



## SHABBAT SERVICES

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July 7	
Family <i>Shabbat</i> Service	6:00 PM
In the Park	
July 14	
<i>Shabbat</i> Service	7:00 PM
July 21	
Tot <i>Shabbat</i> Service	6:00 PM
<i>Shabbat</i> Service	7:00 PM
And Board Installation	
July 28	
Rockin' <i>Shabbat</i> Service	7:00 PM

Please return  
your Brit Kehillah  
forms to the CBT  
Office ASAP!

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## JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, July 19  
7:15 pm - 8:45 pm

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### *In Sympathy*

The Congregation extends its condolences to:

Paul (Josette) Schwartz, on the passing of his brother, Arnie Schwartz, also uncle to Aaron (Shizuka) Schwartz and Aimee (Adam) Miculka

Allen Powell, on the passing of his sister, Marion Lebow

May the source of peace grant consolation to all who are bereaved.



## *Cantor Jenna Sagan*

The end of this month marks the beginning of a new chapter in our community's journey. I come before you with a heart full of gratitude as your incoming Cantor. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have entrusted me with this position. Together, we embark on a path of change, growth, and unity.

In Jewish tradition, change of leadership is not simply a passing of the torch; it represents a sacred opportunity to fulfill our collective purpose. Our rich heritage teaches us that leadership is not merely about power, but about service. As Rabbi Harold S. Kushner explains, "Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge." It is a collective call to action to make a positive impact on the lives of our fellow community members.

Looking ahead, I am excited to share some of the plans and new ideas that we will be implementing to elevate our community. First and foremost, we will prioritize fostering a sense of inclusivity. As such, I am honored to have been nominated to be on the Executive Board of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, representing the OC Jewish community for outreach and engagement events throughout the year. We will be hosting this year's interfaith Thanksgiving celebration and I am looking forward to our participation and partnership in many events throughout the years to come.

Additionally, we will focus on strengthening our educational programs. We will invest in innovative initiatives to provide accessible and high-quality opportunities for people of all ages, from young children to adults. I am most excited to introduce monthly Lunch and Learn sessions with me, and to establish Tuesday night learning sessions with Dr. Sean Sagan.

Furthermore, we will enhance our support systems for those in need. Through partnerships with local organizations such as OC Comunidad and collaboration with our new monthly Rabbinic Student, Julie Fishbach (who is deeply involved in refugee justice) we will work tirelessly to alleviate suffering, promote social justice, and create a more compassionate society.

In the spirit of collaboration and dialogue, I invite each one of you to contribute your ideas, expertise, and passion to our collective efforts. Together, we can shape a brighter future for our community, and make a lasting impact on the world around us. As the great John Wooden once said: "The best leaders are those most interested in surrounding themselves with assistants and associates smarter than they are." Please reach out! Read from the Torah! Volunteer with a committee! The more you get involved, the more this community grows with you.

I assume the mantle of leadership this year with humility and a deep sense of responsibility. I am committed to serving each and every one of you, to listen to your concerns, and to act in the best interest of our community. I firmly believe that with unity and determination, we will overcome any challenges that lie ahead.

Thank you once again for your trust and support. Together, let us embrace the winds of change, guided by the timeless wisdom of our Jewish heritage. May this new chapter be filled with blessings, growth, and a shared sense of purpose.

Todah Rabbah,

Jenna

# President Marni Orsbern



Greetings, CBT!

It is my great honor to write to you all as your president. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I follow in the footsteps of some incredible presidents, and I promise to do my best and to rise to the occasion for the coming year and beyond.

CBT became my Jewish home over 40 years ago when I joined along with my family. I have experienced every Jewish milestone with my CBT family since then: my Bat Mitzvah, my wedding and the religious education of my children including their b'nai mitzvah and confirmations, and so many other wonderful mitzvahs and events. My parents were both involved with committees or board service and they set the example that volunteering here at CBT is everyone's responsibility.

Over the past several years, it has been my pleasure serving in many roles, including several committees, co-chairing of some major fundraisers, and a board member for eight years prior to becoming CBT's president.

We know this coming year will be a challenging one. However, I know we will work together and be successful. I am excited to see what is in store for us all! I am working closely with the Long Term Planning committee as one of its members. Our mission is to: *develop a strategy and recommend the long-term plan for CBT taking into account: financial viability; a desire to remain independent but understanding the reality of Jewish demographics in Orange County; and care for members, staff, history, assets, contractual commitments, and artifacts of CBT upon the final recommendation.* All committee members are busy working on various tasks in addition to meeting frequently and we will be providing updates along the way.

We are also transitioning from our monthly bulletin to weekly communication with our congregants. You will still get all the great information that you have become accustomed to receiving (flyers about upcoming events, monthly birthdays and anniversaries, donations, Yahrzeit, and more). This June/July bulletin will be our last bulletin and the new weekly communication will begin in August.

I am excited about the work we have ahead of us and I look forward to our partnership in the coming year!

L'shalom,

Marni Orsbern

# Religious School

**Sean Sagan, PhD**  
**Director of Religious School Education**

As we enter the summer season, I want to take a moment to reflect on this incredible school year.

I am so proud of everything our students and faculty have done to help foster a nurturing and inclusive environment for our students to explore their Jewish identity. From Torah stories to Jewish history, to Hebrew, to social justice, to ethics, I'm confident that our school served as a welcoming and comfortable space for our students to express their questions, concerns, and insights through a variety of avenues.

One of the highlights of this year was our innovative specialist teaching program where we brought in guest teachers in specialized fields. We welcomed two semi-regular teachers: Art Specialist Sharon Goldhamer and Cooking Specialist, Chef Sydney Berman. I've no doubt that both talented specialists left a lasting positive impact on all our students. In our art series, our students explored the styles and histories of renowned Jewish artists such as Jim Dine, Marc Chagall, and Louise Nevelson, and then had the opportunity to create their own art inspired by these masters. We showcased their artwork at our Tu B'Shvat "Gallery Show" and some of our students' work was even accepted to county-wide, youth art shows!

In our cooking series, Chef Sydney's expertise and passion for Jewish cuisine brought the diverse flavors of our tradition to life. Our classes had the opportunity to learn how to make a variety of Jewish foods, ranging from beloved classics like latkes and hamantaschen to newer favorites such as falafel and hummus. During Passover, we even participated in a Charoset tasting, and were given the opportunity to explore the diverse flavors and ingredients used in Charoset recipes from different Jewish communities around the world.

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable team of teachers who are deeply committed to our students' Jewish growth and development. Our faculty's passion for teaching and their ability to inspire youth, created an atmosphere of enthusiasm which strengthened our students' connection to their own Jewish identities. I think our teaching staff deserves a well-earned thank you and congratulations on a job well done!

To that end, I also want to take a moment to thank everyone else who helped bring about such a wonderful year, and indeed, helped make my first year as Director of Education a little easier. I want to first thank Tammy Thomas and Lisa Alvarez in the front office. Their professional talents and organizational skills helped keep our school on an even footing. I'd also like to thank our treasurer, Mark Goldhamer and our President, Al Davidson whose support and guidance was immeasurable. I especially want to thank both Rabbi Young and Jenna Sagan. Their stewardship of our weekly tefilla meetings provided the heart and soul of our weekly school sessions. Most of all, I want to thank all our religious school parents who dedicated time and energy in their busy days to partner with us in creating for our students, a truly remarkable Jewish education.

As I look forward to the upcoming years, our religious school remains steadfast in our commitment to quality Jewish development. We will continue to evolve and adapt to meet the needs of our diverse community, nurturing a strong sense of Jewish identity, ethical values, and a profound connection to our heritage. Let us carry the memories and lessons from this past year as we embark on an exciting journey towards an even brighter future for this amazing community.

L'Shalom  
Sean

## *From the Outgoing Treasurer*

Thank you to the many members who returned their Brit Kehillah commitment forms in a timely manner, and especially to those who voluntarily increased their commitment this year.

Also, thank you to the attendees of our Gala Fundraiser, honoring Rabbi Young. Though the bookkeeping is not quite complete, we netted approximately \$30,000 for the evening.

For those who have not returned their Brit Kehillah forms, our bookkeeper will be billing the same commitment as the prior year. If you have no arrears balance from last year, you are still considered a member in good standing. If you have not returned your forms and also have a balance from last year, you are not considered a member in good standing and your High Holy Day package will be held until you contact the office to confirm your commitment and make arrangements to reconcile your outstanding balance. If you have decided to terminate your membership, we will miss you but would like to know officially that you no longer wish to be part of the CBT community. However, we do not want your BK commitment amount to be the deciding factor. If you need accommodations, please contact our treasurer, Ginger Shulman (Treasurer@cbtfv.org). We want to make sure we have the correct list of members in good standing as we prepare the High Holy Days mailer.

We now have quite a few ways to make payments to CBT.

- 1) Checks can be dropped off or mailed to: Congregation B'nai Tzedek, 9669 Talbert Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
- 2) If your bank supports Zelle, you can send your payment to [treasurer@cbtfv.org](mailto:treasurer@cbtfv.org) and it will be directly deposited in our checking account.
- 3) We accept Venmo payments to @CBTFV and you can use the link <https://www.venmo.com/u/CBTFV> to find our Venmo account.
- 4) We accept donations on our website (<https://cbtfv.org>) on the donate pulldown. You can specify that the donation is for your Brit Kehillah commitment. These process uses PAYPAL, but you do not have to have a PAYPAL account. You will have an option to use your PAYPAL account OR to make a credit card payment. We have eliminated the administrative fee on all credit card donations when payment is made in full at the time of the donation.

The CBT office phone number is (714) 963-4611 if you need assistance. Please help make Ginger's transition to treasurer a smooth one by communicating your Brit Kehillah commitment as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mark Goldhamer



# Brotherhood Beat

The 23-24 Brotherhood slate of officers is composed of incumbents from the previous year. They are: President, Jay Seiden; Vice President/Religious Practices Chair, Brian Ofner; Recording Secretary, Arnold Adler; Corresponding Secretary, Ian Leveton; Treasurer, Greg Halprin and Publicity Chair, Gary Miller.

Brotherhood has scheduled the following events, open to all, through the summer:

**Thursday, July 13 at 5:00 PM**— Concert in the Park at Mile Square Park, Fountain Valley. Tribute to Motown music; free. Bring your own chair or blanket and food and drinks.

**Saturday, August 12 at 6:00 PM**—Dinner Dance Under the Stars on CBT Patio. Cost is \$36 per person. RSVP by August 7 at 6:38 PM—Baseball game at Anaheim Stadium; SOLD OUT

**Thursday, September 21 at 6:00 PM**—Paid Up Membership Pizza Night, 6:00 PM at First Class Pizza on Brookhurst Avenue, Fountain Valley. CBT members may join at the event.

Watch for details from Publicity Chair, Gary Miller.

## CBT ROCKIN' MUSICAL SHABBAT SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

The beauty and energy of our CBT Rockin' Shabbat is made possible through generous donations from our congregants. **CBT Rockin' Shabbat sponsorship is \$300**, and we need your help to continue to bring these dynamic Shabbat services to our community. We need YOU to sponsor these moving musical evenings!

If you, your family, your friends, chavurah, or businesses are interested in sponsoring a CBT Rockin' Shabbat, please contact Tammy in the office, and indicate the CBT Music Fund on your donation. Together, we will continue to make this community "ROCK"!

UPCOMING SPONSORSHIP DATES AVAILABLE IN 2023: July 28, August 25, October 27, November 24.

# Sister to Sister



2023-2024



The Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Tzedek fosters the educational and social growth of it's members while serving the needs of our congregation and community.

Membership in CBT's Sisterhood is \$40 per year. We also have a tiered dues program for those who choose to make a larger donation: Friends of Rachel: \$54.00, Friends of Rebekah: \$72.00 and Friends of Sarah: \$90.00.

Our dues help support our synagogue in the following ways

- Flowers for the bimah for the High Holidays
- Silver candlestick holders for the B'nai Mitzvah students
- Car mezuzahs for the confirmation class
- Financial support to the CBT general fund
- Financial support for the religious school
- Tree certificates for Israel
- Operates CBT's Judaica Shop
- College outreach gifts

Our yearly activities include

- Luncheon for paid up sisterhood members
- Bagels and Blintzes in the Sukkah
- Sisterhood Shabbat
- Chanukah party
- Mah Jongg
- Ladies outings
- Guest speakers

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# May and June Tzedakah

## BUILDING FUND

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In memory of Wendy Newman Todd

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Harvey Gore

In memory of Bryan Gore

Michael & Susan Kibel

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## RABBI YOUNG'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Samuel Wildman

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Kathleen Haimov

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Sandra Anderson

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Arthur & Karen Lunsch

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Laurie Laren

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Paulette & Bernard Fainsztein

In honor of Bella Young's Bat Mitzvah

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Kathleen Haimov

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Kathleen Haimov

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In memory of Jean Adler

Stephen & Sandra Maybaum & Family

In memory of Sara Maybaum

Stephen & Sandra Maybaum & family

In memory of Mark Crumb

*Zichrona livracha - May their memory be a blessing.*



## Tzedakah — cont.

### RABBI STEPHEN J. EINSTEIN YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

M. Cades	In memory of Edward Goldblatt
Rabbi Stephen & Robin Einstein	In memory of Isadore Fendell & Fr. Christah R. Mondo
Paulette & Bernard Fainsztein	In memory of cousin Asi Mylcite Gumpert & cousin Dora Zaharia
Paulette & Bernard Fainsztein	In memory of friend, Jeannette Cohen
Richard & Hedda Schnur	In memory of Fenick A. Vogel
Mark Goldhamer	In memory of Cynthia Frumhoff
Paulette & Bernard Fainsztein	In memory of mother, Ruth Boksenbaum
Paulette & Bernard Fainsztein	In memory of grandparents Peshe & Shimon Milz
Rabbi Stephen & Robin Einstein	In memory of Lillian Kemeny & Dorothy Karasik
Barbara, Michele, Steve Horowitz & Family	In memory of Louis Horowitz

### YAHREIT FUND

Maureen Udelf	In memory of Eunice Udelf
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Elaine Weissman, Asbury & Garcia Families	In memory of Lillian Weissman
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Dorothy Tanzer	In memory of Henry Forman
Sheila Gershwin	In memory of Hanna Gershwin
Harry & Tracy Pellman	In memory of Joseph & Baila Pellman
Phyllis & Mort Fried	In memory of Irving & Miriam Kaplan
Gerry Kaskel	In memory of Pat Garretson
Gideon Ariel	In memory of Yariv Oren

### ONEG FUND

Roberta Harris	In memory of mother, Jean Bell
Faith Herschler	In memory of Roberta Provus

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# June and July Birthdays and Anniversaries

## June Birthdays

1 Teri Hershberg  
 2 Lianna Sagan  
 2 Sol Vidor  
 2 Austin Williams  
 3 Susan Lange  
 4 Eileen Brooks  
 4 Ginger Shulman  
 4 Carmen Mandel  
 5 Andrew Lothian  
 5 Jordyn Muller  
 6 Helen Wills  
 7 Ivan Kass  
 7 Nancy Blumenthal  
 8 Kandis Burns-Summers  
 9 Kalika Lothian  
 9 Livi Norton  
 10 Josef Davydovits  
 10 Melissa Sokolow  
 10 Robert Reade  
 11 Sarah Dempsey  
 11 Sharon Goldhamer  
 12 Joie Sack  
 12 Harry Pellman  
 13 Alex Singer  
 13 Hershel Gershwin  
 13 Fred Weihmuller  
 14 Joel Rosen  
 14 Sheila Gershwin  
 14 Mark Goldhamer  
 15 Russell Markus  
 16 Samantha Benton  
 18 Samuel Backer  
 18 Lynne Shupper  
 19 Pamela Rosen  
 20 Jeremy Wahl  
 20 Caleb Thorpe  
 20 Josette Schwartz  
 21 Arnold Adler  
 23 Darlene Rose  
 24 Morgan Dolgin-Miller  
 24 Jennifer Dater  
 25 Joan Einstein  
 26 Stanley Bassin  
 26 Jennifer Werber  
 26 Howard Gordon  
 28 Robert Collen  
 28 Gracia Brown  
 28 Amy Benton

28 Zachary Abramson

29 Brandon Halprin  
 29 Darrell Neft  
 31 Marc Ecker  
 31 Florence Bell

## July Birthdays

7 Dale Peroutka  
 7 Elaine Krasnitz  
 7 Lori Frazin  
 7 Zachary Sroka  
 8 Dennis Bauer  
 8 Rachel Steiner  
 9 Gregory Halprin  
 9 Thomas Abrahams  
 9 Barry Lang  
 10 Gabriel Heller  
 10 Laura Powell  
 10 Mimi Spencer  
 10 Michael Muller  
 11 Terry Schnitzer  
 12 Isabella Shulman  
 12 Kaitlyn Hutson  
 12 Lisa Williams  
 12 Diamond Gomez  
 13 Katherine Heller  
 13 Jacob Eckelman  
 13 Alejandra Thorpe  
 14 Barbara Haimov  
 14 Derek Benton  
 15 Randy Matusoff  
 15 Maddyn Wolf  
 16 Jennifer Dempsey  
 17 Alexis Dvorkin  
 17 Bernard Fainsztein  
 17 Judy Fleischmann  
 18 Scott Dater  
 18 Tracy Pellman  
 18 Isabella Abrahams  
 18 Alan Osborn  
 19 Bruce Williams  
 20 Yefim Epelbaum  
 20 Roberta Harris  
 22 Michael Capsuto  
 22 Ila Wahl  
 22 Marcia McReynolds  
 24 Owen Garcia  
 26 Joan Naideth  
 26 Joshua Gomez

27 Shayna Newman  
 28 Emmett Berlin  
 28 Marilyn Diamond  
 28 Joe Raseknia  
 28 Carlos Gershwin-Razo  
 28 Janet Frumhoff  
 29 Marcelo Sroka  
 30 Gabriel Young  
 30 Philip Fleischmann  
 31 Barbara Olschwang  
 31 Phyllis Ostrin  
 31 Alan Levin


## June Anniversaries

1 Jeffrey & Cindy Kolsin  
 2 Gerald & Judy Fleischmann  
 2 Steven & Eileen Pinsky  
 3 Samuel & Susan Backer  
 5 Howard & Rochelle Kaplan  
 9 Mark & Sharon Goldhamer  
 10 Michael & Myrna Capsuto  
 10 Howard & Holly Gordon  
 12 Fred & Marlyn Weihmuller  
 14 Barry & Wendy Kielsmeier  
 14 Joel & Pamela Rosen  
 15 Barry & Eleanor Allswang  
 20 David & Patricia Duner  
 20 Sheldon & Lori Liebman  
 22 Larry & Sandra Serota  
 23 Nancy & Melanie Danger  
 25 Thomas & Lori Frazin  
 25 Andrew & Lisa Lothian  
 26 Michael & Susan Wellborn  
 29 Bill & Gayle Douglas  
 30 James & Marni Orsbern

## July Anniversaries

2 Harry & Tracy Pellman  
 3 Kandis Burns-Summers & Leah Summers  
 7 Donald & Diane Eisenberg  
 8 Joseph & Vanessa Garcia  
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A Tribute to Bobbie Holdaway:

The Charleston: Right Across Left; Left Across Right; Courtesy. To many of you this has no meaning at all. Many of you are wondering why Rose Lesser would be writing this.

In 2007, Bobbie Holdaway z"l and I retired and wanted to begin a weekly Mahj Jongg game. We had both played the game about 30 years before and then young children and full-time jobs entered our lives. I believe our other players were Sandy Maybaum, Sue Gelerter and Roberta Harris.

The following year Gerry Kaskel was serving on the Resources Development Committee of CBT and told us that Beth David was hosting a Mahj Tournament. Gerry asked us to please check it out and see if that would be something that our Temple could pursue. Mahj Jongg players seek out these tournaments and it is a good way to raise funds from non-Temple Members.

Bobbie and I went to the next Beth David Tournament and brought back copies of their materials. Over the next two years Bobbie and I held two very successful tournaments at CBT. Our Teachers, Heather Miller and Marteen Levin came to learn or to polish their skills. They then started to teach. You came and learned and under Heather's direction our Sisterhood took over this engaging project.

A couple months ago Bobbie lost her 12-year battle with dementia. As we all sit down at our next game, let's all place a Flower on our rack and give a thought to the woman who brought the game of Mahj Jongg to Congregation B'nai Tzedek. "Our scriptures teach that the memory of the righteous is a blessing.

Wonderful memories of our dear friend, Bobbie, will remain with us as blessing for years to come."

With love,  
Rose Lesser



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