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THE CANTOR'S CORNER

BY CANTOR BRUCE SHAPIRO



Hanukah is coming and will be here shortly. As we “rededicate” ourselves to ideas from the past and anew, we look forward to the secular. New Year as well. The end and the beginning are just around the corner as we shared together as a community during the High Holidays, an almost distant memory!

In **Parsha Miketz** this month, we read about interpretations of dreams fulfilled and dreams that are not. When we dream of lofty goals to be obtained, we must take caution along the way. Not all dreams come true, but when they do, we feel oh so good, but when they don't, well, not so much!

As in the case of Joseph, the dream interpreter. He was the “chosen” favorite child of his father Jacob. In this story, he ends up in a pit and then later, in jail. From each of these “low” places, he was lifted and gave thanks to G-d, the Source of Life, as he knew his stature in the world was not of his own making. However, **here is something to consider**. During his rise to power, he does not contact his family to let them know he is ok, but puts them through a series of tests to see if they have changed.

Adon Olam, Master of the Universe, as we move forward in life, may we continue to give thanks for all the good we enjoy, dream “big” dreams for ourselves and our families, and may we give thanks to You for guiding us on our journey.

Chag Sameach and Happy Secular New Year!



Light Up The Night!

JOIN US FOR CHANUKAH SHABBAT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT CBS

SHABBAT DINNER | 6:00 PM

MENORAH LIGHTING | 7:00 PM

EREV SHABBAT SERVICES | 7:30 PM

Join us for this family-friendly evening!
Don't forget to wear your Chanukah shirt or sweater - and bring your favorite menorah (and candles) from home.

All are welcome!

RSVP by 12/15 to Tanya Spiegel at 951-751-9841

Chabad Jewish Community Center

CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

DEC 15 AT RIVERSIDE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:00 - 8:00 PM

RIVERSIDE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

GIANT MENORAH LIGHTING, LIVE MUSIC, TRADITIONAL FOOD, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FREE ADMISSION AND ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Yahrzeit Observances

It is traditional to light a Yahrzeit candle on the evening of observance. In addition, we urge you to attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of your beloved and to recite the Mourner's Kaddish on the Yahrzeit. If we have missed a name, please call Bruce Rouman at 951-847-4632 and let us know so we can update our records.

May their memories be a blessing.

DECEMBER

1	Merton Jacobs*	11	Kislev
4	Fred S. Sack*	14	Kislev
4	Susan Bossel*	14	Kislev
5	David Berggrun	15	Kislev
5	Ethel Scharfman*	15	Kislev
7	Rudolfo Hirschfeld	17	Kislev
8	Herman "Rocky" Stone*	18	Kislev
8	Sandy Rubin	18	Kislev
10	Margo Weil*	20	Kislev
11	Hermann Schwartz*	21	Kislev
12	Herbert Guber*	22	Kislev
13	Joseph Driz*	23	Kislev
14	Bela Koren*	24	Kislev
14	Herbert Spiegel*	24	Kislev
16	Kay Goldstein*	26	Kislev
16	Fanny Lewett Baumgarten*	26	Kislev
21	George Williams	1	Tevet
22	Nick Schwartz*	2	Tevet
22	Mindel Eisen*	2	Tevet
23	Pauline Fiardo*	3	Tevet
26	Bryan Jay Newman*	6	Tevet
27	Kenneth Dawe	7	Tevet
27	Gertrude Cooper	7	Tevet

JANUARY

1	Daniel Zvi Rones*	12	Tevet
2	Carols Tobolski	13	Tevet
3	Marks Louie Jacobs*	14	Tevet
6	Alan Koren*	17	Tevet
6	Esther Sack Kass*	17	Tevet
6	Diane Leeds*	17	Tevet
9	Abraham Gimpel*	20	Tevet
9	Brothers & Sisters of Harry & Moshe Eisen*	20	Tevet
9	Brothers & Sisters of Hilda Eisen*	20	Tevet
9	Brothers & Sisters of Lalie Eisen*	20	Tevet
9	Rivke Gimpel*	20	Tevet
10	Anna Shapiro	21	Tevet
12	Anna Eichenbaum	23	Tevet
12	Lawrence Kofsky*	23	Tevet
12	Yehuda Izenman*	23	Tevet
17	Abraham Jacobs*	28	Tevet
18	Albert Jacob Lasko*	29	Tevet
18	Lynn Strauss	29	Tevet
20	Samuel Weinberg*	2	Shevat

* = 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.

Orders normally take 6-8 weeks, and the cost is \$400 (includes the plaque and shipping). Payment can be arranged over a 6-month period, if needed. Contact Bruce Rouman at 951-847-4632 for more information.



CBS BROTHERHOOD'S ANNUAL WRAP AND ROLL BREAKFAST

JOIN THE CBS BROTHERHOOD FOR BREAKFAST AND THEN CELEBRATE THE MITZVAH OF PUTTING ON TEFILLIN AS PART OF WORLD WIDE WRAP 2026.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

BREAKFAST

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

\$10 PER PERSON, \$25 PER FAMILY

WORLD WIDE WRAP 2026
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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

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 perpetually.



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!

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.

TREES FOR ISRAEL

Trees are planted and cared for throughout the Land of Israel and serve as a living tribute.

Over 100 years ago, Jewish National Fund-USA began to replenish the native vegetation in Israel that had disappeared or been destroyed. The Bible tells us that G-d originally filled the land with olive, pine, cypress, tamarisk, acacia, and carob trees. These are the species that are planted today to renew and nurture the land.



There's always a reason to plant trees: Anniversary, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Birthday, Congratulations, Mother's Day, Father's Day, For Your Pet, Get Well, Graduation, Quinceañera, In Honor Of, In Memory Of, New Baby, Retirement, Thank You, Wedding, etc.

If you wish to purchase trees, please email info@CBSofCorona.org. A custom certificate will be printed recognizing your donation, and mailed to your home, relative, or friend.

SPONSOR AN ONEG

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

Co-host with another family or friend, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, mark a milestone, memorialize a loved one, create community at CBS, celebrate the joy of Shabbat, or as a Mitzvah! Call Gail Koren at 951-204-4757 to reserve your date(s)! Thank you to the following Oneg sponsors:

December 5	Corina Reiche & Alice Henderson -- as a Mitzvah
December 12	Mark & Paula Fogel -- as a Mitzvah
December 19	Cantor & Marcy Shapiro -- Happy Chanukah!
December 26	Ken & Joan J. -- in honor of their Anniversary
January 2	Joan Zak -- as a Mitzvah
January 9	Joan Zak -- as a Mitzvah
January 16	Sam & Renee Miller -- in honor of Sam's Birthday
January 23	Bob & Kathy Stone -- as a Mitzvah
January 30	OPEN
February 6	Mark & Gail Koren -- in honor of Gail's Birthday
February 13	Joan Zak -- as a Mitzvah
February 20	OPEN
February 27	OPEN

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*. Consider making a financial gift to Congregation Beth Shalom in your Trust or Will!

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations received October 28 - November 25.

Brotherhood

Joel & Cheryl Friedberg
in memory of Karen Kurtz (z"l)

Building Fund

Bruce & Marci Rouman
in memory of Gilbert Rouman (z"l)

Eileen Taks
in memory of Sam Fox (z"l)

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Lenny & Sharon Elkins
in memory of Bella Baes Elkins (z"l)

Saul & Sandra Shulman
in memory of Lois Moore Newman Gelb (z"l)

Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

Mark & Paula Fogel
Ken & Joan J.
Sam & Renee Miller
Bruce & Marci Rouman
Bobby & Karen Spiegel
Joan Zak & Dennis Brooks

Education Fund

Lenny & Sharon Elkins
Bobby & Karen Spiegel
Robert Stone
in memory of Herman Stone (z"l)

Ritual Fund

Joel & Cheryl Friedberg
in memory of Karen Kurtz (z"l)

2026 Legacy Luncheon

Mark & Paula Fogel
Joel & Cheryl Friedberg
Ken & Joan J.
Sam & Renee Miller
Bruce & Marci Rouman
Joan Zak & Dennis Brooks
Covenant Life Christian Fellowship

PRE-SHABBAT DINNER CHAVURAH

Did you know that a group of synagogue members meet up for a Pre-Shabbat dinner every week?



The Chavurah meets at a different restaurant in the Corona-Norco area each week, and enjoys dinner together and schmoozes.

Interested in joining the Chavurah for Pre-Shabbat Dinner? Contact Renee Miller to be included in the communication for the weekly meet-up time and location.



CELEBRATING CBS MEMBERS

Mazal Tov to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

Yom Huledet Sameach!

December 5	Renee Ryan	January 2	Felix Smith
December 6	Katelynn Spiegel	January 3	Seth D'Agostino
December 8	David Barembaum	January 6	Chelsea Williams
December 15	Dennis Brooks	January 10	Joshua Koren
December 20	Joyce Severson	January 15	Kathy Stone
December 26	Molly Shapiro	January 18	Sam Miller
December 27	Ethan Whittemore	January 18	Adam Rouman
		January 18	Saul Shulman
		January 22	John Busch
		January 28	Joshua Spiegel

Mazel Tov!

December 24	Dennis Brooks & Joan Zak
December 26	Ken & Joan J.
December 29	Ethan & Ada Whittemore
January 23	Bob & Kathy Stone

SUPPORT THE CBS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Turn everyday shopping into fundraising dollars!



**BUY GIFT CARDS
OR SHOP ONLINE!**

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



CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

19th Annual Legacy Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, March 15, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

Eagle Glen Golf Club

Tzedakah Award
CIRCLE CITY ROTARY

Tzedakah Award
CORONA ROTARY

Shatuf Tzedek Award
(Business Partner)
KATHY & JON ARMSTRONG
DO IT AMERICAN MFG COMPANY, LLC

Shomer Tzedek Award
(Guardian of Righteousness)
TOM & SUNNY RICHINS

BY SPONSORING ONE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES BELOW, YOU STRENGTHEN OUR SYNAGOGUE COMMUNITY WHILE BEING RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

- AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES
- JNF GROVE - *Sam & Renee Miller*
- AUCTION SERVICES
- PHOTOGRAPHY - *Joan Zak & Dennis Brooks*
- AUCTION TRACKER SOFTWARE
- POSTAGE - *Mark & Paula Fogel*
- AWARDS
- PROGRAM PRINTING
- INVITATIONS
- SECURITY - *Covenant Life Christian Fellowship*
- LUNCHEON UNDERWRITER - *Bobby & Karen Spiegel*
- TABLE SPONSORSHIP - *Multiple available at various levels*

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT RENEE MILLER AT 909-228-5945

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BRUNCH IS A SUCCESS!

We thank everyone who attended and contributed financially to the Annual Holiday Bazaar & Brunch that benefitted our Religious School.

There were over 25 local artisan and craft vendors selling a variety of items from hand-made holiday and home decorations, jewelry, ceramics and textiles, accessories, and much more.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that made this possible: Phil Agins, Mark and Paula Fogel, Alice Henderson, Danielle Kaplan, Eoin MacHott, Sam and Renee Miller, Bruce Rouman, Renee Ryan, Stephanie Sachs, Rebecca Spiegel, Matthew Stein, Bob and Kathy Stone, and Jackie Williams. Your efforts are appreciated!

Again, thank you to everyone who attended and participated.

*Marci Rouman
Education Director*



Photos by Dennis Brooks and Alice Henderson

ANNUAL KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION PROGRAM



Pictured above is Ken and John with all the students that were in attendance.

This year's Kristallnacht Commemoration Program featured two speakers from Corona.

Both speakers had a mother who worked for the Dutch Underground in the late 1930s to 1940s, saving and rescuing Jewish persons from German and Dutch Concentration Camps, where they faced starvation, disease, and death. Dr. John Busch and Ken J. mesmerized more than 150 high school students and community members by relating stories of their mothers' heroism. Each woman risked their own life and the lives of their family during this time. They needed to outsmart the Nazis and keep them looking elsewhere for traitors, while they freed Jewish captives one at a time or a few at a time and helped them escape to safety. The program is presented yearly at the Corona Civic Library and is jointly sponsored by the City of Corona and Congregation Beth Shalom of Corona.



CBS BOOK CLUB WELCOMES AUTHOR

Ruth Drabkin, an author who recently completed and published her first adult novel, "Revelations," joined the CBS Book Club members at their November meeting. Ruth, a friend of Joan J., explained some of the intricacies of publishing and promoting a new book. The meeting was lively, with lots of questions and hints about her next book to be published soon.





Sunday, March 15, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

Eagle Glen Golf Club

1800 EAGLE GLEN PARKWAY | CORONA, CA 92883

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SHATUF TZEDEK AWARD RECIPIENT -- DO IT AMERICAN MFG COMPANY, LLC

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) is pleased to honor Kathy & Jon Armstrong, owners of Do It American Mfg Company LLC, with the coveted Shatuf Tzedek Award (Business Partner). This recognition will take place on Sunday, March 15, 2026, as part of the synagogue's 19th Annual Legacy Luncheon. Additional honorees are Tom & Sunny Richins, who will receive the Shomer Tzedek Award (Guardian of Righteousness), and Circle City Rotary and Corona Rotary who will each receive the Tzedakah Award.

In the middle of the economic downturn of 2008, the Armstrongs decided it made sense to quit perfectly good jobs to start a manufacturing company in California. The fact that they had a 2-year-old and a newborn at home made the logic of this idea even more brilliant. Why not start now? The thought was, "If we can do it under these circumstances, we will be in really great shape when the economy comes back." So, with another business partner and the inspiration of Kathy's entrepreneurial father, the company started in a garage with an investment of \$10K to buy some simple tools, material, and a bit of software to keep track of things.

The tools and material were used to make product, from which machines were purchased once sold. Over time, the business grew, with more machines, products, and customers. Their success came down to creatively making exactly what the customer needed and delivering it when they needed it, without defects.

Fast forward to present day: You'll find over 50 dedicated and self-motivated employees operating a wide range of processes to keep customers satisfied all across the United States. Kathy and Jon are now the sole owners, operating in two buildings with 35,000 square feet under roof.

The Armstrongs began working together many years earlier, when they had their first college course together in 1997. They both attended Cal State Fullerton to get their MBAs. At that point, they had no idea what would come out of that meeting.

Do It American MFG Company, LLC (DIA) is dedicated to being an example that things can and should be manufactured in the United States and not overseas. The company has a wide range of customers, with a concentration in supplying a variety of products to public utilities. Processes include CNC machining, metal fabrication, robotic and manual welding, assembly, and a variety of specialized production cells set up to meet the specific needs of individual customers. If you are in need of a partner to meet your manufacturing needs, you may want to make an inquiry with DIA.

Kathy and Jon will never forget Southern California Gas and San Diego Gas & Electric for taking a chance on their little startup. They are very grateful for the dedication of the fantastic people that work at DIA, who are the single most important factor in determining the success of the company. They are also appreciative of the support of the Corona community, a special place in California that still welcomes manufacturers. Most of all, they are thankful for the support and encouragement that they have provided to each other, ever since that first study session at Cal State Fullerton.

Discover new books
and join the CBS
BOOK CLUB

In-person at the Williams'
home and on Zoom

Thursday, January 8
5:30 PM

January's Book:
The Lion Women of Tehran

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

JOIN THE FUN AT POKER NIGHT!

Join the CBS Brotherhood for
Poker Night

1st Wednesday & 3rd
Monday each month

7:00 PM | CBS

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

Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education

December's Topic:
**Reform and
Reconstructionist Judaism**
History, Practices, and Beliefs

In December, we will begin discussing
Reform Judaism.

Saturday, December 6th
9:30 AM
(in-person and on Zoom)

CBS Zoom:
Meeting ID: 584 849 5878
Passcode: 989345

All are welcome!

COME PLAY MAHJONG!

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

New and Experienced
Players Welcomed!

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

Monthly Torah Study

Saturday, December 20th
9:00 AM
(in-person 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 2025

1	Ritual Committee Meeting*	6:30 PM
3	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
5	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Corina Reiche & Alice Henderson	7:30 PM
6	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
7	Pearl Harbor Day	-
7	Religious School	8:30 AM
7	Board Meeting	9:00 AM
7	Legacy Luncheon Committee Meeting	10:30 AM
7	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM
12	Erev Shabbat Service led by Joan Zak oneg hosted by Mark & Paula Fogel	7:30 PM
14	Religious School	8:30 AM
14	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM
15	Happy Chanukah!	-
15	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
19	Chanukah Shabbat Dinner	6:00 PM
19	Congregational Menorah Lighting	7:00 PM
19	Erev Shabbat Service* led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Cantor & Marcy Shapiro	7:30 PM
20	<i>Rosh Chodesh - Tevet</i>	
20	Torah Study	9:00 AM
20	Community Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM
21	No Religious School	-
26	Erev Shabbat Service led by Corina Reiche oneg hosted by Ken & Joan J.	7:30 PM
28	No Religious School	-
31	New Year's Eve	-

JANUARY 2026

1	Happy New Year!	-
2	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Joan Zak	7:30 PM
3	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
4	Religious School	8:30 AM
4	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM
5	Ritual Committee Meeting*	6:30 PM
7	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
8	Book Club*	5:30 PM
9	Erev Shabbat Service led by Joan Zak oneg hosted by Joan Zak	7:30 PM
11	Religious School	8:30 AM
11	Board Meeting	9:00 AM
11	Legacy Luncheon Committee Meeting	10:30 AM
16	Erev Shabbat Service* led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Sam & Renee Miller	7:30 PM
17	Torah Study	9:00 AM
17	Community Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM
18	No Religious School	-
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	-
19	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
20	<i>Rosh Chodesh - Shevat</i>	
23	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Bob & Kathy Stone	7:30 PM
25	Religious School	8:30 AM
25	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM
30	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by OPEN	7:30 PM

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

Services, Classes, and Meetings are also offered via the
synagogue's Zoom
(Meeting ID: 584 849 5878 | Passcode: 989345)