We recognize that the world can be unpredictable, but our dedication to keeping CBI a safe haven remains unwavering. Let's work together, stay informed, and ensure that our synagogue remains a place of peace and protection for all.

With warm wishes and prayers for safety,

Marshal Blatt
Security Trustee, Congregation Beth Israel



**Insure the future
of CBI by leaving
a gift in your will,
trust, retirement
account, or life
insurance policy.**



CBI High Holy Days Food Drive

**The Food Bank for Monterey County
needs your help!**

Suggested donations – Non-perishable food in small bags/boxes/cans/plastic jars

- ☐ Canned meals - beef stew, chili, hearty meat soups
- ☐ Canned meat - tuna, chicken, beef
- ☐ Canned Soups
- ☐ Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, tomatoes)
- ☐ Canned fruit
- ☐ Peanut Butter and Jam/Jelly in plastic jars
- ☐ Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic jars (no glass jars)
- ☐ Pasta/Spaghetti noodles
- ☐ Beans – 1-2 lb bags
- ☐ Rice – 1-2 lb bags
- ☐ Oatmeal
- ☐ Macaroni & cheese
- ☐ Dry Cereal – hot or cold
- ☐ 100% Fruit Juice in cartons or plastic bottles (no glass bottles)
- ☐ Powdered milk

Please place your donations in the barrels located in the foyer at CBI.

Monetary donations are welcome.

With every \$1 donated, the Food Bank can distribute \$5 worth of food. Make your on-line donations at foodbankformontereycounty.org or leave a check made payable to:

Food Bank for Monterey County in the office at CBI.

Thank you for your generous support and fulfilling this wonderful mitzvah.

L'Shanah Tovah!

**PLEASE NOTE: The Food Bank cannot accept glass
containers, expired or unlabeled food.**



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2023 – 5784 HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Rabbi Bruce D. Greenbaum and Cantor Alisa Fineman

SELICHOT

(Preparing yourself for the Holy Days)

Saturday, September 9

8:00 pm Study Session

9:30 pm Service

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 15

7:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 16

9:30 am Morning Service

12:30 am Family/Children's Service

4:00 pm Tashlich on Carmel Beach
below 13th

Sunday, September 17

10:00 am Second Day Service

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, September 22

3:00 pm Memorial Service at Mission
Memorial Park,
1915 Ord Grove Avenue, Seaside

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 24

7:00 pm Kol Nidre Service

Monday, September 25

10:00 am Morning Service

12:30 am Family/Children's Service

1:30 pm Holy Day Discussion

Led by Beryl Levinger

3:00 pm Afternoon Service

Led by Rabbi Jeff Schulman

*4:45 pm Yizkor Service

*5:30 pm Closing Neilah Service

*6:30 pm Break-the-Fast

CBI will provide challah and a variety
of beverages

***Times are approximate on Yom
Kippur afternoon**

SUKKAH BUILDING

Wednesday, September 27

4:00 pm Sukkah Building

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Sunday, October 8

11:00-12:30

No Tickets Required



Mazel Tov, Lisa Kohn!

Sandra and Bob Kohn congratulate their daughter, Lisa Adeline Kohn, who will be called to the torah on September 9, 2023. Lisa's parents, family, and friends are extremely proud of her accomplishment. Her late grandmother, Adeline Kohn, who was also a member of this congregation, would have been overjoyed.

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Lisa has been volunteering at Abraham's Tent, a soup kitchen in Marina, California. She has been helping to feed the homeless and food insecure. Lisa enjoys meeting and talking with the people who come for meals. It makes her feel happy to help them. Abraham's Tent is supported by JCM United, whose mission is to foster understanding and connections between Jews, Christians, and Muslims.



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September 2023 – Elul 5783/Tishrei 5784

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00pm Family Shabbat with Birthday Blessings	2 10:30am Shabbat Torah Study
3 10:00am Zumba at CBI 4:30pm I-HELP Men	4 Labor Day	5 6:30pm CBI Executive Committee Meeting	6 12:00pm Lunch with the Clergy	7	8 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	9 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service when Lisa Kohn becomes a Bat Mitzvah 8:00pm Selichot
10 9:30am Hesed Academy 12:00pm CBI Open House 12:30pm Aleynu	11	12 7:00pm CBI Board of Trustees Meeting	13	14	15 7:00pm Erev Rosh Hashanah	16 9:30am Rosh Hashanah - Morning Service 12:30pm Family Service 4:00pm Tashlich
17 10:00am Rosh Hashanah - Second Day Service	18	19	20	21	22 3:00pm Memorial Service 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service	23 10:30am Shabbat Torah Study
24 7:00pm Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre Service	25 10:00am Yom Kippur - Morning Service 12:30pm - Family Service 1:30pm - Holy Day Discussion 3:00pm - Afternoon Service 4:45pm - Yizkor Service 5:30pm Yom Kippur - Closing Neilah Service 6:30pm - Break- the-Fast		27 4:00 Sukkah Building & Decorating	28	29 6:15pm Community Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings	30 10:00am Women's Shabbaton 10:30am Shabbat Torah Study 7:00pm An Evening in our Sukkahs

TODAH RABAH!

Thank you to those who have recently
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Shabbat is a time of celebration. The Oneg is an integral part of our Shabbat experience at CBI. We welcome this opportunity to share the spirit of community, greet friends and fellow congregants, meet new members, and enjoy delicious treats.

You can host individually or with your havurah, friends or family. It's easy! 3 simple steps:

- Purchase 3 items, 1 sweet, 1 savory, 1 healthy. Plan to serve a light nosh for 25-30 people.
- Plate your treats and place them on the oneg table that has already been prepared by the CBI staff.
- Clean up when the oneg is over and put away any remaining food.

A CBI staff member will contact you prior to your oneg to answer any questions.

Some good reasons to host an oneg:

- It's your birthday, or your friend's, etc.
- It's an anniversary of a special event
- In memory of a loved one
- To celebrate a special event
- Because you are a swell person who likes to support your favorite synagogue

Please call the office if you are interested. We promise to make it fun & easy.



Thank You to Our Oneg Hosts for the Month of August

August 11 – Angelica Blatt,
Family of Michael Tamler –

In celebration of Michael becoming a Bar Mitzvah



Meet the Bernstein-Steinway Family

Shalom to the warm and welcoming members of Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel! I'm thrilled to step into the role of Vice President of the Board of Trustees this year and would love to take this opportunity to introduce my cherished family and our journey.

I am Danny Bernstein, a native of San Francisco, but a lifelong resident of Northern California. My roots in the Jewish community run deep. As an active supporter of numerous Jewish organizations like Camp Ramah in Northern California (Galim), Chabad, Birthright Israel, AIPAC, and ADL, it is our family's honor to extend this commitment to Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel. We bought a home in Carmel Valley in 2020 and moved here full-time last year.

Beside me on this incredible journey is my amazing wife and life partner, Leslie Steinway. Hailing from the desert terrains of Scottsdale, Arizona, Leslie, and I crossed paths in San Francisco at the Mission Minyan. Leslie led retail businesses at Williams Sonoma and Gap corporate offices and is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. Our bond only deepens as we navigate life's milestones together. Together we started the WhatsApp group, Monterey Bayachad, which now has 85+ members! Leslie came

up with the name!

We are blessed with two wonderful children - our daughter, Lila, aged 11, and our son, Isaac, aged 8. Both are currently at Stevenson School. Leslie and I strive to instill in them the values of our Jewish heritage while encouraging them to explore the world with open hearts and curious minds.

On the professional front, I've been fortunate to spend a large part of my career at Google, starting in 2012. My dedication to tech innovation led me to spearhead the growth and development of platforms like Google Search, Google Assistant, and more. Recently, in 2022, I was drawn to the collaborative work culture of Microsoft, where I now lead product management lines for Microsoft Teams. My role allows me to merge my passion for technology with a commitment to cultivating customer success for a diverse audience -- and work remotely from Carmel Valley!

But beyond work, community has always been central to my life. I've sought leadership roles in inclusive organizations, especially ones like Camp Ramah in Northern California and here, at Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel. Furthermore, as the founder and host of CreativeMornings Monterey Peninsula, I find joy in blending my love for technology and community, ever curious about life's various intersections.

My vision as Vice President of Congregation Beth Israel is to work with the Rabbi, Malina, Board and Congregation to prepare us for a refreshed vision for the next 5-10 years, including Building & Grounds, Membership & Marketing, Community Events, Fundraising and more. My goal is to help our area become a destination for those seeking a Jewish experience only the Monterey Peninsula can provide - infused with natural beauty, love of food and wine, and rich in artistic, spiritual, cultural and intellectual traditions.

Leslie, Lila, Isaac, and I are ecstatic to be a part of this close-knit community. We look forward to growing with all of you, celebrating traditions, building a brighter future, and continuing the legacy of Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel. Reach out anytime!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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Family News

Our Congregation strives to offer love and support to fellow congregants in times of joy and celebration, as well as in times of trouble and sorrow. One of the ways we do this is to let the congregation know your news. Please let us know if there is a simcha or a wish of encouragement or condolence that can be shared. You can send this information to shalomcbi@carmelbethisrael.org to be included in the Shofar.



Shana Tova!
Happy New Year!
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Parshiot

September 2, Ki Tavo

T: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

H: Isaiah 60:1-22

September 9, Nitzavim-Vayeilech

T: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

H: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

September 16, Rosh Rosh Hashanah

T: Genesis 22:1-24

H: 1Samuel 1:1-2:10

September 23, Ha'azinu

T: Deuteronomy 32:1-52

H: II Samuel 22:1-51

September 30, Sukkot

T: Exodus 33:12-34:26

H: Ezekiel 38:18-39:16