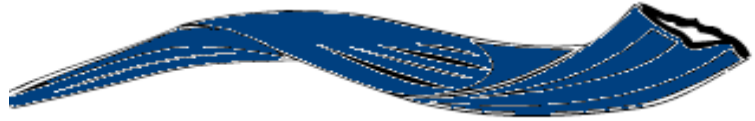


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Monthly Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula Jewish Community

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## Selichot Study and Worship

Observance of the Jewish Holy Day Season begins with Slichot Services held on the Saturday night preceding Rosh Hashanah, this year on

September 12. The mood of the service is reflective, and like the entire month of Elul, is used to set a certain “kavanah” or intention with which to commence the High Holy Days.

Join us on zoom **Saturday, September 12 beginning at 7:00 pm** as we join with Beryl Levinger as she leads the first of four sessions she has titled “Who was that Masked Jew?” This 90-minute session will begin an exploration of ethical dilemmas associated with mask use and social distancing. Each session Beryl leads will draw on traditional and contemporary Jewish sources as well as secular news reporting. After Beryl shares an introduction to the topic participants will be invited into breakout groups to engage in guided learning. Beryl will reconvene the group and end the session with sharing, debating and personal meaning-making.

At 9:45 that same evening our Selichot observance continues with a zoom Service. Join us as we reflect on how we will turn towards God during our Holy Day season. We will end the service with the sounding of the shofar. Please share with us in this annual evening of prayer and study. By taking your place in our congregational family, you will be enriched and strengthened as you enrich and strengthen us with your presence.



## Who was that Masked Jew?”

Join CBI member Beryl Levinger for a four-part study series during the Holy Day season. We are taught that “to save one life is to save the

world.” What does that mean in the midst of a pandemic? Each 90-minute session will explore an ethical dilemma associated with mask use and social distancing. Drawing on traditional and contemporary Jewish sources (Torah, Talmud, and rabbinic literature) as well as secular news reporting, we will try to develop Jewishly informed answers to such questions as: Am I obligated to wear a mask? If so, what kind of mask must I wear? What, if anything, should I say to someone who is not wearing a mask? How might rabbinic discussions about lovingkindness, smoking, earning a livelihood, and community be used to guide practices related to mask use and social distancing? All sessions will include a brief introduction to a specific ethical dilemma along with an overview of selected texts. Participants will then enter into chavruta (small discussion groups held in Zoom breakout rooms) where they will engage in guided learning. Finally, participants will reconvene for sharing, debating, and personal meaning-making. Sessions will be accessible to **all** levels of prior Jewish learning.

Please look in future CBI eblasts for registration information for the four sessions that will be held on **Selichot evening, September 12 at 7:00 PM, Rosh HaShanah afternoon September 19 at 4:00 PM, Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 PM, and Yom Kippur afternoon, September 28 beginning at 1:30 PM.**



## From the Rabbi's Desk...

May I be one of the first to wish you L'Shanah Tova, a happy New Year. For me it is hard to believe that in just a few weeks we will be celebrating Rosh HaShanah. Maybe the passage of time this year just feels different.

With Covid-19 it is easy to lose the sense of time and dates. Instead of Monday, Tuesday Wednesday we have someday, or one day, or another day. Workdays and school days blur into weekends and time spent at home. Was it only 6 months ago when we all became aware of this coronavirus? In some ways it seems so much longer. It certainly has changed all our lives.

Preparing for the Holy Days this year has taken on a whole new meaning. The last few weeks I have been recording our members chanting Torah and Haftarah and blessings and shofar blowing. My time in the sanctuary has been split between leading Shabbat services (I sit alone in front of the Ark every Friday evening) and standing behind a camera as I record members leading sections usually shared during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

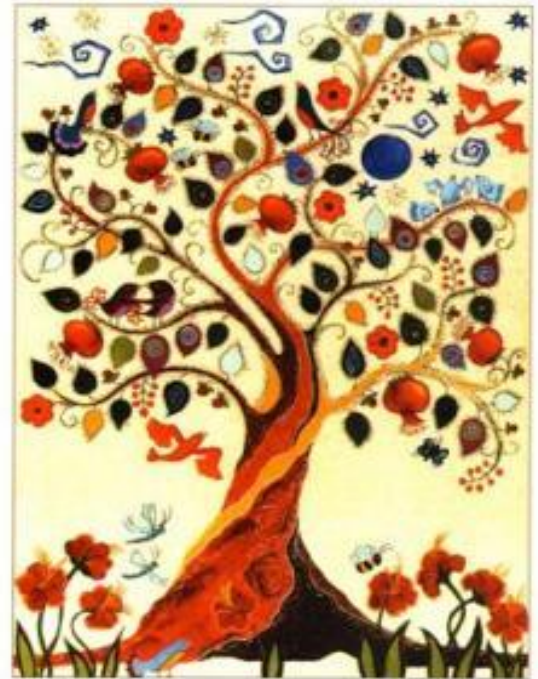
My hope is Elizabeth Baseman will work her magic with some tech assistant so that when we join on zoom for services beginning Friday night, September 18 for Erev Rosh HaShanah, the service will flow smoothly from our live reading and singing to the parts led by our members that have been pre-recorded. Hopefully, you at home, with the Holy Day Mahzors open, will be able to capture the spirit of our holidays. We will celebrate God's creation and reflect on Teshuvah, turning towards and returning to God's path. We will feel each other's support even though we are not sitting side by side in the sanctuary, but side by side on the computer screen. Is this perfect or ideal? Maybe not, but it possibly reflects our struggles with day to day life even before Covid-19 changed our daily routine. Life is not perfect but filled with challenges. As Jews we have learned how to evolve our ways over time and space.

Our biblical ancestors establishing the land of Israel faced so many challenges in their struggle just to survive. And yet they not only built their nation, at the same time they strengthened their faith in God.

Following the destruction of the Temple by the Roman Empire, the Jewish survivors found new ways to connect with God, developing rituals and traditions to bring meaning to their lives. Today it is our responsibility to do the same. Covid-19 will not stop us from praying, from repentance, or from supporting one another.

My ongoing prayer is that we all stay in good health as we reach out online and on the phone to our friends and family during our Holy Season. My wife Susan and my three daughters join me in wishing you a Happy and Healthy Jewish New Year. May each of us be inscribed for a year of growth and personal well-being. I pray this Holy season brings all of us peace of heart, mind, and soul.

Amen.



L'Shana Tova



## From our President *Dan Nussbaum, President Board of Trustees*

Welcome to a new year, a year that is filled with promise, as well as being as weird and unprecedented as any I have ever experienced.

I'm delighted and honored to serve as the President of CBI. My thanks to all those in whose footsteps I follow and who have set standards for me. Special praise goes to Cara Lieb for her outstanding work, especially during this Covid time, and for her unselfish, unstinting, very helpful, and professional efforts to bring me up to speed.

Yes, we are in a challenging time, and there's lots of good news too.

We have a new religious school director and cantorial soloist, Suzanne Guinane, whom I am delighted to welcome to our community. She has moved into her office, has been setting up her new home, learning about her new community, led several Shabbat services, talked with parents of our students (ZOOM, of course), and she is deep in planning for the High Holydays with Rabbi and Elizabeth Basemen and Pauline Troia.

There is a new lineup on the board of trustees as some people have rotated off and others have rotated on. Welcome to everybody, new and incumbents, and especially to new members Ken Kroopf, Bob Fenton, and Marshal Blatt.

We have a Safety and Security Committee (Michael Marshall, Marshal Blatt, Alex Bordetsky, Lenny Popky, and Vic Feuerstein) that has been extraordinarily active and successful in working to enhance the safety and security of our community. They, Abby King, and Julie Chase continue their excellent work to deliver the projects that are specified in our grant from the California Office of Emergency Services. We have sent out solicitations for proposals and bids for three efforts (doors and locks, video/access, and lighting). A hearty mazel tov and thank you to the Safety and Security Committee and Sam Ezekiel for

their extraordinary and thorough work and for their recognition as CBI Volunteers of the Year.

As the URJ and Cara pursued a policy of *audacious hospitality*, so will I, and I will add to it *unalloyed optimism*.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Shana Tova and my hope that we can all Stay Safe,

Dan Nussbaum  
(C) (831) 324-3228



## **CBI High Holiday Food Drive Supporting**



**Please leave  
non-perishable food items on the  
benches in front of CBI. All  
donations will be collected daily  
September 17th-30th**

***Please no Glass Containers***





## Lunch with the Rabbi

Join Rabbi Greenbaum this month on **Thursday, September 10 at noon** online as he leads a virtual gathering discussion on “Facing our Greatest Fears.” What are we afraid of as we approach our Holy Day season? Is it the spread of Covid-19 and our own health concerns? Is it the ongoing protests, at times violent, over racism in our society today? Is it the political division in our country? Is it the impact of global warming on our weather patterns, fire danger, and our climate? Together we will talk about a Jewish approach to facing our fears. Enjoy your lunch that you prepared for yourself. No RSVP is needed. Just look for the link to this meeting which will be in the CBI Weekly eblast. Click on the link and join our zoom discussion.



## Shofar Blowers Needed

Calling all who like to sound the Shofar! We are looking to create a shofar blowing cadre that might sound the shofar around our community at announced locations and times leading up to our holy day of Rosh HaShanah. This will be done during the month of Elul, most likely in the first two weeks of September. If you are interested in performing this Mitzvah, please contact the rabbi at 624-2015.



## We Thank Our Members Who Have Made Their 2020-21 Pledges During the Past Month

Rich & Carol Ader  
Senen & Alison Baguio  
Monica Browning  
Andrea & Noel Carr  
Jayme & Jeff Case  
Aaron Cohen  
Mark & Danette Crossgrove  
David & Lois Epel  
Victor & Rena Feuerstein  
Wendy & David Fried  
Harlan & Elizabeth Grogin  
Jim Gumberg & Nina Patane  
Ruth S. Hartmann  
Adrienne Herman  
Todd Hornik & Donna Shore  
Joel Jacobson  
Ann Jory  
Sandra J. Kahn & Carl Polhammer  
Robert & Chinanit Kershner  
Arthur & Ronnie Kirsch  
Cynthia Koehne  
Lewis A. & Sandra Leader  
Stephen & Jill Martin  
Howard Messinger & Leta McCarty Messinger  
Dennis M. Niekro & Paul Richmond  
Mira & Shai Nissim  
Steven J. & Ann B. Packer  
Stuart S. & Leslie S. Pressman  
Wendy Rosenthal  
Jim & Natalie Sammet  
Jason & Julie Schnitzer  
Jeffrey Schulman & Susan Alnes  
Roger & Joanne Shiffman  
Peter Singer  
Jill & Jim Sleeper  
Mindy Western  
Edward & Mona Zander



## Our CBI Family

Over the last few weeks our congregation has once again demonstrated we are more than just members of CBI. We are a family. When fires threatened so many in our congregation (over 35 households were evacuated or needed to leave because of the smoke) a call went out for support. Within minutes the rabbi received calls and emails from our members offering housing and funds to help those needing assistance. Members opened their doors and welcomed families, some with pets, giving them safe refuge. Others donated funds to help cover some emergency needs when people did not have time to collect basics before they were asked to leave their homes.

Once again CBI arose to the occasion. We demonstrated that we truly do care one another. When it was unclear if CBI itself might be threatened, 3 households offered to store some of our more valuable items. Our Torah scrolls were moved to Carmel away from the fire. Our Holy Day prayerbooks went to Pacific Grove. Our Chagall windows found themselves in Marina. Schleppers volunteered to help move all these items. We can be proud to call ourselves a caring community.



## Sukkah Celebrations on Zoom

We will join together on line to celebrate Sukkot.

Join Rabbi Greenbaum on **Wednesday afternoon, September 30 at 4:00 PM** when he will share ways to prepare for the holiday of Sukkot. He will offer suggestions of how and why to create your own Sukkah at home. Discussion will include designing and building a sukkah and activities to do inside your sukkah. This 30 minute zoom gathering will end with a Sukkah story

told by Rabbi Greenbaum and Moshe the Monkey. The holiday of Sukkot that starts on the evening of Friday, October 2 and runs through the week ending on Shemini Atzeret on October 10. Some time that week we will hold another zoom session (date and time to be announced) when we will visit with each other and play some Sukkot games together. Whether in a virtual Sukkah or one that you built at home, let's join together for our wonderful Fall harvest festival.



## Simchat Torah October 11

Jew services are as exhilarating or uplifting as our

Simchat Torah celebration. Join us on Zoom Sunday morning, **October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM** (note the special time) as we celebrate completing our Torah reading cycle and the start of a new school year. All our religious school students, their families, and all our members are encouraged to join us for this uplifting service.

As we prepare for this service we want you all to participate. Either on your phone please record your family members dancing with a consecration Torah or prayer book or other ritual items (and email the recording to rabbibruce@aol.com) OR call Rabbi Greenbaum and schedule a time when he will record you (one household at a time) dancing around our CBI sanctuary with our Torah scrolls. Each recording should last about a minute. Then we will edit all of them together which we will enjoy viewing in the middle of our Simchat Torah Celebration.

Near the end of the service Cantorial Soloist Suzanne Guinane will chant the very end of Deuteronomy followed by Rabbi Greenbaum chanting the beginning of Genesis. While we cannot unroll the entire scroll this year, still we can celebrate together with dancing and singing. Chag Sameach! Happy Holiday.



### **UJC Donations**

David Sabih & Anna Swartley in honor of Dr. Jeffrey Hirschfeld

### **Safety & Security Fund**

Victor & Rena Feuerstein in memory of Edward Goldhamer & Eve S. Feuerstein Marks

### **Cantorial Restricted Fund**

Michael & Debora Waxer in honor of Dan Nussbaum

### **College Scholarship Fund**

Michael & Constance Kean in memory of Adeline Kohn

### **Leroy Kohn Adult Education Fund**

Diana Greenbaum in memory of Adeline Kohn  
Wendy Rosenthal in honor of Lorraine and Hugo Gerstl- Thank you!

### **Orliss Scholar in Residence Fund**

Kenneth & Shelley Kroopf in memory of Adeline Kohn

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Barry R. Harrow in honor of Rabbi Bruce  
Lewis A. & Sandra Leader in gratitude of Alisa  
Fineman for her years of service to CBI  
Lewis A. & Sandra Leader in gratitude of Louise  
Kaufman for her years of service to CBI

### **Religious School Scholarship Fund**

Wendy Rosenthal In Honor of Louise Riddell-  
Kaufman Mazel Tov on your retirement

### **General Donations**

Anita Artstein-Dunsay in memory of Viola Dunsay &  
Alex Dunsay  
Malina Breaux in honor of Bobbie & David  
Ehrenpreis  
Leonard & Sheri Chodosh in memory of Adeline  
Kohn  
Bee Epstein-Shepherd in memory of Tegan Speiser,  
Adeline Kohn, Steve Holber  
Robert & Raya Hoskinson in memory of Irvin  
Schnitzer  
Ronald Kohen & Barabara Ashby-Kohen in memory  
of Julius Kohen  
Victor & Sylvia Krimsley in memory of Tegan  
Speiser  
Cele Passin in memory of Shirley Shapiro  
David Sabih & Anna Swartley in honor & memory  
of Norman Plotkin  
Sarita Chavez Silverman in memory of June Chavez  
Silverman  
Ellie Sorkin & Deborah Stewart

### **High Holy Day Donations**

Arthur Latimer  
Gary & Judy Simon

### **Social Action**

Jim Gumberg & Nina Patane  
Laura Arnow  
Lewis A. & Sandra Leader  
Jillian Heisman  
Daniel & Beverly Nussbaum  
David Sabih & Anna Swartley in honor of Cameron  
Olandt's 21st birthday.  
Julie Schnitzer

### **Religious School Donations**

Ellyn Gelson in memory of Adeline Kohn  
Robert & Raya Hoskinson in memory of Adeline  
Kohn  
Robert & Sandra Kohn in honor of Alisa Fineman  
Victor & Sylvia Krimsley in memory of Adeline Kohn  
Martin & Karen Wiskoff in memory of Adeline Kohn



# Congregation Beth Israel

## September 2020

### Elul ~ Tishri 5780-81

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Services/, Studies, and Meetings will be scheduled through Zoom, accessible online or by phone until such time as we have the clearance to resume physical gatherings.		1	2	3	 <p>7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings via Zoom</p>	5 10:30 AM Shabbat Torah Study Via Zoom
6  I-Help – Sponsored this month by the CBI Board of Trustees	7 	8	9	10  <p>12:00 PM Lunch with Rabbi</p>	11 <p>7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services via Zoom</p>	12 <b>Slichot</b>  7:00 PM Zoom Study w/ Beryl Levinger "Who was that masked Jew part 1" 9:45 Zoom Service
13  Religious School Faculty Meeting	14 <b>Mishkan Hanefesh for Rosh Hashanah &amp; Yom Kippur</b> Available for pickup outside CBI Sept. 14-18 Between 8 AM and 4 PM	15	16	17 <b>All High Holy Day Services will be held on-line through Zoom</b>	18 <b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b>  <p>7:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service</p>	19 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> 9:30 AM Children's Service 10:30 AM Morning Service 4:00 PM Study Session w/ Beryl Levinger "Who was that masked Jew part 2"
20 10:30 AM Second Day Zoom Service with our friends from Temple Beth El 	21	22 <b>Fall Begins</b>  <p>6:30 PM Executive Committee meets Via Zoom</p>	23 <p>7:00 PM Holy Day Zoom Study Session w/ Beryl Levinger "Who was that masked Jew part 3"</p>	24	25 <p>7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Services With Anniversary Blessings via Zoom</p>	26 10:30 AM Shabbat Torah Study Via Zoom
27 <b>Kol Nidre</b>   <p>7:00 PM Kol Nidre Service</p>	28 <b>Yom Kippur</b> 10:00 AM Yom Kippur Service 12:30 PM Children's Service 1:30 Holy Day study "Who was that masked Jew- part 4" 3:00 PM Afternoon Service 4:45 Yizkor Service 5:30 Closing Neilah <b>Please enjoy your break the fast parties safely at home</b>	29 <p>7:15 PM CBI Board of Trustees Meet via Zoom</p>	30  <p>4:00 PM Sukkot Zoom Party</p>	1 <b>October</b>	2  <p>7:30 PM Erev Zoom Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings</p>	3 10:30 AM Shabbat Torah Study Via Zoom



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## **HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Rabbi Bruce D. Greenbaum and Cantorial Soloists**

**Suzanne Guinane and Elizabeth Baseman**



### **SLICHOT**

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Zoom Study Session with  
Beryl Levinger "Who was that  
Masked Jew? – Part 1"

9:45 p.m. Zoom Service

### **ROSH HASHANAH**

**Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Zoom  
Service

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Children's Zoom Service

10:30 a.m. Morning Zoom Service

4:00 p.m. Zoom Study Session with  
Beryl Levinger "Who was that  
Masked Jew – part 2"

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. Second Day Zoom Service  
with our friends from Temple Beth El

### **Holy Day Study Session**

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Zoom Study with Beryl  
Levinger "Who was that Masked  
Jew – part 3"

### **YOM KIPPUR**

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

**Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Morning Zoom Service

12:30 p.m. Children's Zoom Service

1:30 p.m. Holy Day Discussion "Who  
was that Masked Jew – part 4"

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Zoom Service

\*4:45 p.m. Yizkor Zoom Service

\*5:30 p.m. Closing Neilah Zoom  
Service

*Please enjoy your break the fast parties  
safely at home.*

### **SUKKAH- PREP ZOOM PARTY**

Wednesday, September 30

4:00 p.m. Zoom Sukkah celebration  
Rabbi Greenbaum

### **SIMCHAH TORAH SERVICE**

**Sunday, October 11 at 10:30** (Zoom  
Service)

- Times are approximate

CBI will lend copies of "Mishkan Hanefesh: Machzor for the Days of Awe" to our families. Please call the office to arrange for pickup. Copies can also be purchased directly from the CCAR Press for \$44.00 for both books; one each for Rosh HaShanah and for Yom Kippur ([https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping\\_product\\_detail.asp?pid=50288](https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=50288))



## 5781 - HIGH HOLY DAYS BOOK OF LIFE INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

We will be publishing a memorial Book of Life this season for the Yom Kippur Memorial Service. If you wish the name of a relative or friend to be published in this year's Book of Life, please list their names below. **Names will be listed, but not read aloud, except for those who have died since last Yom Kippur.** Please mark the names of all those who have died since last Yom Kippur with an asterisk \* on the forms so their names can be read aloud during the service.

It is traditional to make donations in remembrance of loved ones to support our Congregation. **The suggested amount is \$18-\$36 per name.** Also, please consider dedicating a Yizkor plaque with light (in the sanctuary) as a permanent memorial honoring your loved one.

A copy of the Book of Life will be sent to each participating family.

Names of loved ones

To ensure inclusion of the names in the Book of Life, please return this form and your check or credit card authorization, **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, September 15, 2020**, to CBI, 5716 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING US IN REMEMBERING ALL  
OUR LOVED ONES.

## HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL

Dear Members and Friends of CBI:

Each year during the High Holy Days Season we give everyone an opportunity to support our Congregation. Below are two suggestions allowing you to help Congregation Beth Israel navigate this challenging time and grow our General Endowment Fund which will secure our future.

**CBI General Endowment Fund:** Congregation Beth Israel has a general endowment fund that needs your support. If we can build our general endowment fund significantly over the next few years, it has the potential to pay for programming expenses for future generations. Currently, the General Endowment Fund has approximately \$457,000. We hope to build it to \$2,000,000.

**CBI General Fund:** We anticipate 2020-2021 will be a financially challenging year for our congregation. We will maintain our dynamic Religious and Hebrew Schools, our well-attended adult education programs and, of course the spiritual life enhanced by our wonderful clergy, online and, when possible, in person. A special challenge, and one I fully expect that we will meet, will be rising to our responsibilities to help and care for each other during this COVID-19 time. Your contributions to the CBI General Fund will help us continue to serve our community.

You can make your donation by check, credit card, or online at [carmelbethisrael.org](http://carmelbethisrael.org). Please let us know if your donation goes to the Endowment Fund or to the General Fund.

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**High Holy Days Appeal** - Please indicate the amount you want to donate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund ☐ Endowment Fund ☐ Book of Life ☐

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please charge my Visa/MasterCard

# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code (As it appears on the card): \_\_\_\_\_



## Social Action for the New Year 5781

As we think about this past year and our anticipation for a New Year, our thoughts may tumble from sadness and regrets to those of anticipation and hope. We may remember family and friends we've lost, or those who have fallen ill, or those whom we don't know but are represented by COVID 19 statistics. We may think about so much more in a world seemingly turned "upside down" by the pandemic, economic fallout, Shelter In Place mandates, and as I write this, the fires raging in our nearby communities.

I've been watching the fire from my deck—yes, the comfort of my home. I think, how much I/we have – all that we can be thankful for, our CBI community, our homes, food on the table, life's necessities.

We missed our traditional CBI Mitzvah Day—which we were planning as Mitzvah Month in May. We missed, for example, the religious school children preparing that evening's I-HELP dinner, letter writing tables, and the Social Action films and discussions with local non-profits, and mostly, despite zoom, we missed being with one another.

However, there are so many ways that we can express our hopes for the New Year and "do good"!

### **The Food Bank Barrels! September 17-30<sup>th</sup>**

Recent Monterey County statistics are discouraging: 1 in 4 children are food-deprived; 1 in 5 adults. The Food Bank is helping to feed 60,000 families, going through a 6-month food supply in a few weeks.

We continue our tradition of collecting food for the Food Bank. Please bring your food donations and leave them on the bench outside the Synagogue (no glass containers!) and members of our Social Action

Team, assisted by the ever-reliable Julie & Abby, will sort and deliver.

### **I-HELP Updates!**

Thirteen men continue being sheltered at a Monterey Church. Jennifer Stone and Lew Bauman and the Que Syrah Havurah provided the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Men's Dinner, and the following day's breakfast and lunch. The men loved the Mexican meal, catered by a local restaurant, and enjoyed ice-cream sandwiches for dessert.

Cara Lieb and Julie Chase are spearheading CBI's Board of Trustees, who will provide the September Men's I-HELP meals.

The Lambourne Institute for Life Mastery, which has partnered with CBI for 2 years, and has provided funds, gifts and meals for the women, will provide the August 29<sup>th</sup> I-HELP dinner. Currently, there are 3 women in the group. Gathering for Women provides breakfast, lunch, and access to showers for the women. I-HELP is trying to bring in more women, working with Gathering for Women, Interim and local hospitals--complicated too by COVID testing and quarantine.

### **Abraham's Tent!**

Rabbi Bruce, who is the President of Jews, Christians & Muslims United, reports that Abraham's Tent is up & running, and ready for a few volunteers to help prepare the Thursday night dinner which hosts about 100 unsheltered individuals.

Please contact our Rabbi and learn how you may assist.

THANK YOU! For your food and cash donations. Thank You for reaching out to provide for those in need. Take care and stay safe! And a healthy, happy 5781!

Arlene Krebs  
Social Action Trustee  
<arlenekrebs123@gmail.com>



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim Sammet	1
Matthew Entin	2
Barry Brookstein	3
Barbara Kreitman	3
Barbara Holland	5
Cynthia Koehne	5
Sophia Gargiulo	6
Jonah David Kelton	6
Barbara Bienenfeld	7
Avner Cohen	7
Amanda Mello	9
Laela Leavy	11
Sadok Masliyah	12
Alisa Fineman	13
DeeDee Chambers	14
Marsha Kelly	14
Deborah Stewart	14
Susan N. Gorelick	16

Judy Masliyah	16
Richard Platt	16
Zane Stiebel	18
Phyllis Newman	19
Senen Baguio	20
Daniel J. Dau	20
Samuel Lipsky	21
Veena Waldman	22
Kate Carlyle	25
Arlene Krebs	25
Zia Shapiro	25
Richard Bloom	26
Bradley Kravitz	26
Judith Levin	27
Santiago Ramirez	28
Gabrielle Rosenberg	28
Kimball Hurd	30

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kenneth & Shelley Kroopf	1
Barry & Randi Brookstein	2
Michael Dicus & Catherine Winter	3
Steven & Barbara Neil	4
Jason & Julie Schnitzer	5
Michael & Constance Kean	15
Robert Fenton & Debra Givner	16
Leonard Laub & Yvonne Ascher	16
Michael Marshall & Kirsten Marshall	16
Pauline & Anthony Troia	17
Harlan & Elizabeth Grogin	18
Richard & Margaret Harrit	21
Michael & Irene Krasner	22

## Family News

We mourn the loss of  
**Anne Bloxum, a great friend of CBI, and  
 Stephen Holber, beloved husband and  
 father.**

**May their memories be a blessing to us all.**



# CBI Religious School



Dear CBI Family,

I am so happy to be here and cannot begin to thank you for your warm welcome via Zoom services, Zoom Meet and Greetings, physical distancing, emails and phone calls. It is important that you know how embraced I feel by

all of you. I feel your joy and excitement – even through our computer screens – and a part of this amazing family already. That says so much during this virtual time as we continue to practice *pikuach nefesh* (to save a life) and do our part to keep ourselves and one another safe during this pandemic.

Please continue to join Rabbi and me on Friday evenings for our Erev Shabbat Zoom Services. I love welcoming in Shabbat with all of you. Yes, I can “hear” you singing and feel your joy and passion through my computer screen! Such a gift. If you are interested in being in our choir, please reach out to me ([suzanne@carmelbethisrael.org](mailto:suzanne@carmelbethisrael.org) 624-2015 ext. 16). I would love to add you to our already growing list. I’m also taking names of students in our Religious School and our Teens that are interested in singing. My plan is to begin sharing links with you as we begin to learn some songs virtually so when it is safe for us to sing with one another in person we are ready to go.

Exciting Religious School News! Our **early bird registration** has been **extended through September!!** YAY! Thank you to the families who joined Rabbi and me on Zoom for our “get to know one another” and discussion of plans for beginning the year virtually in our Religious School. We will be planning another

Zoom meeting in the early evening soon – Stay tuned for details. Our Religious School teachers are all in place and have begun Virtual Toolkit Training Zoom sessions with Liotte Greenbaum as we prepare for new ways to engage our students in learning online via Kahoot, Jewpardy interactive screens, etc. Classes will be divided into smaller groups to enhance one-on-one learning and shorter class times as we are sensitive to the amount of time our students are spending online during the school day. We will come together, virtually, for T’filah and other specialty classes, too. But wait.... there’s more!! We are preparing our own Religious School page on Face Book. This will be a “closed” page only for our Religious School Families – another way for us to connect virtually and share information. A monthly Teen Havdallah on Zoom is also in process. Just some of the ways we continue to think outside of the box and stretch with you in finding news ways for us to safely be together.

Looking forward to continuing our journey together. Please sing along with me, “In this house, in this house, it all comes together in this house. In this house, in this house, it all comes together in this ‘virtual’ house of G-d”! (Lyrics and Music by Beth Schafer)

**Suzanne**





## The Moment I Knew

### “Who’s that?”

Suzanne was caught off-guard by a cartwheel *behind* my figure in the Zoom window. We had been deep in conversation about her leadership experience and teaching credentials. But I knew her attention was elsewhere now.

The silly, curly-haired dancer behind me pulled Suzanne in like a magnet! Away went my list of grownup questions about project-based-learning, Jewish curriculum, and differentiation. Who would've thought?!

It was then that I knew I had completely lost control of the interview. It was then that Makayla and Suzanne first connected (a reluctant David quickly warmed up and joined the scene as well). And, it was then that I knew Suzanne would be the guide to keep my babes connected to their Jewish learning.

This spring and summer were busy with committee meetings and interviews related to the cantorial/educator search, all of which I was honored to be part of. But today, I set aside my “Board of Trustees” hat to write to you as a spiritual, community-focused Jew. And, of course, as a mom.

Let’s acknowledge that *social* distancing has us all feeling pretty bummed out, remote learning and working from home are stressful to the core and if I have one more Zoom call I just might pop! Jason and I certainly have our hesitations about requiring the kiddos to sit in their desk chair on Sunday mornings, after doing so ALLLL week!

To all this, I hear Suzanne’s voice saying, “Ani mevinah: I understand.” She sees the struggle I am in as I attempt to parent through this time. She gets it and she is committed to creating unique opportunities for all of us to fill our spiritual cups, connect with one another, and engage deeply with our Jewishness.

I’ve never quite seen someone jump through a 4x4” square like Suzanne did back in late May. She drew my children in, reigniting their curiosity about their Jewish education in ways I did not expect. I’m beyond

thrilled that she is here to lead us through layers and layers of change. Our family is truly excited for the new energy and direction that Suzanne brings to our school.

We’re looking forward to “seeing” you all as we welcome in the new year! May it be a good one.

**Julie Schnitzer, Youth Activities Trustee**



### URJ Ideas for Rosh Hashanah Crafts & Outings

- Create easy [handprint cards](#) with younger children to send to friends and family to ring in the Jewish new year.
- Use apples and red paint to do [apple paintings](#), a quick craft for kids ages 3 to 6.
- Create sparkly [Styrofoam apples](#) to decorate your Rosh HaShanah dinner table.
- Try one of these fun [shofar activities](#) with your kids to learn more about the different blasts of the shofar.
- Make a [honey dish](#)... out of an apple!
- Create a Family Blessing Journal. The Talmud teaches that we are to say 100 blessings each and every day. This is a very worthy goal for which to strive, so why not begin by recording the blessings your family experiences during this Rosh HaShanah holiday? Continue through the next 10 days until Yom Kippur, encouraging family members to take turns writing in the journal, adding pictures and illustrations. During quiet time on Yom Kippur, look through the journal and talk about your hopes and goals for the coming year.



## **Torah Connections:**

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### **Our Last Hope**

This may sound like the title of a Star Wars movie, but it actually may be deeper and more serious.

***“...you shall love your fellow as yourself.”***

(Leviticus [Vayikra] 19:18)

This simply stated portion is profound. Rav Akiva said that this is the fundamental rule of the Torah, to love your neighbor, while Hillel paraphrased this as a summary of the entire Torah!

Are we still practicing this? Members of our own community can barely talk with each other, and many families are not on speaking terms. Yet, this is one of the basic tenants of our faith, and HaShem pleads with us:

***“You shall love the stranger for strangers you were in the land of Egypt.”*** (Deuteronomy [Devarim] 10:19). How could we have forgotten this simple concept?

Right now, folks have let it become acceptable to berate their fellow (Jew) who holds different political views. How did we allow our community to accept this ‘politically correct’ jargon, and having us forget our Torah values and the wisdom contained therein? Why do we think this is okay?

If this were not serious enough, the name calling that is becoming more prevalent is cheapening our very own history. For example, the term ‘Nazi’ refers to a supremacy type of thinking and a willingness to murder innocent humans, particularly Jews. Yet, some Jews are now calling other Jews ‘Nazis’, if they admit they are in the ‘other’ political party.

When we allow ourselves to sit idly by and let this occur, without standing up and saying that this type of dialog is absurd *definitionally*, it cheapens the memory of all those who suffered and were murdered by the actual Nazis. If we don’t stand up when we can, to correct a wrong, don’t we become an accomplice?

As we start this new year, we need to take a good look in the mirror. We need to remember that we are all created in the image of HaShem, meaning we each have both our physical body as well as our spiritual *neshamah*. If we allow ourselves to indulge in these personal attacks on other folks, then **we are actually blocking our own spiritual development.**

All of us are familiar with physical pollution, such as air pollution, plastics getting into our food chain, trash dumped along the road. But there is also ‘*soul pollution*’, and this occurs when we partake in actions such as ‘baseless hatred’, the labeling of a person based on them having different viewpoints that are not in alignment with our own views. We need to remember that **we are here on a spiritual journey.**

***“You shall have no other gods before Me.”***

(Exodus [Shemot] 20:3)

When we allow ourselves to degrade to the personal attack level, are we not, in a way, *worshipping* whatever partisan issue is possessing us? We rationalize this as being so important that we can hate our neighbor, *but we debase ourselves in the process.*

Furthermore, have we lost our ability to feel ashamed at our actions? It seems that as we partake in this ‘politically correct’ name calling, and value signaling, we are becoming *more emboldened*, and *less humble*.

This is our opportunity, with this new year, to examine what we have become. We need to get rid of ‘other gods’, pursuits which blind us from the Torah and from HaShem. The wisdom that HaShem has blessed us with, and which is contained in a true understanding of the Torah, once again helps us:

***“You shall cut away the blockage from your heart and your neck you shall not stiffen any longer.”***  
(Deuteronomy [Devarim] 10:16)

The heart is considered the center of desire and emotion, and the Torah is telling us that these traits, out of balance, can weaken our impulse for holiness. At the literal level it is as if our hearts can grow to such an extent that it is surrounded by a covering. But this covering impedes our ability to perceive spiritually; it puts us out of equilibrium.

To correct this, we should seek out members of our community *who do NOT think like us*, and see if we can exchange views in a civil and respectful manner. This attenuation of hatred may have a positive effect on us and our world. May our blessings increase as we grow spiritually, by casting aside the ‘hardening of our hearts’, **and reach out in kindness to our entire community.**

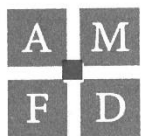
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**September 5, Ki Tavo**  
**T: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8**  
**H: Isaiah 60:1-22**

**September 12, Nitzavim-  
Vayelech**  
**T: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30**  
**H: Isaiah 61:10-63:9**

**September 19, Rosh  
Hashanah**  
**T: Genesis 22:1-24**  
**H: Jeremiah 31:1-19**

**September 26, Ha'azinu**  
**T: Deuteronomy 32:1-52**  
**H: II Samuel 22:1-51**