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THE CANTOR'S CORNER

BY CANTOR BRUCE SHAPIRO



Purim, the festive Jewish holiday commemorating the saving of Persian Jewry from Haman's genocide, has transformed from an ancient story of deliverance into a common look into today's world. The central theme of Purim is that anti-semitism is

not merely historical; it is a persistent, mutating hatred that moves from the shadows into the public square. In today's terms, Haman is not just an ancient villain but a metaphor for the modern, **systemic anti-semitism** that has been seen violently surging worldwide.

The story of Purim resonates deeply with current events because it highlights the vulnerability of Jews living in the Diaspora—a "singular diasporic holiday" where identity is concealed and later, proudly asserted. Like Esther, who hid her Jewishness until it was necessary to reveal it, many Jews today feel compelled to choose when to display their identity in the face of rising hostility. Haman's (Boo!) motivation, driven by a personal grievance against one man (Mordechai-Yea!) leading to a desire to exterminate all Jews, echoes the modern tendency to blame all Jewish people for the actions of a few, or for the policies of Israel.

Purim arrives with a continued rise in antisemitic attacks, harassment on campuses, and global conflict. The holiday encourages us to "flip the script" (nahafochu)—to take the chaos and turn it into **solidarity, joy, and defiance**. Rather than succumbing to fear, the Purim principles strengthen us through community, supporting the State of Israel, and educating others.

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PURIM SPIEL & MEGILLAH READING

MONDAY, MARCH 2 @ 6:30 PM

Silly fun and refreshments for all ages

Come in costume, grab a gragger, and hear the story of Esther, featuring Mordecai, Ahasverus, and Haman!

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

JOIN US, AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER JEWISH COMMUNITIES CROSS THE CONTINENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN **SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13
7:30 PM**

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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.

March

1	Sue Sokol	12 Adar
1	Alan Dennis Rabrich*	12 Adar
1	Benjamin Friedman*	12 Adar
3	Libby Medrich*	14 Adar
4	Ruth Julia Fogel*	15 Adar
6	Lisa Schwimmer Clerici	17 Adar
10	Michael Sidler	21 Adar
11	Erich Weil*	22 Adar
11	Matthew Kofsky*	22 Adar
13	Scott Thompson*	24 Adar
13	Yankel Weinstein*	24 Adar
14	Isaak Meyer*	25 Adar
14	Jacob Horwitz*	25 Adar
15	Irving Taks	26 Adar
16	Isaac Bilgrei	27 Adar
19	Luvella Mercier	1 Nisan
20	Felice Merrill Rouman*	2 Nisan
21	Meyer Shapiro	3 Nisan
24	Abdon "Ab" Barembaum	6 Nisan
24	Freda Siegel	6 Nisan
26	Samuel Agins*	8 Nisan
27	Abraham Singer*	9 Nisan
27	Annie Green Jacobs*	9 Nisan
28	Lionel Gillerman*	10 Nisan
28	Sherman Gilman*	10 Nisan
29	Irving Schlusberg*	11 Nisan
30	Susanne Mercier	12 Nisan
31	Rebeca Barembaum	13 Nisan

April

1	Sarah Shulman	14 Nisan
2	John Usack	15 Nisan
3	Dr. Max Spiegel*	16 Nisan
3	Dr. Tomas Hirschfeld*	16 Nisan
3	Suzi Siegel	16 Nisan
4	Rex Davis	17 Nisan
4	Marla Saphira	17 Nisan
8	Ann Kaufmann	21 Nisan
8	Gerda Nordon	21 Nisan
8	Tillie Itzkowitz	21 Nisan
10	Thadia "Dee Dee" Gillerman*	23 Nisan
10	Yshayaho Oshri	23 Nisan
11	Bernard Siegel	24 Nisan
12	Evelyn Weinberg*	25 Nisan
12	Rose M. Bonn*	25 Nisan
13	Jerome Tarshis*	26 Nisan
13	Lawrence Harold Dratch*	26 Nisan
14	Max Lechtman	27 Nisan
15	Jeffrey Edward Goldstein*	28 Nisan
15	Seymour Leeds	28 Nisan
15	Andrew Kofsky*	28 Nisan
17	Barbara Smith*	30 Nisan
18	Elena Widder	1 Iyar
20	Selma Lich	3 Iyar
22	Yetta Gubernick	5 Iyar
22	Maurice Taks	5 Iyar
27	Betty Friedberg*	10 Iyar
27	Otto Lois Busch	10 Iyar
28	Edith Werby	11 Iyar
28	Baruch Grinshpan*	11 Iyar

* = denotes Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque

Refuah Shlema

Our Community Prayer for Healing

Joseph Agins	Doreen Gilson	Matthew Stein
Ronni Armstrong	Dennis Itzkowitz	Eileen Taks
Dennis Brooks	Stephanie Sachs	Bruce Williams
Dr. John Busch	Dave Severson	Jackie Williams
Jan Davis	Joyce Severson	Debra Wutzke
Sheldon Friedberg	Sandra Shulman	Joan Zak
Dennis Gilson	Felix Smith	

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.

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 January 27 - February 25.

Building Fund

Phil Agins

Mark & Paula Fogel

Joel & Cheryl Friedberg

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

in memory of Isaak Meyer (z"l)

Eileen Taks

in memory of Dana Fox (z"l)

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

in honor of Tanya Spiegel's Special Birthday

in honor of RJ Spiegel's 16th Birthday

Education Fund

Ken & Joan J.

in honor of Mark & Paula Fogel receiving an award from the Corona Chamber of Commerce

Ritual Fund

Bruce & Marci Rouman

in memory of Harriet Leopold Posner (z"l)

Youth Development Fund

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

in memory of Lionel "Zeta" Gillerman (z"l)

Mishloach Manot

Bryn Barkan

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Ashley Montoya

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Renee Ryan

Whittemore Family

Deb Wutzke

Trees Planted In Israel

Morrie Barembaum

Katie Moore

Cantor Bruce & Marcy Shapiro

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

Deborah Wutzke

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CANTOR'S CORNER con't.

Purim teaches that while hatred may be inevitable, victimization is not.

Adon Olam, Source of Life, Purim calls for actively confronting threats, building alliances, and ensuring that the Jewish community is not alone in fighting bigotry. Provide us the path and the tools to continue the good fight against it. May the Purim story remind us that we can, in our own time, reverse the narrative of fear, transforming it into a story of resilience! **Chag Purim Sameach!**



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.

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!

If you are interested in sponsoring an Oneg for a specific Shabbat or a special occasion, contact Call Gail Koren at 951-204-4757.

Thank you to the following Oneg sponsors:

March 6	Spiegel families -- in honor of Tanya's and RJ's birthdays
March 13	Joan Zak -- as a Mitzvah
March 20	Cantor & Marcy Shapiro -- in honor of Cantor's birthday and their Anniversary
March 27	OPEN
April 3	Community Passover Seder
April 10	Joan Zak -- as a Mitzvah
April 17	OPEN
April 24	Ken & Joan J. -- in honor of Ken's birthday
May 1	Joel & Cheryl Friedberg -- as a Mitzvah
May 8	Joan Zak -- as a Mitzvah
May 15	OPEN
May 22	OPEN
May 29	Joel & Cheryl Friedberg -- in honor of Joel's birthday

Shavuot Service
and
Confirmation

**Hear the 10 Commandments and
Celebrate our students who will be confirmed!**

**Thursday, May 21st
7:00 PM**

Festive, Dairy Oneg to follow service

PRE-SHABBAT DINNER CHAVURAH

Chavurot brings a richness of Jewish experience, personal meaning, and interpersonal connection to their members.



Did you know that a group of synagogue members gather each week for a Pre-Shabbat Dinner?

This Chavurah meets at a different restaurant in the Corona-Norco area, enjoying a relaxed meal together filled with good food and plenty of schmoozing before services.

Interested in joining the Pre-Shabbat Dinner Chavurah? Contact Renee Miller at 909-228-5945 to be added to the weekly communications with the meet-up times and locations.

CELEBRATING CBS MEMBERS

Mazel Tov to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

Yom Huledet Sameach!

March 2	Tanya Spiegel	April 6	Bob Stone	April 22	Amanda Rouman
March 8	Amanda Williams	April 11	Morrie Barembaum	April 24	Rebeca Barembaum
March 9	RJ Spiegel	April 12	Mitch Lindenbaum	April 26	Ken J.
March 12	Michael Sachs	April 13	Joel Williams	April 27	Ilana D'Agostino
March 13	Jewel Montoya	April 19	David Severson	April 27	Matt Shapiro
March 17	Cantor Bruce Shapiro	April 19	Jackie Williams	April 29	Rozlyn Ornelas
March 21	Joan Zak	April 21	Brenda Fusco		

Mazel Tov!

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

2026 World Wide Wrap

Thank you to those who participated in the 2026 World Wide Wrap. A special thank you to Cantor Shapiro, Matt Shapiro, and RJ Spiegel for helping everyone be able to celebrate the Mitzvah of putting on tefillin.



Not everyone that was present is pictured.

Congregation Beth Shalom Annual Community Passover Seder

Friday, April 3 | 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

MEMBERS:

Adults: \$60

Ages 20 & Under: FREE

NON-MEMBERS:

Adults: \$70

Ages 12 & Under: \$36

MEANINGFUL AND INTERACTIVE SEDER

WARM AND INVITING ATMOSPHERE

GOURMET PASSOVER CUISINE*



RSVP by Thursday, March 26
to Tanya Spiegel at
951-751-9841.

Reservations and payment
are required by March 26.
Reduced costs may be available.

*Vegetarian option available.
Please request when
making your reservation.

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.



Olive trees planted in Israel throughout history

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.

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.





CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

19th Annual Legacy Luncheon

HONORING CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD A BETTER COMMUNITY

Sunday, March 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Eagle Glen Golf Club

1800 EAGLE GLEN PARKWAY | CORONA, CA 92883

Honorees



TOM & SUNNY RICHINS

Shomer Tzedek Award
(Guardian of Righteousness)



CIRCLE CITY ROTARY

Tzedakah Award



CORONA ROTARY

Tzedakah Award



KATHY & JON ARMSTRONG
DO IT AMERICAN MFG COMPANY, LLC

Shatuf Tzedek Award
(Business Partner)

2026 Sponsors

Tikva (Hope) Level:

Sam & Renee Miller
Karen Spiegel, Riverside County Supervisor 2nd District

Mishpacha (Family) Level:

Mark & Paula Fogel
Ken & Joan J.
Bobby & Karen Spiegel

Ahava (Love) Level:

Circle City Rotary
Corona Rotary
Covenant Life Christian Fellowship
Joel & Cheryl Friedberg
Thomas Garrett
Tom & Sunny Richins

Chaverut (Friendship) Level:

Congressman Ken Calvert
Corona Chamber of Commerce
Joan Zak & Dennis Brooks



Thank You to those who have donated to the 19th Annual Legacy Luncheon

Items for the Auction *as of February 25, 2026*

- A Cut Above Hair Salon
- Alice Henderson
- Aquarium of the Pacific
- Artist's Collective
- Badlands BBQ
- Bernstein and Benham Optometry
- Better K9 Dog Pet Resort
- Betty Faye's
- BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
- Bob & Kathy Stone
- Bobby & Karen Spiegel
- Brighton
- Bruce & Jackie Williams
- Bruce & Marci Rouman
- Bruce & Marcy Shapiro
- Brunk's Steakhouse
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- California Pizza Kitchen- Chino Hills
- Carl's Jr.
- Cerritos Performing Arts Center
- Chili's – Corona, Chino Hills, Yorba Linda
- Christian Arts Theatre
- Cisco Restaurant & Bar
- Claro's Italian Market & Deli
- Corky's Kitchen & Bakery
- Corona Symphony
- Cowboy Surfer Grill
- D'Vine Mediterranean Experience
- Dan & Brenda Fusco
- Dan Jacobs
- Dos Lagos Amphitheater
- Dwayne Vance
- Eduardo's Mexican Restaurant
- Elizabeth Gesson
- Ferrari's A'Roma Ristorante
- Fire 150 Grill & Fry
- Get Air Trampoline Park
- Goodfellas Café
- Graziano's Pizza
- Hand & Stone Massage
- Healing Soles
- Integrated Medical Centers
- Islands Restaurants (Corona and Riverside locations)
- Jeff Miller
- Jessica Rouman
- Joshua Christopher Salon
- Just Yoga
- Karl Strauss Brewing Company
- Ken & Joan J.
- LA Kings
- LA Kings Icetown Riverside
- Laura Kaslow
- Lazy Dog Restaurants
- Lisa Gesson
- Lisa Haberman
- Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ
- Luna Modern Mexican Kitchen
- Mandel Jewelers
- Mantra Indian Cuisine
- Mark & Gail Koren
- Mark & Paula Fogel
- Matt & Amanda Shapiro
- Midas of Corona
- Moss Brothers Auto Group
- Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Museum
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Orchard Nails
- Palm Beach Tan
- P.F. Chang's – Chino Hills, Riverside
- Phil Agins
- Pier 76 Fish Grill
- Planes of Fame Air Museum
- Playology Indoor Playground
- Rachel Spiegel
- Rebecca Miller
- Red Ginger
- Sam & Renee Miller
- San Diego Air & Space Museum
- Santa Ana Zoo
- Season's 52
- Silver Dollar Pancake House
- Skirball Cultural Center
- Spirit of Texas BBQ
- Sprouts Farmers Market
- Starbucks (Norco Village, North Main)
- Starlight Cinema Dos Lagos
- Stephanie Sachs
- Tanya Spiegel
- The Derby Room
- Trader Joe's
- Tom's Farms
- USS Midway Museum
- West Coast Optometry

Pesach 5786 is on its way!

For your convenience, please complete this form for the Authorization of Sale of Hametz, a traditional act of ridding our homes of forbidden leavened items:

We, the undersigned, do hereby appoint Cantor Bruce Shapiro to be our agent to arrange the sale of any and all Hametz which may be located in our possession before the arrival of the festival of Pesach.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

(In order to affect a designation of agency, some transfer of property is required by Jewish law. We suggest you make a donation of whatever amount you wish to CBS-Sale of Hametz, and the office will forward your checks.)

Please return this form to the office by Sunday, March 29, 2026.

Make checks payable to: CBS-Sale of Hametz: P.O. Box 2737, Corona, CA 92878

Wednesday: 4/1 Ta'Anit Bekhorim/Fast of the Firstborn

Friday: 4/3 Community Seder Begins at 6:30 PM

PASSOVER-SEDER HOSPITALITY

- Please notify the office you if you need to be hosted for a Seder or would consider welcoming Seder guests.
- Please join us for the Community Seder on the Second Night at CBS led by Cantor Shapiro and friends.
- Donations for the Sale of Hametz welcome: Minimum \$ 1 (to go to a Charity in Corona)

Discover new books
and join the CBS

BOOK CLUB

In-person at the Williams'
home and on Zoom

Thursday, April 9
5:30 PM

April's Book:
Queen Esther
by John Irving

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.

COME PLAY MAHJONG!

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

New and Experienced
Players Welcomed!

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

Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education

March's Topic:

Tikkun Olam—Repairing the World

General Principles
What Can Individuals Do
What Can Groups Do

Saturday, March 7th
9:30 AM
(on Zoom)

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

All are welcome!

Monthly Torah Study

Saturday, March 21st
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

MARCH 2026

1	Religious School	8:30 AM
1	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM
2	Purim Spiel and Megillah Reading	6:30 PM
3	Purim	-
4	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
6	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Spiegel Families	7:30 PM
7	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
8	Religious School	8:30 AM
8	Board Meeting	9:00 AM
8	Legacy Luncheon Committee Meeting	10:30 AM
9	Ritual Committee Meeting*	6:30 PM
13	Shabbat Across America Erev Shabbat Service led by Joan Zak oneg hosted by Joan Zak	7:30 PM
15	No Religious School	-
15	19th Annual Legacy Luncheon*	10:30 AM
16	Presidents' Day	-
16	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
19	<i>Rosh Chodesh - Nisan</i>	
20	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Cantor & Marcy Shapiro	7:30 PM
21	Torah Study	9:00 AM
21	Community Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM
22	Religious School	8:30 AM
22	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM
27	Erev Shabbat Service led by Bob Stone oneg hosted by OPEN	7:30 PM
29	Religious School	8:30 AM

APRIL 2026

1	Passover Begins	-
3	Community Passover Seder	6:00 PM
3	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro	7:30 PM
4	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
5	No Religious School	-
6	Ritual Committee Meeting*	6:30 PM
9	Book Club*	5:30 PM
10	Erev Shabbat Service led by Joan Zak oneg hosted by Joan Zak	7:30 PM
12	Religious School	8:30 AM
12	Board Meeting	9:00 AM
12	Legacy Luncheon Committee Meeting	10:30 AM
12	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM
14	Yom HaShoah	-
17	<i>Rosh Chodesh - Iyar</i>	-
17	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by OPEN	7:30 PM
18	<i>Rosh Chodesh - Iyar</i>	-
18	Torah Study	9:00 AM
18	Community Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM
19	Religious School	8:30 AM
20	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
21	Yom HaZikaron	-
22	Yom HaAtzmaut	-
24	Erev Shabbat Service led by OPEN oneg hosted by Ken & Joan J.	7:30 PM
26	Religious School	8:30 AM
26	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM

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)