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THE CANTOR'S CORNER

BY CANTOR BRUCE SHAPIRO



Hanukkah (Kislev 25) is coming this month! I'd like to share with you a little bit about miracles! There are numerous miracles in the Old Testament (over 70 that we know of and maybe more!). Where I'll focus is on what happened during Hanukkah.

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem and the tiny cruse of oil that burned for 8 days in a row instead of just one! How appropriate today that a great miracle happened when a small army defeated a larger one to provide a political and military victory. We celebrate the Maccabees' victory over Hellenism!

Believing in miracles or not, you can keep your options open and be able to evaluate your world in different ways. This holiday season, may you enjoy your own personal miracles as well as ones for our people.

Let us hope and pray together as a congregation to stay connected by supporting one another during this stressful period. **A great miracle can happen here** with each of our support (Nes Gadol Hayah Po! נס גדול היה פה)

Please don't forget that in regard to Anti-Semitism, if you **"See Something, Say Something"**. Remember to **"Never Forget"**. Let's support our Israeli brothers and sisters in any way we possibly can to create a continuous miracle!

Remember to live, love, and laugh as it is the best prescription for a happy and miraculous life!

Have a Happy (Secular) New Year and see you all soon!

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE
with **CARL CEDAR**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
7:30 PM

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER
JOIN US FOR A **FREE**, FAMILY-FRIENDLY DINNER AND EREV SHABBAT SERVICES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024
DINNER **6:00 PM**
SERVICES **7:30 PM**
CBS
500 HARRINGTON STREET
CORONA, CA 92878
RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
TO TANYA SPIEGEL AT (951) 751-9841
SPONSORED BY:
MARK & PAULA F.
JOEL & CHERYL F.
SAM & RENEE M.

Happy Chanukah!

CONGREGATION CANDLE LIGHTING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 7 PM
CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

ANNUAL CBS CHANUKAH PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 6 PM
CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

CHABAD JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
CHANUKAH FESTIVAL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 6 PM
RIVERSIDE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE



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Yahrzeit Observances

May their memories be a blessing

DECEMBER

1	Herman "Rocky" Stone*	18 Kislev
1	Sandy Rubin	18 Kislev
3	Margo Weil*	20 Kislev
4	Hermann Schwartz*	21 Kislev
5	Herbert Guber*	22 Kislev
6	Joseph Driz*	23 Kislev
7	Bela Koren*	24 Kislev
7	Herbert Spiegel*	24 Kislev
9	Kay Goldstein*	26 Kislev
13	George Williams	1 Tevet
14	Nick Schwartz*	2 Tevet
14	Mindel Eisen*	2 Tevet
15	Pauline Fiardo*	3 Tevet
18	Bryan Jay Newman*	6 Tevet
19	Kenneth Dawe	7 Tevet
19	Gertrude Cooper	7 Tevet
24	Daniel Zvi Rones*	12 Tevet
25	Carols Tobolski	13 Tevet
29	Alan Koren*	17 Tevet
29	Esther Sack Kass*	17 Tevet
29	Diane Leeds*	17 Tevet

JANUARY

1	Abraham Gimpel*	20 Tevet
1	Brothers & Sisters of Harry & Moshe Eisen*	20 Tevet
1	Brothers & Sisters of Hilda Eisen*	20 Tevet
1	Rivke Gimpel*	20 Tevet
2	Anna Shapiro	21 Tevet
4	Anna Eichenbaum	23 Tevet
4	Lawrence Kofsky*	23 Tevet
4	Yehuda Izenman*	23 Tevet
9	Abraham Jacobs*	28 Tevet
10	Albert Jacob Lasko*	29 Tevet
10	Lynn Strauss	29 Tevet
12	Samuel Weinberg*	2 Shevat
13	Sylvia Jacobs	3 Shevat
15	Sylvia Tarshis*	5 Shevat
18	Bertha Auerbach Susskind*	8 Shevat
18	Leonard Eichenbaum*	8 Shevat
18	Sara Goldman	8 Shevat
20	Rubin Elkins	10 Shevat
22	Lillian Ruth Lasko*	12 Shevat
23	Arlene Shapiro Bierman	13 Shevat
24	Harry Rosenbaum	14 Shevat
27	Harold Gamer	17 Shevat
28	Jerry Schwartz*	18 Shevat

MEMORIALIZE YOUR DEAR ONES

Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques commemorate the passing of a relative or loved one. Each plaque includes the Hebrew and English name and date of death according to both Georgian and Hebrew calendars.

Plaques can be purchased through CBS; forms are available at the synagogue.

* = denotes Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque

Donations

Please consider to remember Congregation Beth Shalom in your will!

Education Fund

Lenny & Sharon Elkins

Paula Fogel

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

*in memory of Dr. Hermann Hirsch,
Mathilda Hirsch, Roseline Hirsch,
and Werner Hirsch*

Robert & Kathy Stone

Youth Development Fund

Eileen Taks

in memory of Sam Fox

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

in memory of Margo Weil

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

in memory of Kay Goldstein

Facility Fund

Bruce & Marci Rouman

in memory of Gilbert Rouman

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

in memory of Herb Spiegel

Legacy Luncheon Sponsorship

County of Riverside Board of Supervisors, District 2

Cantor Discretionary Fund

Vivian Talbot

to Kehilat Ma'ayanot (Jerusalem)

The donations listed were received before November 26.



Celebrating CBS Members

Happy Birthday!

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| December 5 | Renee R. | January 2 | Felix S. | January 18 | Saul S. |
| December 6 | Katelynn S. | January 3 | Seth D. | January 18 | Sam M. |
| December 8 | David B. | January 5 | Noreen D. | January 18 | Adam M. |
| December 15 | Dennis B. | January 6 | Chelsea W. | January 23 | Terri S. |
| December 20 | Joyce S. | January 10 | Joshua K. | January 28 | Joshua S. |
| December 26 | Molly S. | January 12 | Tomas S. | | |
| December 27 | Ethan W. | January 15 | Kathy S. | | |

Happy Anniversary!

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| December 24 | Dennis B. & Joan Z. | January 23 | Bob & Kathy S. |
| December 26 | Ken & Joan J. | | |
| December 29 | Ethan & Ada W. | | |



Support the CBS Religious School Order Scrip Gift Cards!



SHOP AT ALL YOUR FAVORITE PLACES, JUST CHANGE HOW YOU PAY!

START YOUR SHABBAT MORNING WITH TORAH STUDY!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
9 AM AT CBS**

NO PREVIOUS IN-DEPTH TORAH STUDY OR FAMILIARITY WITH HEBREW IS NEEDED.



Holiday Bazaar & Brunch!

Our Holiday Bazaar & Brunch was a huge success! We made a nice profit for our Religious School, and everyone had a great time. We surpassed the previous record with 25 vendors.

Special thanks to the people who helped make this event happen. Thanks to Rebecca, Marcy, Melissa, Mitch, Zophia, Dennis I., Jackie, Joan J., Joan Z., Ken, Blayden, Paula, Mark F., Mark K., Gail, Stephanie, Phil, Bruce R., Renee M., Renee R., Marta, and Christa. We made a fantastic team, thank you all!

Special thanks to everyone who contributed financially to this event and to everyone who attended and participated.

*Marci R.
Education Director*

Oneg / Kiddush Schedule

Sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush in honor of a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.), in memory of a loved one, or as a Mitzvah!

Please reach out to Gail K. at (951) 204-4757 to reserve the date(s) you wish to sponsor!

December 1	Whittemore Family -- Xime leading services
December 8	Cantor & Marcy S. -- in celebration of Chanukah
December 15	Phil A. -- as a Mitzvah
December 22	Dave & Joyce S. -- in honor of their Anniversary
December 29	WAITING FOR YOU! -- Call Gail
January 5	Felix S. -- in honor of his birthday
January 12	Joan Z & Dennis B. -- as a Mitzvah
January 19	Sam & Renee M. -- in honor of Sam's birthday
January 26	WAITING FOR YOU! -- Call Gail

Join the CBS Brotherhood for Poker Night!

**1st Wednesday & 3rd Monday of each month
7 PM at CBS**



Legacy Luncheon

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 | 11 AM

Eagle Glen Golf Club

1800 Eagle Glen Parkway | Corona, CA 92883

2024 Honorees

Shatuf Tzedek Award
(Business Partner)

PALBINDER BADESHA

Legacy Award

KEN & JOAN JACOBS

Shomer Tzedek Award
(Guardian of Righteousness)

DON WILLIAMSON



SHOMER TZEDAK AWARD RECIPIENT -- DON WILLIAMSON

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) is pleased to honor Don Williamson with the Shomer Tzedek Award (Guardian of Righteousness). This recognition will take place on Sunday, March 17, 2024, as part of the synagogue's annual Legacy Luncheon. Additional honorees are Palbinder Badesha who will receive the Shatuf Tzedek Award (Business Partner) and Ken & Joan Jacobs who will receive the synagogue's coveted Legacy Award.

In 1957, a fiberglass insulation-manufacturing company opened in the small town of Corona, California. Victor Williamson, Don's father, who had been a milkman for Burbank Creamery, accepted a job at the new Johns-Manville Fiberglass plant in Corona. He moved from the San Fernando Valley along with his wife Leona, older daughters Vicki and Patti, toddler son Don, and infant daughter Lucy. The population of Corona was about 11,000 at that time. Sunkist was the town's largest employer, and the town billed itself as "The Lemon Capital of the World."

Don, a product of the Corona City Schools, has many fond memories of his early years. In August of 1975, while making a visit to the Corona Public Library, Don fortuitously met Marina Bjorklund, an exchange student from Sweden who was attending Norco High School. Marina's host family were long-time friends of the Williamsons' and Don had an introduction to Marina. "For Marina, it was not love at first sight" as Don tells the story, "but eventually I succeeded in brainwashing her that I was the right person." They were married in Sweden in 1977 and lived there for a year, spending much of that time travelling throughout Europe with an additional trip to Egypt.

Don and Marina are the parents of a daughter Camilla, a UCLA educated attorney, and a son Kyle, a Special Education teacher who attended California State University Fullerton (CSUF). Camilla, with her husband Kamyar, who met each other in law school, are the parents of a daughter Layla. Kyle and his wife Catie, also a Special Education teacher whom met each other at CSUF, have three daughters: Elizabeth Francis "Frankie", Sofia, and Juliet. Don and Marina's greatest source of pride, happiness and love is their family.

Don spent his last three work years employed by Smart & Final at their corporate office, located in the City of Commerce, at the Citadel. Don endured the familiar commuting nightmare and retired in 2011.

Don became involved with local Corona organizations following his retirement. Historic organizations already existed, but none addressed the legacy of the city's Mexican American population. Don was also displeased with the sometimes wildly inaccurate representation of Corona's history. "Occasionally," Don lamented, "local history gets very passionate. I know I get worked up about it especially when I know it is not right. Most old-timers just shrug off the inaccuracies. Really, in the big picture, it matters little, but I care. Don and Bobby Spiegel, a long-time friend of Don's discussed establishing a new organization affiliated with the Corona Chamber of Commerce. The result of these discussions and the enthusiastic encouragement of other old-time Corona residents was the establishment of the Corona History Association, a non-profit founded by Don Williamson and incorporated in 2015.

Don sums it up this way: "I am a regular guy, not especially smart or talented, I cling to the basic things: country, family friends, baseball, and Corona, that's it. I am indeed the luckiest person you know. I regularly get to hang out with lifetime friends, new friends, and even as esteemed member of the Baseball Writers Hall of Fame, Ross Newhan."



2023 Kristallnacht Commemoration Program

CBS would like to thank Mr. Harry Davids for being the featured speaker at this years' Program. More than 220 people were in attendance.



Pictured right is Mr. Davids with Norco High School teacher Kevin Button and his History Class students.



Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education

December's Topic:
Jewish Humor - Part 2



Sunday, December 3
9:30 AM

Joan Zak's personal Zoom:
Meeting ID: 442 016 3247
Passcode: jean-luc
All are welcome!



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Questions? Suggestions?
Email JoanZak92027@gmail.com

Simcha Board Tree of Life



Honor a family member or friend
with a leaf to celebrate Simchas,
Graduations, Promotions,
Accomplishments and more!

Leaves are available for \$180 each.

To show our community support of our Israeli brothers
and sisters, we have placed Tzedakah boxes around
the synagogue. Each time you visit CBS, please
consider putting your coins or dollars in the box and
we will continuously transfer these funds to Israel.

Am Yisrael Chai!

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM'S ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY

Join us for an evening of celebration!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | AT CBS

MENORAH LIGHTING, LATKE COOK-OFF, FOOD, AND GAMES!
all Latkes being entered in the cook-off must be ready-to-serve and at CBS by 6:30 PM

CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER): \$5 EACH, ADULTS: \$10 PER PERSON, OR \$25 PER FAMILY

RSVP by 12/6 to Tanya Spiegel at 951-751-9841. NO reservations will be accepted after 12/6.





Congregation Beth Shalom

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Dates to Remember

Services, Programs and Events are in-person unless noted

Services also offered via Zoom

In-person Services, Programs and Events are held at 500

Harrington Street, Suite A1, Corona, CA 92878

unless otherwise noted with an asterisk()*

DECEMBER 2023

1	Erev Shabbat Services led by Xime W. oneg hosted by Whittemore Family	7:30 PM
3	Religious School	8:30 AM
3	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
3	Confirmation Class	10:00 AM
4	Ritual Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
6	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
7	Happy Chanukah!	-
8	Congregation Menorah Lighting	7:00 PM
8	Erev Shabbat Services led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Cantor & Marcy Shapiro	7:30 PM
9	Annual Chanukah Party	6:00 PM
10	Religious School	8:30 AM
15	Erev Shabbat Services led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Phil A.	7:30 PM
16	Torah Study led by Joan Z.	9:00 AM
16	Shabbat Services led by Cantor Shapiro	10:00 AM
17	Religious School	8:30 AM
17	Board Meeting	9:00 AM
17	Confirmation Class	10:00 AM
17	Legacy Committee Meeting	10:30 AM
18	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
22	Erev Shabbat Services led by Joan Z. oneg hosted by Dave & Joyce S.	7:30 PM
24	No Religious School	-
29	Erev Shabbat Services led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by OPEN	7:30 PM
31	No Religious School	-

JANUARY 2024

1	Happy New Year!	-
3	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
5	Community Shabbat Dinner	6:00 PM
5	Erev Shabbat Services led by Cantor Shapiro & Carl Cedar oneg hosted by Felix S.	7:30 PM
7	Religious School	8:30 AM
7	Confirmation Class	10:00 AM
12	Erev Shabbat Services led by Joan Z. oneg hosted by Joan Z. & Dennis B.	7:30 PM
14	No Religious School	-
14	Board Meeting	9:00 AM
14	Legacy Committee Meeting	10:30 AM
15	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
19	Erev Shabbat Services led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Sam & Renee M.	7:30 PM
20	Torah Study led by Joan Z.	9:00 AM
20	Shabbat Services led by Cantor Shapiro	10:00 AM
21	Religious School	8:30 AM
21	Confirmation Class led by Renee R.	10:00 AM
26	Erev Shabbat Services led by OPEN oneg hosted by OPEN	7:30 PM
28	Religious School	8:30 AM