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CANTOR'S MESSAGE

In January, I had the privilege of **Aronson** meeting up with my Cantorial Cantor's colleagues at the **Assembly** Midwinter Conference in Palm Springs. During the day spent with my fellow Cantors, I was lifted by the presence of about 60 voices blending into a perfect harmony as one could only imagine!

A gifted musician and our noted He asked us, "Where did we speaker that afternoon was Noah

(www.noaharonson.com) who is the son of a Cantor. Noah is also an Artist - in - Residence where he is welcomed by all congregations who seek him out. He spoke to our group and shared with us the relationship between creativity and spirituality.

come from? Who made you? Why are we here?"

Ram Das (1931 -2019), the American

spiritual leader and yoga guru, stated, "We are here to help each other home." We are all on a journey which begins with innocence and purity.

The French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) said that "we are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having а human experience."

We are here to **help** each other on that journey! Our job is to let ourselves be a vessel. To learn, to grow, to receive, to feel and express our emotions especially blocked when we feel essential in order for us to hear the "music of life itself". must move past the structure of our music, but flow with the feeling that the music brings to us.

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Write Hunter Ramsdell a Birthday Card



This is written by a former member of CBS, Jackie Ramsdell about her grandson, Hunter.

To all my friends. I am asking if any of you have some spare time to send a birthday card to my grandson at:

Hunter Ramsdell c/o George and Jackie Ramsdell 8130 Azucena Avenue Atascadero CA 93422

Hunter is turning 6 years old on Valentine's Day and has had a rough start in life. He was born with many

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Jews do not take life at face value. We are programmed to question. We struggle (Yisrael), we question, and indeed we must become children again to feel inspired, to have energy to learn and grow, and to aspire!

During this month we get to celebrate as a community, the World - Wide - Wrap, on Sunday, February 5. We begin with breakfast together followed by our community wrap!

Our next Torah study on Shabbat Shekalim (about 45 minutes) will be on Saturday morning, February 18 at 9 AM. Adding one more item to your Jewish "To Do" list for 5783? This is an easy one and the discussions are lively regardless of the level of your current Torah understanding. It is amazing how we add our own "spark" to every conversation held and each question asked! (Join on Zoom or in person.)

Achieves Remember **TEAM**...Together Each Lastly, "alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"

Adon Olam, Master of the Universe, may we be inspired by our fellow mankind to learn and grow. "If we are a creature, we are created. If we were created, we have a Creator." The Creator needs you. Remember that we are helping the Creator and that what we do in this world fills us with a sense of purpose, no matter what stage of life we have attained.

As it states in **Pirkei Avot** (Ethics of our Fathers), "You are not obligated to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it. (PK2:21)

May you give and receive love through your heart and arms (imagine, our arms are "love handles")!

Questions to ponder?

- 1. In Exodus, Chapter 23 (page 471 in the Etz Chaim), what are the 3 kinds of speech?
- 2. Provide an example of one of the three (3).
- 3. The first three students who email me the answer to guestion number 1, will be provided a \$ 10 Target Card. This includes the confirmation class. 3mshapiro@cox.net

Breakfast & World Wide Wrap





Sunday Feb. 5, 2023

Have Breakfast And Stay For The Wrap!

Breakfast Served At 8:00am Children (12 and under) are \$5 each Adults are \$10 per person, Family Price is \$25

Bring your friends and appetite!

President's Message Polish Mezuzah Hunters gathering traces of a bygone Jewish world

The abandoned house on 14 Prona Street in Warsaw is a pilgrimage site for tourists. The building is dilapidated, and entry is dangerous: The facade is crumbling, bricks are missing, and the interior has been looted and destroyed. And yet, it still has great charm. Given that it hasn't been renovated in the 77 years since the end of World War II, it remains an authentic remnant of a bygone Jewish world that no longer exists in Poland.

Helena Czernek, 37, and Aleksander Prugar, 38, formerly a couple and now colleagues. recently through stepped the building's gates as part of a unique project they have been engaged in for the past several years. On one of the doorposts. thev found the last evidence of the building's tenants: original The traces of the mezuzah that was once affixed peeling there and covered with patina.

Without hesitation, the two open the satchel containing the appropriate work equipment: paste Α containing special а substance that molds to the surface on which it's spread. They copy the imprints of the original mezuzah, which had been removed. Later, in their workshop, they use the imprint to produce a new bronze meżuzah. "It's not replica because we don't have the original. It's a new mezuzah based on the traces left behind by the original," says Czernek.

On their website, which is called Mi Polin (Hebrew for "From Poland"), they explain:



Casting a mezuzah: "They're not replicas because we don't have the originals.

"We cast old Mezuzah traces out of bronze to create new mezuzahs and build a link to your past."

Pieces of a historical puzzle

Each mezuzah is a story in itself, a piece of the puzzle that composes the history of Polish Jewry. The house on 14 Pr6na, for example, was built around the turn of the 20th century. It was a luxurious four-story townhouse that included apartments, stores, and workshops. **Amona** the stores were the Meerson Epstein department and Maurice Graff's store. hardware store, a shop selling wooden planks for frames, picture frames, a shoemaker, and more. On the ground floor, there was picture which synagogue, remained until 1940. In its heyday, the building was lavishly decorated, evidenced by the railings, balconies, and stairs.

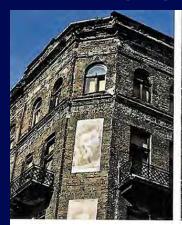
The owner of this house was Jewish industrialist Meir Wolanowski. He owned a factory in Warsaw that produced components for railways and for the telegraph and telephone networks.

During World War II, the building was inside the ghetto. Jews hid inside a double wall in the corridors. During the Polish Warsaw Uprising in 1944, it served as headquarters for the Poles who rebelled against the German occupier. The building served as the point of departure for one of the most famous operations in the uprising - an attack against the telephone center of the German General Government.

After World War II, the building was nationalized by the government. Eventually, the building was deemed unsafe for habitation, the last tenants were evacuated. Now, there is a plan to renovate it and turn it into

President's Message

Polish Mezuzah Hunters CONTINUED







From left: 14 Pr6:zna Street in Warsaw; the mezuzah trace at Pr6:zna; the doorframe. Remnants of a Jewish world that no longer exists. Credit: Mipolin.nl

the new home of the Warsaw Jewish Theater.

To date, Czernek and Prugar have documented 153 mezuzahs in 92 Polish cities, including Warsaw, Krakow, Lublin, Lodz, Pinsk, and Slonim. They have also cast mezuzahs in Ukraine, Belarus, Romania, and even Morocco-which Czernek visited on a vacation four years ago and found a mezuzah in the home of the rabbi of Marrakesh.

Most of their customers are Jews of Polish origin from all over the world who "miss the homeland," according to

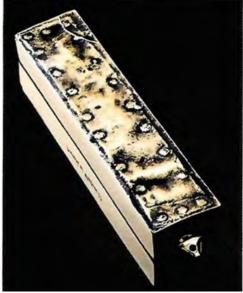
Prugar. "They want a piece of their home or of their forgotten story. We strengthen their identity and bring them closer to Poland."

Their journey also led them to a house on 17 Wladycze Street in Przemyl. The earliest evidence of the house traces back to 1852. At the end of the 19th century, the wooden house was rebuilt in brick. Later, according to municipality records, it was owned by two Jewish residents. The two, registered as the building's last owners, were members of the Kreshover and Laskar families.

Over the years, building housed a school for commerce, a branch of Hashomer Hatzair Zionist vouth movement, sewing shops, a pastry and a shop, painter. When they visited there in late 2014, the couple was surprised to discover a metal plaque on the front door that had survived the ravages of time. Inside the plaque, they found the original parchment of mezuzah that once marked the doorframe. "We got permission from the owners, took the parchment, and it was examined by the man in charge of preservation at the National Museum in Warsaw. It's now on display in our office in Warsaw." recalls Czernek.

In the city of Szczebrzeszyn they visited a building built by a Jewish tailor from the Zylberman family in the 1920s. The family lived in







From left: Remnants of a mezuzah from Przemysl, the recreated mezuzah, 17 Wladycze Street in Przemysl. Credit: Mipolin.pl

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Polish Mezuzah Hunters CONTINUED

the city since the mid-19th century. One of the family's descendants. Tobias Zylberman, who was also a tailor, survived six German camps during the Holocaust and ultimately escaped from one of the trains. After the war, he emigrated to the States, where United he continued to work as a tailor until his death in 1996 at the of 92. His family contacted Czernek and Prugar and specially ordered the model of the mezuzah that was affixed to the entrance of the house in Szczebrzeszyn. Now, that mezuzah marks a door several thousand miles away in Chicago.

One of the most recent documented mezuzahs and recreated by the team comes from Lviv, Ukraine, a city with a glorious Jewish past, which has been in the headlines in recent weeks in the tragic context of the war. In a neglected building, which looks as though it was frozen in time, the pair found a piece of metal from the original mezuzah. But there was no parchment inside. "This city is one of the most beautiful we have visited and is also very important to us,,, says Czernek. Prugar's ancestors lived there before World War Czernek's grandfather lived in the Lviv ghetto during the war.

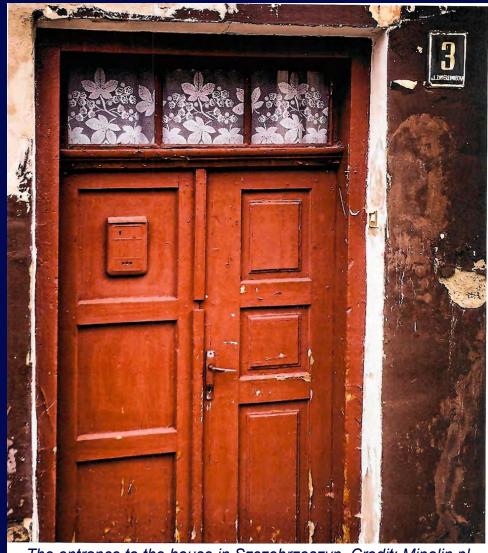
In the city of Brody, also in the

Lviv district, they found an entire mezuzah case in one of the houses, but without a parchment. "This is one of the only cases where it was possible for us to create a mezuzah that looks exactly like the original,,, they wrote excitedly in a post on their Facebook page. The page also chronicles their visit to the vestiges of the city's synagogue and adjacent Jewish cemetery.

Thev also visited Ukrainian city of Belz, which is noted as the founding site of the Belz Hasidic sect. "The only trace of a mezuzah in this city was found in a small and unique house in the city square,» says Czernek. The house's walls are marked by bullet left from executions or battles that took place there during World War II.

In 2013. Helena Czernek Aleksander Prugar and started "Mi Polin," their company that creates and sells Judaica. "We were looking for a way of dealing with this emptiness; we wanted to talk about it and create it," says Czernek, referring to Poland's glorious **Jewish** past. Creating new mezuzahs according to a model of original mezuzahs was one way for them to do this. "Synagogues are traces of communities; a mezuzah is a trace of those who were murdered," says Prugar.

The two conduct historical research on every mezuzah, documenting the history of the house where it was affixed. "We collect testimony about the history of ordinary people, not necessarily the famous,"



The entrance to the house in Szczebrzeszyn. Credit: Mipolin.pl

President's Message Polish Mezuzah Hunters CONTINUED



The remains of a mezuzah in Szczebrzeszyn. Descendents of the home's residents now have a replica affixed to their door in Chicago. Credit: Mipolin.pl

stresses Czernek. Prugar adds: "We stand between past and future, between the two time zones."

The original plan was to create a symbolic number of seven mezuzahs and display them in an exhibition. "But then we started receiving requests from Jews throughout the world

whose families had lived in Poland, and who asked us to prepare mezuzahs for them like those that were in their homes or their cities,,, says Czernek.

The mezuzah hunt includes intensive fieldwork. The two look for information about neighborhoods and streets where Jews lived and visit

those places. "We actually go from house to house, door to door, looking for mezuzahs. Sometimes we don't find anything, and that's the worst: A city that had once а Jewish majority, and suddenly there isn't even a single trace of a mezuzah, says Czernek. The mezuzahs that she casts from the same apertures where the original mezuzahs were located document a point in time when the Jews were taken from their homes to the extermination camps. Without these mezuzahs, we'd never know that Jews lived in those houses.

Info on this article from https://

www.haaretz.com>Jewish World

Submitted by Bruce Rouman



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Sh'mirat Ha-Teva Art Festival A program through CBS' Confirmation Class!

CBS' Confirmation Class is hosting a Sh'mirat Ha-Teva Art Festival, which will take place on Sunday, February 5, 2023, during the World-Wide Wrap. We are creating this festival to bring awareness to our environment, including displaying our waste production and the effects it is causing on wildlife.

During a recent Board Meeting, Renée Tieszen shared some unique recycled artwork.





RECYCLE







Come and participate—voting will take place on Sunday, February 5. The winner will be decided by whoever collects the most money. (Everyone will vote with coins for their favorite projects.)

This Art Festival is brought to you by the Confirmation Class: students: Oliver Fusco, Arrianna Wolfe, and Zophia Lindenbaum, under the supervision of teacher: Renée Tieszen.

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Confirmation Students Chanukah 2022 experiment





This year's confirmation students are very concerned about environmental issues affecting our health and what are Jews doing to combat climate change in our homes and the world. They were concerned about the air quality in our homes by burning candles in the Chanukiah. The question: Which is more environmental sound for our health and the environment -candles or olive oil? Upon researching the compounds, processing, and manufacturing used to create candles and olive oil, they discovered that olive oil is the best for lighting our Chanukiot. The only candles equal to the burning of clean olive oil are those made of beeswax. So, they set out to design the best environmentally safe and healthy Chanukiah. These Chanukiot burn olive oil and a beeswax Shamash. Students also discovered that you can regulate the amount of oil used by adding water to the container-- more water, the less oil used means you can make a little bit of oil go a long way. That discovery lead them to ask: Do you think that people knew about that when they didn't have enough oil to light the Menorah in the Temple? I replied, "What do you think happened? Just don't ruin the story." Out of the mouths of questioning teenagers.

> Submitted by Renée Tieszen, CBS Confirmation Teacher



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medical issues and just had a very extensive surgery to create a hip bone for his shortened leg to fit in. He is currently recovering at the hospital and is in a full body cast.

It would be so awesome if he had birthday cards from all around the United States to open when he gets home. His parents have a map on his wall and will put pins in each city his birthday cards come from. This would really cheer him up! If you have the time to do this, you would be making a difference in a young boy's life!

Jackie Ramsdell

SHABBAT HAGADOL: The Great Shabbat at Congregation Beth Shalom, Corona

Join Cantor Bruce Shapiro as Congregation Beth Shalom welcomes special guest Carl Cedar on Friday, March 31, for Erev Shabbat Services beginning at 7 PM.

Carl brings his joy of music and Judaism to each and every service. He began his music career at age 12 when his band played every b'nai mitzvah party of his Long Island Hebrew school graduating class. Carl went on to study music at SUNY@Buffalo. He moved West to join the faculty of the Musicians Institute in Hollywood. He became a Music Supervisor and Orchestrator at Universal Studios for the TV show "Knightrider". Shortly thereafter, he met his soulmate Nancy and they moved to "The OC" to raise their two beautiful boys, Andrew and David. For the past 30 years, Carl has worked as a Music Producer for Walt Disney Live Entertainment based at Disneyland.

In addition to leading services at Congregation B'nai Israel in Tustin, he teaches music and tefillah at their Religious School with a passion for transmitting the joy of Jewish music to the great kids of CBI.



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Inspired by Joan Zak

Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM

You are encouraged to bring your questions and ideas.

Less standing, more talking!

We will read and discuss parts of the service

Discussions may lengthen the service.



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 Bruce Rouman (951) 847-4632.



Our young students are very concerned about the planet we are leaving for them. They are learning and experimenting on ways they can contribute. One very important step they have taken is <u>RECYCLING</u>.

Our Oneg room, the room between the sanctuary and the kitchen, has <u>RECYCLING</u> containers for empty plastic bottles (and caps), glass bottles and cans. Please do not throw these items in the trash. They are brought to a recycling center. The money goes to our school.

EDUCATION Report

Marci Rouman, Education Director

At CBS Religious School, we started discussing Tu B'Shvat and our spring celebrations. Tu B'Shvat is now celebrated as an environmental holiday. It is a day to remind us to care for the natural world. Many Jews take part in tree planting or arrange to have a tree planted in Israel.

Here at CBS, we do a Tu B'Shvat Seder based on the seasons. It does involve ice cream and some other good treats!

Coming attractions include Mishloach Manot and our worldfamous Purim play. Stay tuned!





RITUAL Report

Jackie Williams, Ritual Chairperson

Thank you to the following wonderful congregants who led services during the month of January: Joan Zak on January 13 and on January 27 it was Bob Stone. In February RJ Spiegel will lead services on the 24. Thank you all very much.

The Ritual Committee has started to plan for TuB'shevat. Purim, and Pesach. We are a very busy Committee.

On February 5 we will hold the World Wide Wrap and invite everyone to join us. This begins at 9AM. Come early, the Brotherhood is cooking breakfast! This will be at the synagogue and Religious School will also be in session.

Important notice: Beginning March 2023 all Erev Shabbat Services will begin at 7PM.

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.

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Remembe Sheldon Shelly

Congregation Beth Shalom recalls the blessed memory of a former member, Sheldon (Shelly) Razin. With a smile so huge, Shelly's philanthropic contributions and love for his family, faith and fellow human beings were equally matched. During his 85 years on earth, Shelly came from meager beginnings, and strived to excel in everything he did.

In the 1970's through early 1990's Shelly embraced CBS, then known as TBS (Temple Beth Sholom). He was focused on helping the shul in any way he could. He was a regular for the brotherhood poker nights, often donating his entire winnings to the synagogue. His two boys were enrolled in religious school and they regularly attended Friday evening services.

Professionally, Shelly was a genius, and founder of a medical billing computerization company, perhaps the first of its kind, and he continually strived to be the best, improving equipment, service and results were a passion of his.

Shelly was an intensely passionate and entrepreneurial innovator. In he founded 1974. Quality Systems, Inc., which later became NextGen Healthcare. He served as Chairman of the Board from the incorporation until his retirement as Chairman, and his appointment as Chairman Emeritus in 2015. Shelly was a true visionary. Epic and Cerner, today's hospital focused behemoths, didn't start up until 1979, five years after Shelly saw a need at the intersection of healthcare and IT and set about



fulfilling it. By digitizing health automating records and workflows decades before the HiTECH Act mandated the use of Electronic Health Records (EHRs), Shelly helped improve lives of thousands of employees, tens of thousands of providers and millions of patients. Building on his legacy innovation, the company's vision for the future is to leverage innovation to achieve better healthcare outcomes for all.

On the family side of things, he was a fun and interactive person, where his boys recalling their love for their father, each referring to Shelly as their best friend, was a testament to the way he engaged conversation, mixed work with pleasure and lived life.

At his service, numerous individuals shared about Shelly's willingness to help others, some shared about his guidance, and business assistance.

It is always at these times, especially funerals, where we recall all the great things an individual has done for so many.

Attending his services reminded me of that I need to take time to show my gratitude to those who are living, and let them know the importance they have made for me (and others).

Rest in peace, Shelly. Your work here is done, and your legacy you left behind will be carried on by your loving wife, Janet, your boys and grandchildren!

Parts of this tribute was copied from the NextGen website posting of Shelly's passing.

Submitted by Bobby Spiegel

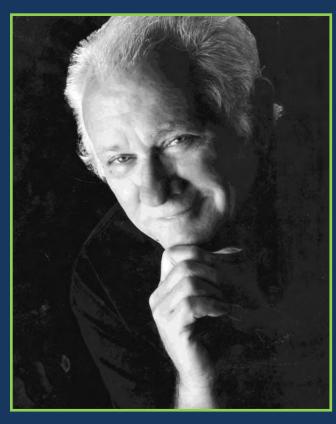


SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 LEGACY AWARDS LUNCHEON LEGACY AWARDEES JOAN ZAK / DENNIS BROOKS

Congregation Beth Shalom is pleased to honor Joan Zak and Dennis **Brooks** with the coveted Legacy Award. This recognition will take place on Sunday, April 23, 2023, as part of the synagogue's annual Legacy Awards recognition event. Additional honorees are Katie Moore founder of ABC Hopes. who will be receiving the Guardian of Righteousness (Shomer Tzedek) Award. The Silver House, Dollar Pancake owners Robert and Diana Hernandez, will receive the Shatuf Tzedek (Business Partner) Award, and Mark and Paula Fogel will also receive synagogue's Legacy Award. What follows is a short biography of Joan Zak Dennis Brooks, where and read about their you

contributions to the synagogue and the community.

Joan was born and raised in Chicago and has son. Daniel. who lives in the Bay area. Joan attended Wellesley College. She transferred to the University Massachusetts. Boston. and graduated with a degree in Mathematics. Following her graduation from UMass, Joan left Boston and





moved back to Chicago, where she attended the University of Chicago and was enrolled in a graduate program in education. Joan began working in the areas of technical support and teaching adults, loving both of these careers. Joan left the Chicago area and moved to Dallas, earning an MBA. She also worked in Seattle and finally settled in the San Diego area.

Dennis is originally from Oildale, California, near Bakersfield. He has four children and eight grandchildren. He attended San Jose State University and



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following college, became a cook working at several San Diego area restaurants and also bought a restaurant in the Dennis discovered photography shortly after the restaurant purchase and began photographing weddings and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs earning the reputation of being the premier photographer of B'nai Mitzvot in San Diego. Dennis was Joan's son's Bar Mitzvah photographer, which is how Joan and Dennis met. Dennis also did elementary school photography for several years. Most recently, Dennis has photographed The Legacy Luncheon and additionally, Dennis and Joan have done a portrait station at the luncheon and provided Legacy guests with special keepsake photos.

Dennis and Joan have had interesting "paths" to Judaism. Though both Joan and Dennis' mothers were Jewish, Joan was raised as a Methodist. She began practicing Judaism when she lived in Dallas following a dedication of a Holocaust memorial. Once Joan attended Friday night **Shabbat** service, she felt like she had "come home" to Judaism. Dennis began to practice Judaism when his children were in elementary school. How Joan and Dennis came to be a part of the CBS family is an interesting story. Several years ago, Joan and Dennis met Dennis Itzkowitz on a Panama Canal cruise. Dennis



spoke about CBS and invited Joan and Dennis to come to the synagogue for a service which they did, and they joined CBS within the month!

Joan wears several "hats" at CBS. She is Secretary of the Board of Directors, researches and leads ever-popular Adult Education and Torah Study programs, and has played an integral part in making services Zoom friendly by creating PowerPoint slides of every service.

Dennis and Joan have celebrated Jewish holidays with some of the residents of Glen Eden, bringing a bit of Judaism and Jewish information to Jews and non-Jews alike. Joan is part of a needlework group that makes

items for charity and Dennis can often be found helping other residents of Glen Eden by assisting them in maintaining their yards, watching properties when owners are on vacation, and providing transportation. Dennis also advocates for the interests of the residents of Glen Eden.

Dennis plans to get more involved in nature photography in the future and looks forward continuing her Jewish studies, as well as leading and participating in services. Dennis and Joan are grateful for the closeness they feel to the members of CBS as well as the mentoring and support Cantor Bruce Shapiro, CBS' spiritual leader.

Join us in Celebrating Members CBS Family



Feb 17 Mitch & Melissa Lindenbaum Feb 20 David & Joyce Severson Mar 22 Bruce & Marcy Shapiro

Birthday

FEBRUARY

- 3 Gail Koren
- 10 Lindsay Pineiros
- 11 Dennis Itzkowitz
- 18 Stacy Pineiros
- 25 Myra Bilgrei

MARCH

- 2 Tanya Spiegel
- 8 Amanda Williams
- 9 RJ Spiegel
- 12 Michael Sachs
- 17 Cantor Bruce Shapiro
- 21 Joan Zak

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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.

Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education

Sunday March 5, 2023 at 9:30 AM



Jews and other Minorities

How do we relate to:

Muslims in the U.S.

Black People

LGBTQ, Asian-Americans, Hispanics

Zoom will be Joan's Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 442 016 3247

Passcode: jean-luc





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.

Fresh Challahs Mini Challahs and Rye Bread!

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

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.

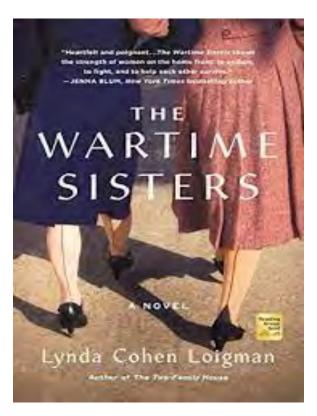
Choose a date, for your Oneg Shabbat, that is meaningful to you.
Call Gail Koren (951) 204-4757
to find out how simple and easy it is.

Feb	3	Gail & Mark Koren—Gail's Birthday
Feb	10	Dennis Itzkowitz & Confirmation Class—Dennis' Birthday
Feb	17	Paula & Mark Fogel—A Mitzvah
Feb	24	Joan & Ken Jacobs—A Mitzvah
Mar	3	Available as of print time call Gail Koren (951) 204-4757
Mar	10	Religious School Parents
Mar	17	Friends of the Spiegel Family—in honor of RJ becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Mar	24	Joan Zak—A Mitzvah
Mar	31	Available as of print time call Gail Koren (951) 204-4757

CBS BOOK Club



FEBRUARY BOOK SELECTION



stranged sisters seek connection and purpose at the (9) Springfield Armory during the tumult of WWII in this novel of productive rivalries from Loigman (The Two-Family House). Ruth and Millie Kaplan have been at odds from the beginning. As children, they were labeled by their parents—and their tightly knit Jewish community in Brooklyn—as the brains and the beauty, respectively. Growing up, Ruth seethed as she felt obligated to fix her little sister's mistakes. Meanwhile, Millie soaked in all the male attention, but also aspired to be more than just someone's trophy wife. When unexpected tragedy breaks the family apart, Ruth leaves Brooklyn for Springfield, Mass., to stay with extended family, while Millie stays behind, gets married, and only rarely writes her sister. Years later, at the height of WWII, Millie and her young son shows up on Ruth's doorstep, forcing to the surface their long-closeted frustrations. Together with a cast of motivated women from all classes of society, Ruth and Millie navigate old lies as well as newfound alliances and enemies within the Springfield Armory, where they all work to help the war effort. With measured, lucid prose, Loigman tells a moving story of women coming together in the face of difficulties, both personal and global, and doing anything to succeed.

The CBS Book Club will ZOOM at 5:30 February 27 for a spirited discussion of this excellent book.

Please join us.

All CBS Erev Shabbat Services

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

- Beginning March 2023, ALL Erev Shabbat Services will begin at 7:00 PM.
- The first Friday of each month, 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.
- 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
 - YOU!!!!!!!!!!!
- Onegs comply with Kosher dairy guidelines, call Gail Koren (951) 204-4757
- Special Occasion Services
 - Shabbat Under the Stars is held in September or October. It is a fun and special night outside to enjoy Shabbat.
 - Shabbat Across America—A special service honored all over our country





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THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

Toilet Articles

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



Beyond the SYNAGOGUE

Operation Jucha—Bamba, Coke, Memory

CBS joined thousands of individuals around the world in "Operation Jucha – Bamba, Coke, Memory", a special initiative applying IDF Major Yochai 'Jucha' Kalangel's (z"l) life story to inspire people to acts of kindness and gratitude.

IDF Major Yochai 'Jucha' Kalangel (z"l) wasn't just a man of words, He was a man of action. He was a devoted commander who led his troops in war, a loving husband and father, and an extraordinary person who looked after every soldier as if he was his own son. Whenever Yochai saw a depressed or struggling soldier, he would immediately send them to go get a Bamba snack and a Coke, at his expense, to cheer them up. Yochai was killed on the Lebanese Border on January 28, 2015, (Shvat 8 5775).

Every year since the project started, during the month of January, people all over Israel give out Coke, Bamba and snacks alongside thank-you notes to show gratitude and spread love to IDF soldiers. In 2022 the operation reached over 30,000 soldiers!

To learn more about "Operation Jucha – Bamba, Coke, Memory", visit www.jgive.com/new/en/ils/donation -targets/91100/about.



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 and Bobby@MyChamber.org prior to the 15th of each month. Space limitations may prevent your submission to be included.

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RITUAL Fund

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

In memory of Helene Meyer In memory of Jenny Meyer In memory of Paul Meyer In memory of Robert Meyer In memory of Sally Meyer

2023 MISHLOACH MANOT

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- Bryn Barkin
- Lenny & Sharon Elkins
- Paula & Mark Fogel
- Ken & Joan JacobsRenee & Sam

Miller

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- Cindy & Joel Williams
- Joan Zak/Dennis Brooks

The donations listed above were received before January 25, 2023. To make a donation, contact: Bob Stone at (562) 818-9137

2023 LEGACY LUNCHEON AWARDS Sponsorships

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Joan Zak, Dennis Br ooks

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- In -N- Out Burgers
- John's Incredible Pizza
- Lake Elsinore Outlets
- Lazy Dog
- Mimi's Restaurant
- Ontario Reign
- Original Pancake House
- Paula's Kitchen
- Rock n Brews
- Bruce and Marci Rouman
- Smart And Final
- Starlight Dos Lagos Theatre

The sponsorships and donations listed above are for the April 23, 2023 Legacy Luncheon Awards Banquet. We will add to this list each month as we receive more sponsors and donations.

To secure a sponsorship or make a donation—connect with Renee Miller at (909) 228-5945

Yahrzeit Observances May their memories be a blessing

FEBRUARY

ILDITUANI	
1 Rubin Elkins	10 Shevat
3 Lillian Ruth Lasko *	12 Shevat
4 Arlene Shapiro Bierman	13 Shevat
5 Harry Rosenbaum	14 Shevat
8 Harold Gamer	17 Shevat
9 Jerry Schwartz *	18 Shevat
13 Etta Prachar *	22 Shevat
14 Gerta Spiegel *	23 Shevat
14 Lawrence Bierman	23 Shevat
15 Robert Bossel *	24 Shevat
17 Franklin Oberstein	26 Shevat
19 Helene Meyer *	28 Shevat
19 Jenny Meyer *	28 Shevat
19 Paul Meyer *	28 Shevat
19 Robert Meyer *	28 Shevat
19 Sally Meyer *	28 Shevat
19 Stuart Halperin	28 Shevat
20 Sari Gamer	29 Shevat
22 Sidney Shapiro	1 Adar
22 Irwin Watton *	1 Adar
23 Joseph Gillerman	2 Adar
24 Monty E. Borchardt	3 Adar
25 Flora H. Spiegel *	4 Adar
26 Robert Fogel *	5 Adar
27 Ivy Lazarre Gedney	6 Adar
28 Harriet Leopold Posner	7 Adar

MARCH

1 Dana Severson	8 Adar
1 Millie Greenblatt	8 Adar
1 Sylvia Horwitz *	8 Adar
3 Dora Fox	10 Adar
3 Sam Berggrun	10 Adar
3 Abraham Joel Karl *	10 Adar
5 Sue Sokol	12 Adar
5 Alan Dennis Rabich *	12 Adar
5 Benjamin Friedman *	12 Adar
7 Libby Medrich *	14 Adar
10 Lisa Schwimmer Clerici	17 Adar
14 Michael Sidler	21 Adar
15 Erich Weil *	22 Adar
15 Matthew Kofsky *	22 Adar
17 Scott Thompson *	24 Adar
17 Yankel Weinstein *	24 Adar
18 Isaak Meyer *	25 Adar
18 Jacob Horwitz *	25 Adar
19 Irving Taks	26 Adar
20 Isaac Bilgrei	27 Adar
23 Luvella Mercier	1 Nisan
24 Felice Merrill Rouman *	2 Nisan
25 Meyer Shapiro	3 Nisan
30 Samuel Agins *	8 Nisan
31 Abraham Singer *	9 Nisan

* = denotes Memorial Board Plaque | For questions or corrections, please contact Joan Zak (760) 803-5451

Refuah Shlema

Our Community Prayer for Healing

MICHAEL BEKMAN
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JACQUELINE FOGEL
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ACTIVITIES & SERVICES ARE IN PERSON UNLESS NOTED SOME ARE OFFERED BY INTERNET

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

BROTHERHOOD POKER

FEBRUARY 2023

MARCH 2023

7:00 PM

1	BROTHERHOOD POKER	7:00 PM
3	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY CANTOR SHAPIRO, ONEG: GAIL & MARK KOREN	6:30 PM
5	BROTHERHOOD BRUNCH	8:00 AM
5	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	8:30 AM
5	WORLD WIDE WRAP	9:00 AM
5	CONFIRMATION LED BY RENÉE TIESZEN	10:00 AM
6	RITUAL MEETING	6:30 PM
10	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY RENÉE TIESZEN & CONFIRMATION CLASS, ONEG: DENNIS ITZKOWITZ	7:30 PM
12	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TU B'SHVAT SEDER	8:30 AM
12	BOARD MEETING	9:00 AM
12	LEGACY MEETING	11:00 AM
15	BROTHERHOOD POKER	7:00 PM
17	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY CANTOR SHAPIRO, <i>ONEG:</i> PAULA & MARK FOGEL	7:30 PM
18	TORAH STUDY	9:00 AM
18	SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES	10:00 AM
19	NO SCHOOL	****
24	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY RJ SPIEGEL, ONEG: JOAN & KEN JACOBS	7:30 PM
26	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	8:30 AM
26	ADULT EDUCATION ON ZOOM	9:30 AM
26	CONFIRMATION LED BY RENÉE TIESZEN	10:00 AM

3	EREV SHABBAT SERVCE LED BY CANTOR SHAPIRO	7:00 PM
5	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	8:30 AM
5	ADULT EDUCATION ON ZOOM	9:30 AM
5	PURIM CARNIVAL	11:00 AM
6	MEGILLAH READING	6:30 PM
7	RITUAL MEETING	6:30 PM
10	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS, ONEG: CLASS PARENTS	7:00 PM
12	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	8:30 AM
12	BOARD MEETING	9:00 AM
12	CONFIRMATION LED BY RENÉE TIESZEN	10:00 AM
12	LEGACY MEETING	11:00 AM
15	BROTHERHOOD POKER	7:00 PM
17	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY CANTOR SHAPIRO & RJ SPIEGEL, ONEG: FRIENDS OF SPIEGEL FAMILY	7:00 PM
18	RJ SPIEGEL'S BAR MITZVAH SERVICE WITH CANTOR SHAPIRO / THIS IS BEING HELD AT TEMPLE BETH EL IN RIVERSIDE	9:00 AM*
19	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	8:30 AM
24	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY JOAN ZAK, <i>ONEG: JOAN ZAK</i>	7:00 PM
25	TORAH STUDY LED BY JOAN	9:00 AM
26	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	8:30 AM
26	CONFIRMATION LED BY RENÉE TIESZEN	10:00 AM
31	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY CANTOR SHAPIRO AND SPECIAL GUEST CARL CEDAR	7:00 PM

Starting Mar ch 2023, all Fri day evening, Erev Shabbat Services will begin at 7 PM.