

# **KOL ECHAD**

The Voice of Congregation Beth Shalom

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## THE CANTOR'S CORNER

**BY CANTOR BRUCE SHAPIRO** 



Predictions are tricky! On February 2nd, we "depend" on a groundhog to determine our weather for the next 6 weeks...an early spring or an extended winter, we won't know for sure.

Can anyone really predict the future? "If we don't learn from our past, we are

destined to repeat it." This is what the "pundits" say.

As the world continues to change, we hope, pray, and have faith that world leaders will make good decisions for their countries and for us. During the month of February, the 10 Commandments or Pronouncements are read reenacting the events experienced by the people of Israel at Mount Sinai. The happenings of that time may be similar to those we have today. We seek a new path for our people, one of hope, peace, and caring for one another. We did back then and we do the same today. We study Torah for a reason. To learn about our past, but also to obtain a viewpoint and relevancy to the times we live in today.

# We can learn a great deal about our past and how to conduct ourselves in the future with this study!

When is the last time you read any portion of the Torah, Prophets, or Writings? In **Pirkei Avot** (1:15), Shammai says, "Make your Torah fixed, say little and do much, and welcome every person with a pleasant face." The internet has much to say about this and I encourage you to learn more about its relevance in today's world.

Adon Olam, Master of the Universe, may we always be pleasant and keep far from anger. Allow us to continue to do good deeds for others, and to work on our own Middot/Self Attributes in the further repair of the world (Tikkun Olam).

Please join us for Torah study in person or on Zoom, Saturday, March 22nd at 9:00 AM!

CBS BROTHERHOOD'S ANNUAL WRAP AND ROLL BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

\$10 PER PERSON, \$25 PER FAMILY

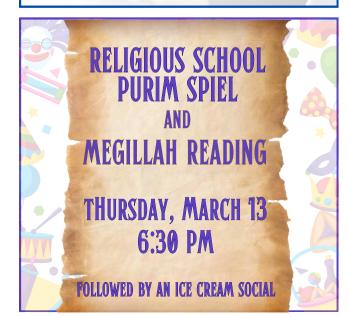
JOIN THE CBS BROTHERHOOD FOR BREAKFAST AND THEN CELEBRATE THE MITZVAH OF PUTTING ON TEFILLIN AS PART OF WORLD WIDE WRAP 2025.

WORLD WIDE WRAP 2025

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

DON'T HAVE TEFILLIN? THERE WILL BE EXTRA SETS AND INDIVIDUALS TO HELP YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS.





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Cantor Bruce Shapiro 949-697-7641

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# YAHRZEIT OBSERVANCES

It is traditional to light a Yahzeit candle on the evening of observance. In addition, we urge you attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of your beloved and to recite the Mourner's Kaddish on the Yahrzeit.

#### May their memories be a blessing

#### FEBRUARY

1	Sylvia Jacobs	3 Shevat
3	Sylvia Tarshis*	5 Shevat
4	Bernice Usack	6 Shevat
6	Bertha Auerbach	8 Shevat
	Susskind*	
6	Leonard Eichenbaum*	8 Shevat
6	Sara Goldman	8 Shevat
8	Rubin Elkins*	10 Shevat
10	Lillian Ruth Lasko*	12 Shevat
11	Arlene Shapiro Bierman	13 Shevat
12	Harry Rosenbaum	14 Shevat
15	Harold Gamer	17 Shevat
16	Jerry Schwartz*	18 Shevat
20	Etta Prachar*	22 Shevat
21	Gerta Spiegel*	23 Shevat
21	Lawrence Bierman	23 Shevat
22	Robert Bossel*	24 Shevat
24	Franklin Oberstein	26 Shevat
25	Larry Siegel	27 Shevat
26	Helene Meyer*	28 Shevat
26	Jenny Meyer*	28 Shevat
26	Paul Spiegel*	28 Shevat
26	Robert Meyer*	28 Shevat
26	Sally Meyer*	28 Shevat
26	Stuart Halperin	28 Shevat
27	Sari Gamer	29 Shevat

	MARCH	
1	Sidney Shapiro	1 Adar
1	Irwin Watton*	1 Adar
2	Joseph Gillerman	2 Adar
3	Monty E. Borchardt	3 Adar
4	Flora H. Spiegel*	4 Adar
5	Robert Fogel*	5 Adar
6	Ivy Lazarre Gedney	6 Adar
7	Harriet Leopold Posner	7 Adar
8	Dana Severson	8 Adar
8	Millie Greenblatt	8 Adar
8	Sylvia Horwitz*	8 Adar
10	Dora Fox	10 Adar
10	Sam Berggrun	10 Adar
10	Abraham Joel Karl*	10 Adar
12	Sue Sokol	12 Adar
12	Alan Dennis Rabrich*	12 Adar
12	Benjamin Friedman*	12 Adar
14	Libby Medrich*	14 Adar
15	Ruth Julia Fogel*	15 Adar
17	Lisa Schwimmer Clerici	17 Adar
21	Michael Sidler	21 Adar
22	Erich Weil*	22 Adar
22	Matthew Kofsky*	22 Adar
24	Scott Thompson*	24 Adar
24	Yankel Weinstein*	24 Adar
25	Isaak Meyer*	25 Adar
25	Jacob Horwitz*	25 Adar
26	Irving Taks	26 Adar
27	Isaac Bilgrei	27 Adar
	Luvella Mercier	1 Nisan
31	Felice Merrill Rouman*	2 Nisan

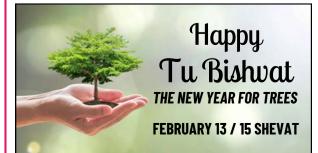
\* = denotes Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque

#### 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 Gregorian and Hebrew calendars.

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



# **Refuah Shlema**

Our Community Prayer for Healing

Myra Belgrei	Joyce Severson
Jan Davis	Sandra Shulman
Dennis Gilson	Matthew Stein
Doreen Gilson	Eileen Taks
Sandy Kaye	Bruce Williams
Gail Koren	Jackie Williams
Renee Ryan	Dixie Wutzke
Dave Severson	

# Support the CBS Religious School Order Scrip Gift Cards!



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

The percentages earned from physical gift cards, eGift cards, and digitally reloaded funds (onto existing physical gift cards) all go back to the synagogue.

### CBS CREATES FUND TO SUPPORT THE PASADENA JEWISH TEMPLE AND CENTER

As you know, the fires in Pacific Palisades and Altadena have claimed many homes and businesses. One in particular was the Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center (PJTC) on the border of Pasadena and Altadena. The congregation's history dates back to the 1920's. It's one of the oldest in the Southern California area and serves the Greater San Gabriel Valley region.

When I read this story, the article talked about Cantor Ruth Berman Harris and her husband Laurance Harris running over to the shul. They grabbed all the Torahs and a few other items before they were forced to leave. The Torahs are now safe and at a congregant's home. However, the rest of the building and other structures were destroyed in the Eaton fire.

I made a connection with Laurance Harris about ten years ago when he was the Pacific Southwest Region representative for the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). He came to visit our synagogue several times, probably the most active of all the USCJ representatives we ever had. He was able to get us the third Torah we have now which is in the gold velour covering. We have been the custodian for that Torah for over ten years and have enjoyed the use of it in many services and occasions.

I contacted Laurance to offer my support wherever they might need it, for the shul or congregation.

Many of our CBS congregants have contributed to make a direct donation to their synagogue to help them get through this tragedy.

I would like to thank those who have already contributed to this outreach effort.

Thank You,

Bruce Rouman President of CBS JOIN US FOR A FREE, COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER IN CELEBRATION OF SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7 6:00 PM

RSVP BY TUESDAY, MARCH 4 TO TANYA SPIEGEL AT 951-751-9841

DINNER SPONSORED BY: KEN & JOAN J. SAM & RENEE MILLER BRUCE & MARCI ROUMAN JOAN ZAK

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# DONATIONS

Please consider making donations throughout the year to honor an occasion or a loved one, to express gratitude, to wish a refuah shlema, or to memorialize a yahrzeit. And consider Congregation Beth Shalom in your Trust or Will!

#### We gratefully acknowledge the following donations received December 30 - January 26:

#### Brotherhood Fund

Joel & Cheryl Friedberg in memory of Cheryl's father, Samuel Weinberg (z"l)

#### **Community Shabbat Dinners**

Ken & Joan J. Bruce & Marci Rouman Bobby & Karen Spiegel Tanya Spiegel

#### **Education Fund**

Bobby & Karen Spiegel in memory of Gerta Spiegel (z"l)

#### General Fund

Bobby & Karen Spiegel in memory of Helene Meyer (z"l), Jenny Meyer (z"l), Robert Meyer (z"l), and Sally Meyer (z"l)

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

in memory of Paul Spiegel (z"l)

#### Annual Legacy Luncheon Sponsorships\*

Tikva (Hope) Level Sam & Renee Miller Karen Spiegel, Riverside County Supervisor 2nd District

Ahava (Love) Level Mark & Paula Fogel Simon, McKinsey, Miller & Stone Bobby & Karen Spiegel

Chaverut (Friendship) Level Joel & Cheryl Friedberg Dennis Itzkowitz Ken & Joan J. Joan Zak & Dennis Brooks

\*sponsorships received for the 2025 event

#### **Ritual Fund**

Joel & Cheryl Friedberg in memory of Cheryl's father, Samuel Weinberg (z"l) Mark & Gail Koren in memory of Gertrude Cooper (z"l) Mark & Gail Koren in memory of Alan Koren (z"l) Joan Zak in memory of Kenneth Dawe (z"l)

#### Youth Development Fund

Saul & Sandra Shulman in memory of Sandra's brother, Bryan Newman (z"l)

#### Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center Fund

Cantor's Discretionary Fund CBS Brotherhood Mark & Paula Fogel Joel & Cheryl Friedberg Ken & Joan J. Renee & Sam Miller Bruce & Marci Rouman Stephanie Sachs Bob & Kathy Stone Joan Zak ...and several anonymous donors

# Save the Date!

# ANNUAL COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER



# SUNDAY, APRIL 13 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

WARM AND INVITING ATMOSPHERE GOURMET PASSOVER CUISINE MEANINGFUL AND INTERACTIVE SEDER



#### **Happy Birthday!**

February 3	Gail Koren
February 10	Lindsay Pineiros
February 11	Dennis Itzkowitz
February 18	Stacy Pineiros
February 25	Myra Belgrei

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

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

February 17	Mitch & Melissa Lindenbaum
February 20	David & Joyce Severson
March 22	Cantor Bruce & Marcy Shapiro



## SPONSOR AN ONEG

Sponsoring an Oneg is an excellent way to share in the blessing of Shabbat with fellow congregants.

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

Please reach out to Gail Koren at 951-204-4757 to reserve your date(s)!

February 7	Mark & Gail Koren in honor of Gail's birthday
February 14	<b>Joan Zak</b> as a Mitzvah
Feburary 21	Family Friends of Xime Whitmore in honor of Xime becoming a Bat Mitzvah
February 28	WAITING FOR YOU call Gail Koren
March 7	<b>Spiegel Families</b> in honor of Tanya and RJ's birthdays
March 14	<b>Joan Zak</b> as a Mitzvah
March 21	WAITING FOR YOU call Gail Koren
March 28	WAITING FOR YOU call Gail Koren

### **PRE-SHABBAT DINNER CHAVURAH**

The CBS Chavurah meet at a different restaurant in the Corona-Norco area each week for a pre-Shabbat Dinner, and enjoy food and schmoozing together.



Interested in joining the Chavurah? Contact Renee Miller at 909-228-5945 to be included on the communications for the weekly meet-



A photo of a recent pre-Shabbat Dinner at Rodrigos. The dinner, music and dancing were all part the evening.

up time and location.



### MEET THE BAT MITZVAH GIRL: XIME WHITMORE



Hiya it's me, Xime! I've been on this Earth for 13 years and I made it to 8th grade. My favorite snacks are Welch's gummies and goldfish! I love sports on ice, especially figure skating and hockey. Another activity I am a part of is Scouting of America and my rank is Star.

A hobby I love is to make bracelets; I have a whole piggy bank full of them. My favorite animal is a hamster, or a tiger... or anything that breathes! My love for animals is what inspired my Bat Mitzvah project and kept me going to finish my Bat Mitzvah. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I collected towels and blankets and donated them to the Riverside County Animal Shelter to be used for cleaning messes. Additionally, they will be used to send the adorable animals to their furever home. I want to be a Bat Mitzvah because I want to be recognized as a Jewish adult and continue to learn more about Judaism.

## COMMEMORATE THE SPECIAL MOMENTS

Honor a family member, friend or congregant with an engraved leaf on the Tree of Life

The Tree of Life Simcha Board is our opportunity to celebrate life's wonderful events in a permanent way.

Our Tree of Life is a significant marker of simchas that have occurred in the lives of our congregants – births, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, conversions, engagements,



weddings, anniversaries and more!

Honor a family member, friend or fellow congregant to celebrate life's sweetest moments.

Leaves are available for a tax-deductible contribution of \$180 each. Forms are available at the synagogue. For more information, please contact President Bruce Rouman at 951-847-4632.

Hamantashen Time ORDER TODAY! \$12 PER DOZEN

filled with Strawberry, Apricot, Raspberry or Chocolate

To place your order, contact Gail Koren at 951-204-4757

# MAKE AN IMPACT, ONE TACO AT A TIME.



#### RUBIO'S FUNDRAISER FOR TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM OF CORONA

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2025 ALL DAY 1297 E. ONTARIO AVENUE CORONA, CA 92881

Recommended ORDER FOR PICKUP OR DELIVERY ON THE RUBIO'S APP OR RUBIOS.COM Enter coupon code "DONATE" during checkout. 30% OF EVENT SALES DONATED\*

IN-RESTAURANT ORDERS Present flyer and scan the QR code at the register.





Sunday, March 23, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

Eagle Glen Golf Club

1800 EAGLE GLEN PARKWAY | CORONA, CA 92883

2025 Honorees

Shomer Tzedek Award (Guardian of Righteousness) KAREN ALEXANDER Shatuf Tzedek Award (Business Partner) DON KINDRED

Legacy Award CBS Honored Member TANYA SPIEGEL

For more information, please call Renee Miller at 909-228-5945



#### SHOMER TZEDEK AWARD RECIPIENT -- KAREN ALEXANDER

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) is pleased to honor Karen Alexander with the coveted Shomer Tzedek Award (Guardian of Righteousness Award). This recognition will take place on Sunday, March 23, 2025, as part of the synagogue's 18th Annual Legacy Luncheon. Additional honorees are Don Kindred who will receive the Shatuf Tzedek Award (Business Partner Award) and Tanya Spiegel who will receive CBS' Legacy Award.

Karen was born in West Germany while her father served in the US Army with the family moving to Corona after her father's discharge from the military. After high school, Karen graduated from Cypress College with a Computer Science associate's degree and later as Karen's children were in high school, Karen obtained a bachelor's degree from California State University Long Beach and a master's degree in public administration from California State University San Bernardino.

Karen and Tom Alexander have been married for 44 years and have three sons who are all in their late 30's to early 40's. Karen and Tom's children are happily married and have blessed them with six wonderful grandchildren, ranging in ages from 3 to 13 years old, each bringing them immense joy.

Karen retired from the Corona Police Department after 26 years and was lucky enough to work as a Dispatcher, Computer Services Technician, and lastly, retiring as a Crime and Intelligence Analyst with the Department. While working as the first-ever PD Analyst for Corona, she was recognized by Soroptimist International of Corona for "Outstanding Service / Women in Local Government" and received Corona PD's "Distinguished Service" Award.

After Karen and Tom's youngest son enlisted into the US Marine Corps in 2010, Karen joined and continues to volunteer with Blue Star Mothers. Additionally, Karen is part of "100 Women Who Care" who meet quarterly to raise funds for local non-profit organizations in the greater Corona - Riverside areas.

After Jim Steiner was elected to Corona's City Council in 2018, he appointed Karen as his Planning Commissioner, and she is currently serving her seventh year in that capacity. She also served for six years as a Board Trustee for the Northwest Mosquito & Vector Control District.

As a Corona resident for 42 years, Karen became concerned with the increasing number of people experiencing homelessness. impacting our residents and businesses, and volunteered with Karen Roper to bring solutions to the homeless concerns in the city.

The idea to start "Make It Cozy" (MIC) came about after individuals were being turned down for furniture donations. This "excess inventory" sparked an idea that these donated goods could not be wasted, and Karen solicited local businesses for storage space and was provided keys to a warehouse to create MIC during the pandemic. Unfortunately, this space was leased out and the site was lost. Over these last five years, Corona Homeless Solutions was able to secure a MIC partnership with First City Net as well as with the non-profit, Mercy House, to lease warehouse space and purchase a truck for MIC pick-ups from community donations. Today, MIC works with both City Net and Mercy House case managers and city advocates to supply furnishings and household / hygiene goods to supplement client move-ins.

In April 2022, Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel recognized Karen as "District 2 Volunteer of the Year" for founding and managing the "Make It Cozy" program. Last year, Mercy House was able to hire Karen as a full-time community engagement specialist. Karen is dedicated to solving the homelessness issue in the Corona-Norco communities.

Discover new books and join the CBS

# **BOOK CLUB**

in-person at the Williams' home and on Zoom

Wednesday, February 12 5:30 PM

February's Book: A Gentleman in Moscow

Wednesday, March 12 5:30 PM

> March's Book: Little Liar

Contact Jackie Williams at 714-296-4079 for more information.

# Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education

February's Topic:

The Ten Commandments

How do the Jewish Ten Commandments differ from others? How accurate are the translations? Are they the most important?

Sunday, February 2nd 9:30 AM in-person at CBS or on Zoom

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

All are welcome!

# JOIN THE FUN AT POKER NIGHT!

Join the CBS Brotherhood for Poker Night

1st Wednesday & 3rd Monday each month 7 PM | CBS

Contact Joel Friedberg at 951-733-9683 for more information.

Tuesdays at 6 PM

**COME PLAY** 

**MAHJONG!** 

New and Experienced Players Welcomed!

Contact Marci Rouman at 951-733-3980 for more information.

# **Monthly Torah Study**

Saturday, March 22 | 9 AM (in-person at CBS and on Zoom)

Learn. Study. Share. No previous in-depth Torah study or familiarity with Hebrew is needed.

Contact Joan Zak at 760-803-5451 or joanzak92027@gmail.com for more information.



On Purim it is a Mitzvah to send Mishloach Manot to family and friends to express our unity and friendship.

At CBS, we make this very easy. Our synagogue's Religious School will prepare a generous box filled with Hamentashen, treats, greetings and smiles. It is a great way to let others know you're thinking of them.

Each box includes a note of acknowledgement for your contribution.

#### **Mishloach Manot Order Form**

Please indicate your participation and attach payment with this order.

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All members to receive a Mishloach Manot Box: \$72 (with family name as a sponsor)

I wish to make a Donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as an additional sponsor

Your Name: \_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_

Payment is enclosed with my order of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (circle: Cash or Check)

Contact Marci Rouman at 951-733-3980 or Mail to: CBS, PO Box 2737, Corona, CA 92878 Attn: PURIM



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#### **FEBRUARY 2025**

2	Dine & Donate at Rubio's Coastal Grill see flyer on page 6	All Day
2	Religious School	8:30 AM
2	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
2	Confirmation Class	10:00 AM
2	Board Meeting	11:00 AM
2	Legacy Luncheon Committee Meeting	12:30 PM
3	Ritual Committee Meeting*	6:30 PM
5	Cops & Clergy Meeting	8:00 AM
5	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
7	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Mark & Gail Koren	7:30 PM
9	Brotherhood Breakfast	8:00 AM
9	Religious School	8:30 AM
9	World Wide Wrap	9:00 AM
12	Book Club*	5:30 PM
13	Tu BiShevat	-
14	Erev Shabbat Service led by Joan Zak oneg hosted by Joan Zak	7:30 PM
16	No Religious School	-
17	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
21	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro and Xime Whitmore oneg hosted by Family Friends of Xime Whitemore	7:30 PM
22	Community Shabbat Morning Services and Xime Whitmore's Bat Mitzvah led by Cantor Shapiro and XIme Whitmore	9:30 AM
23	Religious School	8:30 AM
23	Confirmation Class	10:00 AM
28	Erev Shabbat Service led by Corina Reiche oneg hosted by OPEN	7:30 PM
28	Rosh Chodesh (New Month) - Adar	-

### **Dates to Remember**

Services, Programs and Events are in-person at CBS, unless noted with an asterisk(\*)

> Services also offered via Zoom Meeting ID: 584 849 5878 Passcode: 989345

#### **MARCH 2025**

1	Rosh Chodesh (New Month) - Adar	-
2	Religious School	8:30 AM
2	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
2	Confirmation Class	10:00 AM
3	Ritual Committee Meeting*	6:30 PM
5	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
7	Community Shabbat Dinner	6:00 PM
7	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro and Carl Cedar oneg hosted by Spiegel Family	7:30 PM
9	Daylight Saving Time Begins	-
9	Religious School	8:30 AM
9	Board Meeting	9:00 AM
9	Legacy Luncheon Committee Meeting	10:30 AM
12	Book Club*	5:30 PM
13	Purim Spiel and Megillah Reading	6:30 PM
14	Purim	-
14	Erev Shabbat Service led by Joan Zak oneg hosted by Joan Zak	7:30 PM
16	Religious School	8:30 AM
16	Confirmation Class	10:00 AM
17	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
21	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by OPEN	7:30 PM
22	Torah Study	9:00 AM
22	Community Shabbat Morning Services led by Cantor Shapiro	10:00 AM
23	No Religious School	-
23	18th Annual Legacy Luncheon*	11:00 AM
28	Erev Shabbat Service led by Corina Reiche oneg hosted by OPEN	7:30 PM
30	Rosh Chodesh (New Month) - Nisan	-
30	Religious School	8:30 AM