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## Cantor's Corner *by* Cantor Bruce Shapiro



### SPIRITUALITY

I often wonder how people practice their **spirituality**. We don't really talk about it. So, let's start with a basic definition of spirituality. Spirituality is, "the quality of being concerned with the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things."

We all have material things in our lives. Items that supposedly make our lives easier, less complicated, or more comfortable. I could use the example of a computer or phone, but depending on your generation, this might cause some conflict! For now, let's say that these two material objects achieve the goal they were intended.

On the flip side comes spirituality. This is no less complicated than the material and I bring this up to provide us with a way or path to a conversation about the practices we each have to nourish our souls during our lives.

I recently attended a seminar on "The Hasidut Masters" with Cantor Danny Maseng. (Please look him up on the internet at [DannyMaseng.com](http://DannyMaseng.com). He is fascinating!) **Hasidut** in a "nutshell" is a trend towards spirituality and Hasidic teachings and practices". Now you might say, "I'm not Orthodox though." Phew...I said the same thing. But what I came away with were some ideas on how to make my life more fulfilling and other ways to consider adding to or changing old habits to make new and better ones to improve my life personally and in the community. In fact, we may already be Hasids! No, we don't wear "black hats, or Tzitzit" or even go to shul all the time! That is ok!

There was much I came away with during this one hour presentation. But here are just a few thoughts I wanted to share with you.

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## Scrip Program

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- 1.) **Acknowledge holiness in the material.** Everything we have provides us the tools that can be used for the purpose of making the world a better place.
- 2.) **Elevate everything.** Even the most mundane action is a blessing. Saying a blessing before you eat and after, when you buy something new, take a trip or a hike, exercise, wake up in the morning...you get the idea!
- 3.) **Jews don't give easily.** When we discuss "repairing of the world", we are really talking about ourselves. We all have this "light" within us. We each have a special skill or talent that we bring out into the world. Find that light and let it shine (total metaphor!)
- 4.) **"Evil" is the raw material of good.** (Psalm 34:15). Sometimes we are not perfect and that's OK. We can take that action and turn it into something positive for ourselves and others.

**Adon Olam**, Master of the Universe, starting now, allow us to get to know ourselves better. Help us determine our daily "spiritual practice" in order to help us grow into the best version of ourselves that we can become.

After services around 12:30 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, our next **Adult B'Nai Mitzvah** training will continue. We are hoping for a June 2024 Adult B'Nai Mitzvah right here at CBS. If you are interested in joining our group, being a teacher, or taking part in some way, please contact me via email, phone, or in person at services. Remember **TEAM...Together We Achieve More!** Lastly, "alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"

I am looking forward to seeing you all in person or on Zoom soon! Make a visit on any Friday evening for Shabbat or once per month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Shabbat morning of the month (July 16 at 9 AM) for Torah Study (for 45 minutes) with morning services following. Please continue to **stay healthy and wear a mask as required. Have a safe and fun summer!**

# Refuah Shlema

## Our Community Prayer for Healing

- PHIL AGINS
- MICHAEL BEKMAN
- MYRA BILGREI
- SOL BILGREI
- JACQUELINE FOGEL
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- RABBI MEL YOUNG

# President's Message

## THE HEBREW LANGUAGE



**Bruce Rouman**  
President of CBS

*I was reading how the Hebrew language took off as the national language of Israel. Enjoy.*

The process began on October 13th, 1881, when Eliezer Ben-Yehuda and his friends agreed to exclusively speak Hebrew in their conversations.

As a result, the language, which had not been spoken as a mother tongue since the second century CE, once again became the national language of Israel.

Some three thousand years earlier, when the Jewish people first arrived in Israel with Joshua, Hebrew was established as the national language and lasted for more than a millennium, until the Bar Kochba War in 135 CE. From that point on, Hebrew was exclusively used for literature and prayer, until late in the 19th century with the first aliya and Ben-Yehuda.

Born in 1858, Ben-Yehuda grew up in Belarus, formerly part of the Russian Empire, where he started studying the Bible. At the age of three, he started learning in a cheder, a Yeshiva for young children, where he learned ancient Hebrew. By the time he was twelve, Ben-Yehuda was familiar with large portions of Torah, Mishna and Talmud. Hoping he would become a rabbi, his parents sent him to a Yeshiva where he continued studying Torah and ancient Hebrew.

In the following years, he learned French, German, and Russian and traveled to Dunaburg, Latvia for further education. With the rise of Jewish nationalism in 19th century Europe, Ben-Yehuda was captivated by the innovative ideas

of Zionism. While reading the Hebrew language newspaper HaShahar, he became acquainted with Zionism and concluded that the reviving the Hebrew language in the Land of Israel would unite all Jews worldwide. And so, in 1881, Ben-Yehuda made aliya and came to live in Jerusalem. At that time, it was believed that one of the criteria needed to define a nation worthy of national rights was its use of a common language spoken by both the society and the individual. In fact, Ben-Yehuda regarded Hebrew and Zionism as one and the same, writing that, "The Hebrew language can live only if we revive the nation and return it to the fatherland."

According to researchers, it appears that in the fifty years preceding the start of the revival process, a version of spoken Hebrew already existed in the markets of Jerusalem. The Sephardic Jews who spoke Ladino or Arabic and the Ashkenazi Jews who spoke Yiddish needed a common language for commercial purposes, and the most obvious choice was Hebrew. It should be noted that it was not a native mother tongue as such, but more of a pidgin.

As part of his vision of reviving Hebrew, Ben-Yehuda raised his son, Ben-Zion Ben-Yehuda (the first name meaning "son of Zion") speaking entirely in Hebrew. He refused to let his son be exposed to other languages during childhood. It is said he once reprimanded his wife for singing a Russian lullaby to the child. As a result, his son

Ben-Zion became the first native speaker of Modern Hebrew.

Ben-Yehuda was a major figure in the establishment of the Committee of the Hebrew Language (Va'ad HaLaschon), later the Academy of the Hebrew Language, an organization that still exists today. He wrote the first Modern Hebrew dictionary and became known as the "reviver" of the Hebrew language.

However, while he worked tirelessly to raise awareness and fight its opponents, what finally brought about the revitalization of Hebrew were not Ben-Yehuda's activities in Jerusalem, but developments in the communities of the First Aliya (1881-1903) and the Second Aliya (1904-1914). The first Hebrew schools were established in these communities; Hebrew increasingly became a spoken language of daily affairs, and finally became a systematic and national language. Yet Ben Yehuda's fame and notoriety stems from his initiation and symbolic leadership of the Hebrew revival. In fact, Cecil Roth summed up Ben-Yehuda's contribution to the

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# EDUCATION *Report*

Marci Rouman  
*Education Director*

Registration for Congregation Beth Shalom's (CBS) Religious School for 2022/2023 will take place on Sunday, July 17, at 10:00 AM at the synagogue. We are encouraging our families and members to find other families who might want to enroll their child(ren) in CBS Religious School.

Religious School classes begins on August 21, at 8:30 AM. Please join us! The school calendar will be posted to the CBS website at the beginning of July.

I look forward to a fun, and educational 2022/2023 school year.

## **President's Message**

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Hebrew language: "Before Ben-Yehuda, Jews could speak Hebrew; after him, they did." Ultimately, the process of Hebrew's return to regular usage was unique; there are no other examples of a sacred language becoming a national language with millions of first language speakers.

In 1922, Ben-Yehuda died from tuberculosis at the age of 64. The house he built in the Talpiot neighborhood of Jerusalem was later transferred to the local municipality and is today a conference center and guesthouse run by the German organization Action Reconciliation Service for Peace, which organizes workshops, seminars and Hebrew language ulpan programs.

*Submitted By Bruce Rouman*

# RITUAL *Report*

Jackie Williams, *Ritual Chairperson*

A few highlights of some of the things our committee was involved in or completed this past year:

- We had the privilege of working with and coordinating many activities with Cantor Shapiro. We have found working with him both enjoyable and educational.
- With the assistance of Joan Zak and Dave Severson, we organized the High Holy Day services.
- The Chesed Committee has done "works of loving-kindness" in the Congregation such as sending out cards when congregants are ill or congratulatory cards to congregants.
- We are continuing to send Yahrzeit reminders that has brought in over \$1,500.00 in much needed funds to the synagogue.
- We held the World Wide Wrap in May.
- We celebrated Shabbat Across America in March with a special Shabbat service.
- We celebrated Shabbat Under the Stars in September in the Rouman's back yard and on Zoom.
- Under the leadership of the Ritual Committee, we provided lay leaders at Shabbat services when the Cantor is not here.
- Felix Smith and Tanya Spiegel led Yizkor and shiva services when needed.

The Ritual Committee has been involved in every aspect of synagogue life this year from Jewish Holidays to Shabbat services.

Please join me in thanking the Ritual Committee, as the credit for everything we achieved belongs to them: Bruce Rouman, Marci Rouman, Dave Severson, Dennis Itzkowitz, Bob Stone, Gail Koren, Joan Jacobs, and Joan Zak.

You can reach me at:

[sirdots@yahoo.com](mailto:sirdots@yahoo.com)

or at (714) 296-4079

# LETTER OF *Thanks*

*Congregants of CBS gathered on a Sunday in June to assist Cantor Bruce Shapiro with a request from Cantor's colleague, Dr. Bruce Saperston. The request was two-fold. He asked Cantor Shapiro, we requested participation from our membership and an informal CBS Choir was formed! Dr. Saperston appreciated our synagogue's welcoming him during his visits and our encouragement of his beautiful compositions. A letter of thanks from Dr. Saperston follows:*



Dear Congregation Beth Shalom Members,

Thank you for helping me by singing the chorus of my new/old song, "Baruch Shenatan Torah", for my album. I don't think that you could possibly know how important your support has been to me, in pursuing my recording project during the past few years.

I initially sang my songs for Cantor Bruce in 2018, to see if he thought that they had any merit and could be useful for services. He was very positive about my music and invited me to sing them at a Sunday Brotherhood Breakfast. I had never sung these songs for others and was anxious about doing so. That's where you all came in.

When Cantor Bruce and I performed my songs at Congregation Beth Shalom, you were so very welcoming, positive and supportive. A number of you asked if I had a CD and whether or not my music was published. Suddenly, I felt that I had entered a totally new phase of my journey, because of your very kind responses.

Since that time, you began to sing some of my songs during services, which was an amazing gift and

blessing to me. Also, I was able to periodically sing my songs for you via Zoom. I have spent the past few years working on the instrumental arrangements for the recordings and I want you to know that your support has been a constant source of inspiration and energy for me.

Your performance on the recording of Baruch Shenatan Torah is so perfect, both because you sing that song regularly and because you have been such a strong force in my songwriting journey! I cannot express how grateful I am to you and Cantor Bruce for your assistance and support. I feel very honored and blessed that you will be performing on my recording.

L' Shalom,  
Bruce Saperston



# MITZVAH UKRAINE

## *Operation Ukraine*

Dear Congregation Beth Shalom Members,

Thank you to the many congregants who joined us Sunday, June 26 for a united movement referenced by many as “Mitzvah Ukraine, Operation Ukraine.”

The link of the call is found here: [ADD LINK](#)

In the past, CBS worked with other Jewish organizations including JUA, JDC and IsraAid. Here is the background leading up to our combined efforts: With no apparent end in sight, and amidst daily revelations of new atrocities by Vladimir Putin's forces, the ongoing war in Ukraine concerns each and every one of us. Since the outbreak of hostilities, we have been, and continue to be, in close contact with our Masorti/Conservative communities in Kyiv, Chernivtsi, Odessa, Kharkiv and Dnipro – who are spending unimaginable nights in bomb shelters and are trying to find refuge in Western Ukraine and other countries.

Masorti Olami, together with our partners at The Schechter Institutes have been responding to the needs of our communities. They provide care packages to children in Kharkiv, secure shelter and medical supplies, and organize transportation and accommodations for those fleeing their homes. To date, we have helped hundreds of individuals and families evacuate to safety. This is made possible with the help of movement-wide fundraising efforts and other Jewish organizations, including UJA, JDC and IsraAid. They are working to assist many more people, but the work has only just begun.

The question we must ask is: when the Russians leave, what then?

Huge swathes of Ukraine already lie in ruins, along with the lives of millions of refugees who have lost their homes, families and livelihoods. Rebuilding will take years. We need to be there for them now, in the midst of the crisis, and in the aftermath, to help put the pieces back together.

That's why we have partnered together with the Cantors Assembly to present a Facebook and YouTube premiere: Mivtza Ukraine (Operation Ukraine), music, inspiration and hope for the people of Ukraine.

As you listen to the recorded message, you will hear beautiful music from world-class instrumentalists and some of the Masorti/Conservative Movement's top voices. There are refugees both within Ukraine and those who have fled Ukraine. They have shared their stories. The prayers and messages of solidarity and inspiration from leaders of the Masorti/Conservative movement from around the world teach us about the critical work Masorti Olami and Schechter are doing to bring relief to refugees. These conversations will lay the groundwork for rebuilding when the conflict ends.

Our goal is to unite all corners of the Masorti/Conservative Jewish world for a single hour with one purpose: to help the people of Ukraine.

All funds raised will go directly to our **Ukraine Emergency Campaign**. The link for the recorded message is: <https://crm.uscj.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=39840&qid=17035659>

Please hashtag the following: #MitzvahUkraine;  
#OperationUkraine; #MasortiUkraine;  
#HopeUkraine

Please take advantage of this opportunity to help! Thank you for your support. Please do your best to support our brothers and sisters who live in the Ukraine.

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) is just one of the many Sponsors of this program. If you would like to provide additional support, you may donate to Congregation Beth Shalom of Corona, CA, USA and notate Mitzvah Ukraine (Operation Ukraine)!

Thank you again,

*Cantor Bruce Shapiro*



# An Amazing Story

*"I found this story truly memorable, and thought you might appreciate it, too." Jackie Williams.*

The Great Synagogue of Lyon, France, was built in 1864 to accommodate a rapidly growing Jewish community. The beautiful neo-Byzantine building was designed by noted architect Abraham Hirsch. The Germans marched into Paris in 1940, but Lyon was in the Free France zone and the Great Synagogue stayed open. Even after Lyon was occupied in 1942, a small but brave group of Jews kept the shul open. But on December 10, 1943, the iconic house of worship was targeted for destruction by the Milice, the fascist French police force modeled after the notorious German Gestapo.

The shul's rabbi was witness to what happened that Friday night. A member of the Milice entered the sanctuary right after the start of Shabbat, armed with three powerful hand grenades. His plan was to toss them into the crowd of standing worshippers from behind and escape through the back of the sanctuary.

Seen only by the rabbi, the Nazi pulled out the pins and then suddenly froze. At the moment he prepared to throw the grenades, the entire congregation turned to face him. Eye-to-eye with his intended victims, the would-be assailant was so rattled that he tossed the grenades just a few feet then ran out of the building. A few people were wounded by shrapnel but nobody was killed.

What happened at that pivotal moment? The Nazi had entered the synagogue at exactly the section of the Friday night service known as "bo'i b'shalom" - when worshippers turn toward the back of the sanctuary to welcome the Sabbath bride. He didn't go through with the massacre because seeing the faces of his victims meant seeing their humanity. Genocide starts with dehumanization and ends when we look at other humans and see the face of God.

## Join us in Celebrating Members



### July

- 14 Deborah Wutzke
- 19 Bruce Williams
- 28 Ronni Armstrong
- 31 Cindy Williams

### August

- 10 Adeline Shapiro
- 14 Stephanie Shapiro
- 16 Mel Goldman
- 17 Jessica Rouman
- 17 Rebecca Spiegel
- 21 Ada Whittemore
- 23 Julian Lipovetsky
- 27 Sandra Shulman
- 27 Xime Whittemore
- 29 Tzipporah Whittemore
- 30 Sharon Elkins



- July 3** Joel & Cheryl Friedberg
- July 18** Brenda & Daniel Fusco
- July 25** Bruce & Jackie Williams
- Aug 4** Sam & Renee Miller
- Aug 26** Mark & Paula Fogel

## NOTICE TO ALL CBS MEMBERS

All CBS members should be receiving Yahrzeit reminder letters / notices of the anniversary of your loved ones.

If you are not receiving notices, please contact Jackie Williams (714) 296-4079, so we can make the corrections.

# Fresh Challahs and Mini Challahs

Mark Koren bakes fresh Challah, Challah Rolls and Rye Bread for purchase.

**NEW:** Mini Challah, individually packaged for a covid-friendly Oneg!

Please order by Tuesday for Friday availability.

Call Gail Koren at (951) 204-4757.



## Oneg / Kiddush Schedule

As you think about special occasions, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or in memory of a loved one, please consider sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush!

**Please connect with Gail Koren at (951) 204-4757.**

Those individuals who host an Oneg or Kiddush will be acknowledged by having their names on the CBS calendar as an Oneg or Kiddush Sponsor.

Please reach out to Gail and reserve the date(s) you wish to sponsor.

**Choose a date, for your Oneg Shabbat, that is meaningful to you.  
Call Gail Koren (951) 204-4757  
to find out how simple and easy it is.**

Jul	1	Ronni Armstrong—as a Mitzvah
Jul	8	Kathy & Bob Stone—as a Mitzvah
Jul	15	Amanda & Gil Kenan—in honor of their Anniversary
Jul	22	Jackie & Bruce Williams—in honor of their 58th Anniversary
Jul	29	Bruce & Marci Rouman—as a Mitzvah
Aug	5	Renee & Sam Miller—in honor of their Anniversary
Aug	12	Currently available—contact Gail at (951) 204-4757
Aug	19	Currently available—contact Gail at (951) 204-4757
Aug	25	Ada & Ethan Whittemore—in honor of Ada, Xime & Tziporah's birthdays





# CONDOLENCES



**On behalf the Board of Directors and the CBS Membership  
we extend our sympathy and condolences to:**

**The Solomon Shapiro family on the passing of  
Sol's older brother, Jay Shapiro**

**The Notick family on the passing of  
Joel's Mother and Brooklyn's Grandmother, Eileen Notick**

**The Jacobs family on the passing of  
Joan's Mother Ida Kofsky**

***May their lives be of Blessed Memory***

## Simcha Board Tree of Life

Congregation Beth Shalom has a beautiful Simcha Board, called the *Tree of Life*, on display as you enter the synagogue lobby.

This Simcha Board allows families and individuals to purchase leaves for \$180 each for:

- Simchas
- Milestones
- Birth of a child/grandchild
- Graduations
- Promotions
- Engagements
- Accomplishments and more!

For more information, contact  
President Bruce Rouman (951) 847-4632.



## Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education

Sunday July 17, 2022 at 9:30 AM

The Ten Sefirot

What are they

How is each defined

Do they resemble a human body

Are they used outside Kabbalah?



**Zoom will be Joan's Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4420163247?pwd=c1NCUkFtRTBQeDUrdDIKNGMzZXRCdz09>

Meeting ID: 584 849 5878

Password: 989345

## GIFT SHOPPE UPDATE



The Gift Shoppe has many new gift and home décor items which are reasonably priced, in addition to special sale items. Celebration, special occasions, birthdays or anniversaries — your CBS Gift Shoppe has meaningful gifts that are readily available. Don't forget to take a look at the wonderful jewelry that we have on display!

Call Renee Miller at (909) 228-5945 for further information.

# DONATIONS

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Fund

Saul & Sandra Shulman  
*In loving memory of  
 Saul's Father  
 Morris Shulman*

*In loving memory of  
 Sandra's Stepfather  
 Arthur Gelb*

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Joyce & David Severson  
*In memory of  
 Aaron Severson*

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*In loving memory of  
 Mortimer Medrich*

*In loving memory of  
 Elliott Barkan*

## EDUCATION Fund

Bruce & Marci Rouman  
*In loving memory of  
 Allen Leopold*

Lenny & Sharon Elkins

## TREES IN ISRAEL

CORONA Chamber of  
 Commerce

*In honor of  
 Kathleen Ray  
 ELR Chair 2022*

## GENERAL Fund

Mark & Paula Fogel

## FACILITIES Fund

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*In loving memory of  
 Kenneth Dawe*

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*In loving memory of  
 Tessie Barkan*

*In loving memory of  
 Carl Barkan*

# Yahrzeit Observances

*May their memories  
 be a blessing*

## JULY

1 Marcia Abraham *	2 Tammuz
2 Rosalie Schulman	3 Tammuz
2 Eva Dawe	3 Tammuz
2 Emily Jacobs *	3 Tammuz
2 Philip Tarshis *	3 Tammuz
4 Obby Agins *	5 Tammuz
5 Abraham Kmiotek *	6 Tammuz
10 Lisa Schulman Schneider *	11 Tammuz
12 Theodore Schnee	13 Tammuz
12 Mary Greenstone	13 Tammuz
13 Jeffrey Schwimmer	14 Tammuz
15 Joseph Koren *	16 Tammuz
18 Craig Williams	19 Tammuz
19 Gilda Fink	20 Tammuz
22 Sally Taks	23 Tammuz
22 Saul Cooper	23 Tammuz
24 Henri Sinasohn *	25 Tammuz
27 Mitchell Izenman *	28 Tammuz
28 Anne Brandt	29 Tammuz
31 Samuel Martin	3 Av
31 Heinz S. F. Borchardt	3 Av

## AUGUST

2 Sadie Levin Surkis	5 Av
3 Glenn C. Flint *	6 Av
4 Edmund Mercier	7 Av
4 Louis Bendix *	7 Av
6 Bertha Spiegel *	9 Av
9 Donald Lee Whitehead *	12 Av
11 Norman Newman *	14 Av
11 Taylor Alexandra Vasquez	14 Av
11 Leah Naomi Levine *	14 Av
14 Ronnie Agins *	17 Av
19 Lenore Carrillo	22 Av
22 Richard Joseph Gillerman *	25 Av
22 Teddy Fox	25 Av
23 Rose Grace Karl *	26 Av

\* = denotes Memorial Board Plaque

*For questions or corrections,  
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**Joan Zak (760) 803-5451**

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# Paula's Kitchen

Makes Great Gifts/Hostess | Packaged for gift or Freezer  
 Text your Order to Paula Fogel (951) 203-1275  
 Custom Orders upon request

## Pumpkin Bread



## Vanilla Oatmeal Applesauce Bread

with nuts and or Raisins or without Poppyseed Bread



- Death by Chocolate Zucchini (*with or without nuts and or coconut*)
- Banana Nut (*or without nuts*) Bread
- Chocolate Marbled Banana (*with or without nuts*)
- Blueberry Bread or Raspberry Bread
- Cinnamon Swirl Bread
- Muffins & Cookies on Special Request

## Orange Cranberry Bread

(with or without nuts)  
 Seasonal Only when Fresh cranberries are in Season



## Zucchini Bread

(with or without nuts)



## Brown Sugar Crumble Zucchini



- Lemon Cranberry Bread
- Lemon Bread
- Lemon Poppyseed
- Lemon Blueberry



**\$13 per loaf or 3 Loaves for \$35**

# SCRIP!!

For orders or questions, please contact our Scrip Coordinator: Shirli Driz at (951) 201-9779 or [monypwr@yahoo.com](mailto:monypwr@yahoo.com) or Backup Rep: Renee Miller at (909)228-5945 or [renee.miller.slp@verizon.net](mailto:renee.miller.slp@verizon.net)

For months we have published our scrip program; we are very excited to share, our sales were record breaking this past year!! A special thank you to the following people for supporting our program:

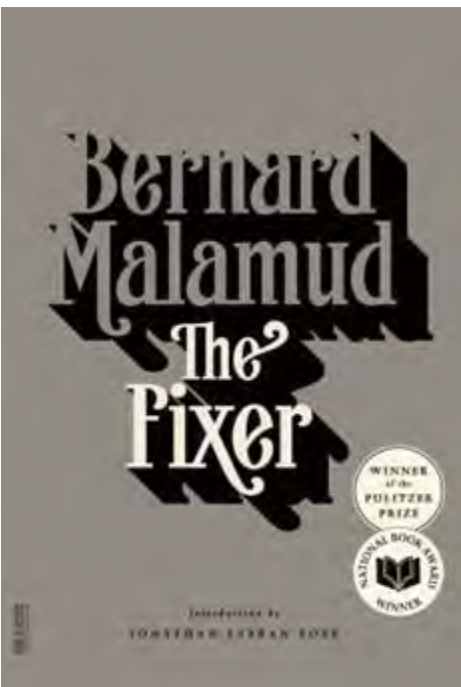
- CBS Ritual committee
- The Driz Family

- Mark/Paula Fogel
- Cheryl/Joel Friedberg
- The Fusco Family
- Inland SoCal United Way
- Dennis Itzkowitz
- Ken/Joan Jacobs
- Mark/Gail Koren
- Sam/Renee Miller
- Bruce/Marci Rouman
- Noemi Schulman
- Dave/Joyce Severson
- Bruce/Marci Shapiro
- Molly Shapiro

- Bobby/Karen Spiegel
- Rebecca Spiegel
- Tanya Spiegel
- Bob/Kathy Stone
- Bruce/Jackie Williams
- Joan Zak

We would love to add your name to this list! Please consider purchasing scrip, support our CBS Education Department.

# CBS BOOK Club



The novel is set in 1911 in the city of Kiev during the Tsarist Regime and events revolve around the trials and misfortunes that befall a Jewish handyman named Yakov Bok, the eponymous “fixer.” Yakov carries no official documents of his citizenship and is, in all rights and respects, is a non-resident doing odd jobs. He is arrested under suspicion of having murdered a Christian boy during the celebration of Passover. His situation moves from bad to worse as he is then incarcerated without a trial and refused visitation rights or legal guidance. In prison, Yakov is questioned and maltreated again and again, desiring to break his resolve so that he’d confess to killing the boy in a supposed twisted Jewish ceremony. His captors also question him about his political inclinations and in his defense he says that he holds none. He also asserts that he is not at all a religious man despite having been born a Jew.

While waiting out his sentence in jail Yakov muses upon the sad nature of his life and the character of humanity. A great source of his distress is the awareness that anyone who attempts to assist him either ends up arrested like himself or is exposed to some form of persecution by government officials. A guard that had taken a bribe from Yakov’s father-in-law so that his family could see him is charged with conspiracy and thrown in jail. His primary backer, the Investigating Magistrate Bibikov, is placed under solitary confinement on fabricated charges after a routine visit to Yakov in jail. Solitary breaks Bibikov and he commits suicide. Time comes when the only individual allowed to visit is his wife, who has nothing but contempt for her husband, having left him well before the novel started.

She is given visitation rights only because she has conspired with the jailers to pressure her husband to sign a confession, pleading guilty for the boy’s death--naturally Yakov refuses to sign. His wife continues to visit him, if only to torment the pitiful fixer, bringing him nothing but bad news: she reports his dear father-in-law’s death and learns that the child that he thought was his was actually born from an illicit affair with a former lover. Despite these attempts to break his spirit, Yakov manages to find the strength of character to forgive his wife’s infidelity and even agree to adopt the child so that she wouldn’t lose face within their community.

Ultimately, Yakov is finally given an actual sentence and thusly brought up on trial--after having been incarcerated for a full two years. He is now granted the right to an attorney who will represent him in court. His lawyer gives him a full report of the extent of the corruption within the government of Russia. In fact, if Yakov hadn’t been arrested, his lawyer says, another Jew from the ghetto would have been selected. An ethnic cleansing is slowly but surely taking place in the background; Yakov was a victim of the vast machinery fueled by hatred.

The novel ends with Yakov having an imaginary dialogue, or rather a scolding session, with Tsar Nicholas the 2nd, where Yakov dresses him down for heading what he calls the most degenerate administration in Russian history. His transport is attacked as he is being moved to his trial and it is in this scene where the eponymous fixer reckons that “...*there is no such thing as an apolitical man, especially a Jew...*” commenting on the reality that no matter what era or place, Jews will almost always, draw the ire of the majority populace.

# SHOW ME THE MONEY

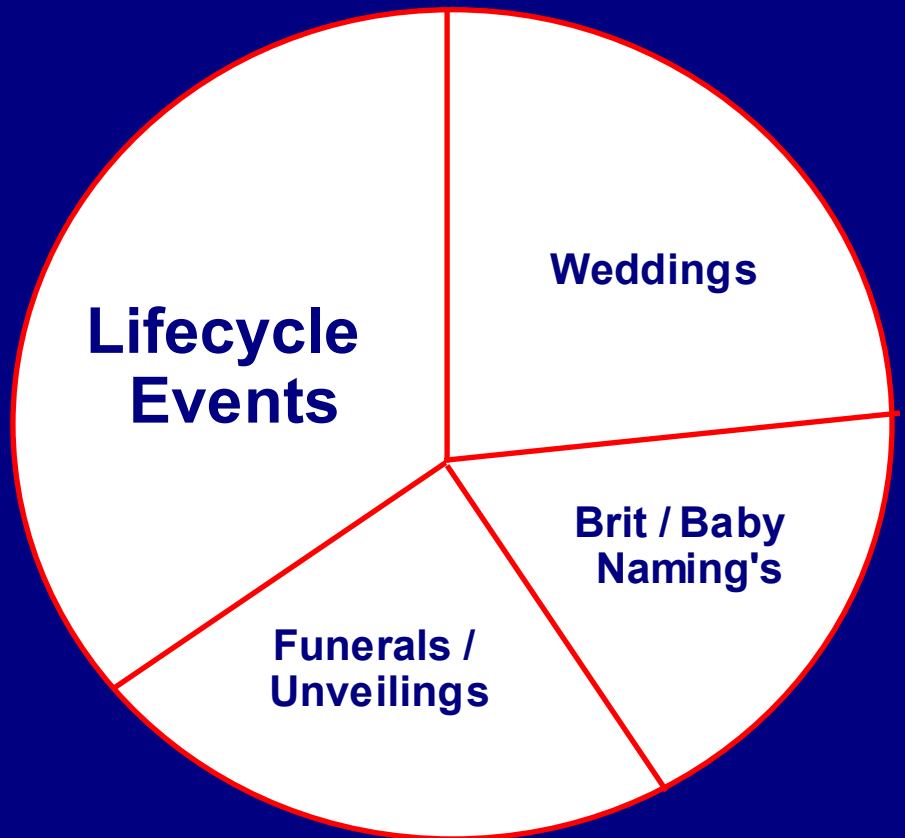
By Bob Stone, Treasurer

As our fiscal year comes to an end it is time to review. A committee consisting of Bruce Rouman, Joan Jacobs and I were able to work out a new two-year contract with Cantor Bruce. We benefitted from several fundraisers, including the High Holiday Appeal, Yizkor donations, the Hanukkah Bazaar, Mishloach Manot, hamentaschen purchases, Yahrzeit donations, and, of course, the Legacy Luncheon. All of these fundraisers are needed to supplement the membership dues, as our expenses keep going up. For example, our rent for the last eleven months was a little over \$50,500; while dues are collected thus far, this fiscal year is a little over \$34,500. But for the fundraising events, especially Legacy, we would be in fiscal trouble. We are still solvent, but it does underline the necessity that members need to continue to pay their dues.

Dues can be paid by check, credit card, or Paypal through our website. Several members have registered their credit cards with the Square App and I charge a set amount on their cards the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Call me at 562-818-9137 if you want to be added to the monthly group. I will send out statements to all those who still owe 2022 dues.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Congregation as your treasurer.

# Hello there! It's Cantor Bruce



**CALL (951) 734-4033**

***Cantor Shapiro is available to support these Lifecycle Events not only for CBS members but for others in the community. Please share with your friends and extended family.***



# THANK YOU!

On behalf of myself and my family, THANK YOU. CBS Members and friends jumped in and helped me through the most awful week of my life. My mother died after a short illness. Two days later, my daughter, granddaughter, and I came down with COVID. My husband, Ken, had to move to a hotel because he could not safely stay in a house with active COVID. We had to watch my mother's funeral online...

Thank you to everyone who called and texted and emailed and sent cards. There were several days when I was too ill to communicate with anyone, but we are on the mend now. (We are not testing COVID-free now but hope to be soon.)

The food gifts were wonderful, appreciated, and delicious! We can all attest to Paula Fogel's cooking abilities. The food gift cards are coming in handy now that we have recovered a bit more. Ken is using one of the cards to eat while at the hotel. We will start to order more food into the house this week. Luckily, I had stocked up on food in anticipation of my family's visit before we came down with COVID.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity,

Joan Jacobs

## ISRAEL JUNE 2023

Though it seems as if it was only weeks prior, CBS's 2nd organized trip to Israel took place in 2019. For the 'Little Shul that Could', each tour we have gone on, has improved and enhanced our participants understanding, knowledge and experiences. Pictured below is just one of the photos from an amazing time in Israel three years ago.

There are discussion of a group going this coming June and if you are interested please connect with Bobby Spiegel at (951) 733-1836.



# All CBS Erev Shabbat Services

**Join us for in-person and via Zoom and experience a rich spirituality**

- ◆ The first Friday, starts at 6:30 PM Cantor Shapiro will lead services and celebrate birthdays and anniversaries with a special blessing. Congregants, regardless of age, are welcome to participate in any CBS service. Please let the Cantor know that you will be attending and which prayer(s) you would like to lead.
- ◆ All other Erev Shabbat Services begin at 7:30 PM
- ◆ The First, Third and Fifth Fridays and Third Saturday of the month are Cantor-led services
  - ◆ The Cantor adds a professional touch: the services are very interactive with participation from those in attendance.
- ◆ The Second and Fourth Friday Services may be led by:
  - ◆ Religious School and Confirmation students and teachers
  - ◆ Regular Lay Leaders (Dennis Itzkowitz, Bob Stone and Joan Zak)
  - ◆ YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- ◆ Onegs comply with Kosher dairy guidelines, call Gail Koren (951) 204-4757
- ◆ Special Occasion Services
  - ◆ Shabbat Under the Stars— is held in September each year
  - ◆ Shabbat Across America—A special service honored all over our country



## Toilet Articles

- ⇒ Tooth Brushes
- ⇒ Tooth Paste
- ⇒ Soap
- ⇒ Shampoo
- ⇒ Razors
- ⇒ Shave Cream
- ⇒ Skin Cream
- ⇒ Deodorant
- ⇒ Cotton Swabs
- ⇒ Facial Tissue





# Beyond the SYNAGOGUE

## Traveling Across The Country



Molly Shapiro (left) met up with Becca Miller (right) in Akron, Ohio as Molly drove cross country to begin work as a summer day camp counselor in Philadelphia. We wish Molly the very best success in this summer job and we are glad her timing enabled her to catch up with Becca. Molly is the daughter of Cantor Bruce and Marcy Shapiro, and Becca (lives in Ohio) is the daughter of Sam and Renee Miller.

## Legacy Auction Item a Winner!



The Fogel Family enjoying the Hockey Game, these tickets were part of the Legacy Luncheon Awards event that Mark and Paula bid on, and with their gracious donation. They won the bid! This auction item included this “on the ice” (floor) photo—which is truly a WINNING combination!

## Hard Work Earns Orange Belt

Congratulations to RJ Spiegel for his recent success in Karate. RJ received his Orange Belt and is focused to learn more about this amazing sport!



## PHOTOS WANTED

We are always seeking photos of our members, and their relatives, for inclusion in this section. Submissions for the Beyond the Synagogue are welcomed. Please submit to [BJRouman@SBCglobal.net](mailto:BJRouman@SBCglobal.net) and [Bobby@MyChamber.org](mailto:Bobby@MyChamber.org) prior to the 15th of each month. Space limitations may prevent your submission to be included.



# Beyond the SYNAGOGUE

## MAH JONGG at the ROUMANS

MAH JONGG is a wonderful way to relax and enjoy fellowship while playing this game. A group of ladies gather weekly at the home of Marci and Bruce Rouman. Others are welcome to come! And if you have never played, these ladies are great at sharing with you tips and easy to remember things about the game.



**MAH JONGG IS BACK!**  
If you are interested in getting back to your game,  
or just learning how to play Mah Jongg,  
Contact: Marci Rouman (951) 733-3980

## Tikkun Olam!

Pledging to make the world a better place, Karen and Bobby Spiegel were captured in these photos as they assisted ABC Hopes (a non-profit organization focused to help people with disabilities). Rebecca, Rachel, Joshua and RJ were helping that day. This annual event provided a buffet of wonderful food and a great afternoon. President Bruce

and Marci Rouman, Mark and Paula Fogel, Marta Driz, Shirli Driz, Arrianna Wolfe attended this event along with the Spiegels.





# Beyond the SYNAGOGUE

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE BETH DAVID IN TEMPLE CITY, CA

Bruce and Jackie Williams attended the 75th anniversary of Temple Beth David in Temple City, CA where Jackie's parents were founding members. Jackie went through Religious School to Confirmation, She taught Religious School, Bruce and Jackie were married there, and their oldest son Brian was named there. Jackie's mother was the pianist and choir director for 40 years and her dad was a president and Ritual chairperson for many years.

The picture to the right, *"sitting with other families who were there growing up with me."* Jackie Williams



## CBS MEMBERS & FRIENDS CELEBRATE A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY



Here's a group of CBS Members and Friends that boarded MetroLink at the North Main Street Station in Corona, travelled to San Juan Capistrano to celebrate Stephanie Sachs' special birthday. Enjoying fellowship, lunch and tea, then jumped back on the train to Corona.

# Congregation Beth Shalom Funds to Donate Towards

To make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend, select the Fund that you prefer and fill in the Donor card below. Send the bottom portion of this form to the CBS office with your donation.

We appreciate your support very much.

- ◆ **Youth Development Fund** (to provide scholarships for various programs including our religious school students to attend residence camps with significant Jewish programming and other programs)
- ◆ **General Fund** (to support the synagogue's daily operations)
- ◆ **Facility Fund** (to enhance, maintain and make improvement to our facility)
- ◆ **Cantor Discretionary Fund** (for charitable, hardship and educational purposes at Cantor's discretion)
- ◆ **Prayer Book Fund** (for purchasing, repairing, updating prayer books)
- ◆ **Adult Education Fund** (to support Adult Education programs)
- ◆ **Chesed Fund** (for the work of the Chesed Committee which responds in times of need for a birth, illness, emergency, or death in the family)
- ◆ **Torah Fund** (for the repair and/or purchase of the Torah Scrolls, Torah Commentaries, and other Bimah needs)
- ◆ **CBS Education Fund** (for materials, field trips, and other educational needs)

\*\*\*\*\* Send this portion back \*\*\*\*\*

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Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor acknowledgement required?  Y  N

Thank you for mailing this form and your check to:  
**Congregation Beth Shalom, PO Box 2737, Corona, CA 92878**

**ATTN: Donations**





# From the 'HOODS'

The HOODS - CBS's Brotherhood / Sisterhood, would like to have some events for the "sisters" of the congregation. Some ideas include 2 buck blackjack with 2 buck chuck- for \$2 get \$100 worth of chips and play blackjack and drink wine- the last 3 left standing will win money from the pot (all funds raised will be presented, nothing will be taken out for the hoods), painting and wine -

bring back an old favorite -all supplies will be provided—cost determined from provider.

All activities of the Brother/SisterHOODS are open to all members including poker on the first Thursday and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

Any other ideas: contact Joel Friedberg (951) 733-9683

## CONSIDER JOINING OUR HOODS

Join the Brotherhood/Sisterhood for \$10 a year. Membership will give members a discount on all Hood brunches

Special member pricing will be in effect for all Hood events, from breakfasts, to brunches and others throughout the fiscal year.

Come join the HOOD of your choice!!



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# Dates to Remember

**ACTIVITIES & SERVICES ARE IN PERSON UNLESS NOTED  
 SOME ARE OFFERED VIA INTERNET**

IN PERSON EVENTS ARE AT 500 HARRINGTON ST. STE. A1 CORONA, CA 92878  
 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED with an asterisk (\*)

## JULY 2022

1	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY JOAN ZAK; <i>ONEG SPONSORED BY RONNI ARMSTRONG</i>	6:30 PM
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY	****
5	RITUAL COMMITTEE	6:30 PM
7	BROTHERHOOD POKER	7:00 PM
8	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY BOB STONE; <i>ONEG SPONSORED BY KATHY &amp; BOB STONE</i>	7:30 PM
15	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY JOAN ZAK: <i>ONEG: GIL &amp; AMANDA KENAN ANNIVERSARY</i>	7:30 PM
16	TORAH STUDY LED BY JOAN ZAK	9:00 AM
16	SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY JOAN ZAK	10:00 AM
17	CBS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION	10:00 AM
18	BOOK CLUB: THE FIXER BY BERNARD MALAMUD	5:30 PM
20	ADULT EDUCATION, JOAN ZAK'S ZOOM	9:30 AM
20	BROTHERHOOD POKER	7:00 PM
22	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY DENNIS ITZKOWITZ; <i>ONEG: JACKIE &amp; BRUCE WILLIAMS</i>	7:30 PM
29	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY JESSI ROUMAN; <i>ONEG SPONSORED BY BRUCE &amp; MARCI ROUMAN</i>	7:30 PM

## AUGUST 2022

1	RITUAL MEETING	6:30 PM
4	BROTHERHOOD POKER	7:00 PM
5	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY CANTOR SHAPIRO, <i>ONEG: RENEE &amp; SAM MILLER</i>	6:30 PM
12	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE	7:30 PM
17	BROTHERHOOD POKER	7:00 PM
19	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY CANTOR SHAPIRO	7:30 PM
20	TORAH STUDY LED BY JOAN ZAK	9:00 AM
20	SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY CANTOR SHAPIRO	10:00 AM
21	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL—FIRST DAY	8:30 AM
26	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE, <i>ONEG: ADA &amp; ETHAN WHITTEMORE</i>	7:30 PM

## MEMORIALIZE YOUR DEAR ONES!



Memorial Plaques are available  
through CBS for only \$360 each

For more information call Bruce Rouman  
(951) 847-4632

*Plaque forms are available at the Synagogue.*