



# KOL ECHAD

The Voice of Congregation Beth Shalom

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## THE CANTOR'S CORNER

BY CANTOR BRUCE SHAPIRO



**Passover**, one of Judaism's more serious festivals, recounts the biblical narrative of the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. While rooted in a 3,400-year-old story, the message of Passover is universal and enduring, acting as a profound call to action in today's complex world.

At its core, Passover is a celebration of freedom, resilience, and the journey from oppression to hope. It reminds us that no form of tyranny is permanent, and that even in the darkest of times, liberation is possible. In a world often marked by social injustice, political volatility, and humanitarian crises, the narrative urges individuals to defend the vulnerable, care for those on the fringe, and stand against modern-day oppression. The **Seder** is not merely a recollection of the past, but an active engagement with the present, compelling us to "feel as though we personally came out of Egypt".

Furthermore, it provides a powerful message of empathy for the "stranger". The Torah repeatedly commands and reminds us to remember our own history of enslavement to ensure we protect those who are marginalized. It encourages a "spiritual spring cleaning," asking us to remove the "chametz" (leavened bread) of ego, arrogance, and prejudice from our lives.

**Adon Olam, Source of Life**, current times have been marked by a deep divide, politically, religiously, and spiritually. Please make us aware and show us how Passover serves as a bridge between memory and action. Allow us to use our own freedom to fight for the rights of others, fostering a world filled with justice, compassion, and hope.

**Chag Pesach Sameach! Happy Passover!**

## 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*

## Annual Membership Meeting & Elections

Sunday, June 14  
10:00 AM at CBS

Join us for a brunch prior to the Annual Meeting.  
The brunch is free for members.

We will present the

- State of the Synagogue
- Review of Financial Status
- Elections for open positions on the Board
- Show the Annual Year-in-Review Video

# CBS LEADERSHIP

## Spiritual Leader

Cantor Bruce Shapiro 949-697-7641

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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.**

## April

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

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## May

1 Arthur Shapiro 14 Iyar  
1 Jacob Haskel Eisen\* 14 Iyar  
2 Bonnie J. Flint\* 15 Iyar  
3 Gerald Notick 16 Iyar  
3 Robin A. Busch 16 Iyar  
6 Augusta Frey\* 19 Iyar  
6 Phillip Scharfman\* 19 Iyar  
7 Jay Loren Shapiro 20 Iyar  
10 Edward Severson 23 Iyar  
10 Florence Feller 23 Iyar  
14 Gary Lee Elkins\* 27 Iyar  
15 Zdenka Fischmann\* 28 Iyar  
17 Ruth Hirschfeld 1 Sivan  
17 Bessie Cotler\* 1 Sivan  
19 Arthur "Art" Gelb\* 3 Sivan  
19 Margot Antonetty\* 3 Sivan  
21 Henry Feller 5 Sivan  
22 Dorothy R. Miller\* 6 Sivan  
24 Yosef Berggrun 8 Sivan  
24 Lalie Eisen\* 8 Sivan  
27 Morris Shulman 11 Sivan  
27 Eileen Notick 11 Sivan  
29 Harry Agins\* 13 Sivan  
29 Mortimer L. Medrich\* 13 Sivan

\* = denotes Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque

## Refuah Shlema

*Our Community Prayer for Healing*

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

## 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.

# 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:

April 3	<b>Community Passover Seder</b>
April 10	<b>Dr. John Busch</b> -- as a Mitzvah
April 17	<b>Dan &amp; Brenda Fusco</b> -- in honor of Brenda's birthday
April 24	<b>Ken &amp; Joan J.</b> -- in honor of Ken's birthday
May 1	<b>Joel &amp; Cheryl Friedberg</b> -- as a Mitzvah
May 8	<b>Spiegel Families</b> -- in honor of Karen's birthday and Mother's Day
May 15	<b>Alice Henderson</b> -- as a Mitzvah
May 22	<b>Bruce &amp; Marci Rouman</b> --in honor of Marci's birthday
May 29	<b>Joel &amp; Cheryl Friedberg</b> -- in honor of Joel's birthday
June 5	<b>Mark &amp; Gail Koren</b> -- in honor of Mark's birthday and their anniversary
June 12	<b>Joan Zak</b> -- as a Mitzvah
June 19	<b>Joel &amp; Cheryl Friedberg</b> -- in honor of their 60th Anniversary
June 26	<b>Lenny &amp; Sharon Elkins</b> -- in honor of their Anniversary

## 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.

## PRE-SHABBAT DINNER CHAVURAH

Chavurot bring 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

*Mazal Tov to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries*

## Yom Huledet Sameach!

April 6	Bob Stone
April 11	Morrie Barembaum
April 12	Mitch Lindenbaum
April 13	Joel Williams
April 19	David Severson
April 19	Jackie Williams
April 21	Brenda Fusco
April 22	Amanda Rouman
April 24	Rebeca Barembaum
April 26	Ken J.
April 27	Ilana D'Agostino
April 27	Matt Shapiro
April 29	Rozlyn Ornelas
May 1	Melissa Lindenbaum
May 11	Karen Spiegel
May 14	Amanda Shapiro
May 14	Marcy Shapiro
May 17	Lenny Elkins
May 19	Jake Pineros
May 21	Marci Rouman
May 29	Dan Fusco
May 29	Joel Friedberg
May 31	Jan Davis

## Mazel Tov!

May 5	Saul & Sandra Shulman
May 21	Matt & Amanda Shapiro

# 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 February 25 - March 29.**

## Building Fund

Bruce & Marci Rouman

*in memory of Felice Rouman (z"l)*

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

*in memory of Dr. Max Spiegel (z"l)*

*in memory of Benjamin Hirsch (z"l)*

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

*in memory of Flora "Oma" Hirsch Spiegel (z"l)*

## Youth Development Fund

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

*in memory of Thadia "Dee Dee" Gillerman (z"l)*

*in memory of Joseph Gillerman (z"l)*

*in memory of Lilian "Mom Mom" Ruth Lasko (z"l)*

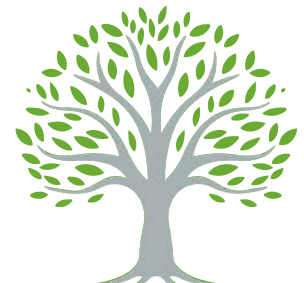
## Sale of Chametz

Bobby & Karen Spiegel

Tanya Spiegel

# Today Rabah!

Thank you to the  
2026 Annual Legacy Luncheon  
Committee Members  
for their hard work and dedication!



CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

19th Annual Legacy Luncheon

# TO MEGILLAH... AND BEYOND! A PURIM SPIEL ADVENTURE

Thank you to the CBS Religious School and teachers for putting on an imaginative and entertaining Purim Spiel. A special thank you to Cantor Bruce for the whimsical Megillah Reading, and Renee Ryan and Arrianna Wolfe for the decor and scenes.



Thank you to all our congregants who participated in this year's Mishloach Manot program. Because of your generosity, each package was beautifully filled with hamantaschen, festive treats, and heartfelt greetings, spreading Purim joy throughout our community.

Your support not only brightened someone's holiday, but also helps sustain our Religious School and strengthens the bonds that make our community so special.

Thank you for making this Purim sweeter for everyone!

*Marci Rouman  
Education Director*



# A LIVING LEGACY: PLANTING TREES IN ISRAEL

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

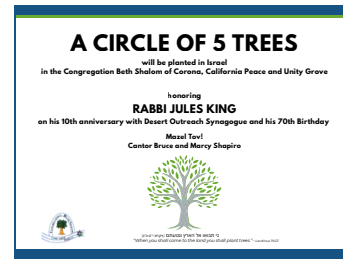
Over 100 years ago, Jewish National Fund-USA began restoring the natural landscape of Israel, replenishing the trees and vegetation that had been lost over time.



Rooted in biblical tradition, the land was once abundant with olive, pine, cypress, tamarisk, acacia, and carob trees — species that continue to be planted today to renew, sustain, and nurture the land.

Planting a tree is a meaningful way to celebrate life's special moments while making a lasting impact. Whether marking a simcha or offering comfort, there is always a reason to plant: an anniversary, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, birthday, graduation, wedding, or new baby; in honor of a loved one, in memory of someone dear, or simply to say thank you, get well, or congratulations. Even milestones like retirement, Mother's Day, Father's Day — or honoring a beloved pet — can be commemorated through this enduring gift.

Each tree planted is more than a gesture — it is a living legacy, deepening our connection to the land and to one another.



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

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE  
ITZKOWITZ FAMILY  
ON THE PASSING OF DENNIS ITZKOWITZ (Z"l)  
HE WILL BE MISSED.**

# FROM REMEMBRANCE TO RENEWAL: HONORING THE SACRED DAYS OF SPRING IN THE JEWISH CALENDAR

As we move through the spring, we encounter three deeply meaningful days on the Jewish calendar that invite reflection, remembrance, and celebration.

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is a time to honor the memory of the six million Jews who perished and to reflect on the resilience of survivors. We pause to bear witness, ensuring that their stories are never forgotten.



Shortly thereafter, Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, calls us to remember the soldiers who gave their lives in defense of the State of Israel, as well as victims of terror. It is a solemn day marked by gratitude and collective mourning.

Immediately following, Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day, shifts us from sorrow to joy as we celebrate the miracle of Israel's founding and the vibrancy of Jewish sovereignty in our time.



Together, these days form a powerful journey, from remembrance and sacrifice to hope and renewal, reminding us of the strength, unity, and enduring spirit of the Jewish people.



# HELPING BRING JOY TO CHILDREN AT SHRINERS HOSPITAL

## Tzipora's Bat Mitzvah Project



Shriners Hospital is dedicated to providing specialized care for children. Twice a year, once in December and again in July, members of the Free Masons collect toys to donate to the children receiving care there. While many toys are distributed during the holiday season in December, supplies begin to run low by the time summer arrives.

For my mitzvah project, I am organizing a toy drive to help support this effort and ensure that children at Shriners Hospital continue to receive gifts throughout the year. From now until July, I will be collecting brand-new toys, as well as monetary donations that will be used to purchase additional toys.

A donation box will be placed at the synagogue, making it easy for community members to contribute and helping us keep track of all donations.

Your support can help bring comfort, joy, and smiles to children who need it most. Thank you for being part of this meaningful effort.

## 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.

# 19th Annual Legacy Luncheon

## "Honoring Contributions Toward a Better Community"

Congregation Beth Shalom's 19th Annual Legacy Luncheon was a tremendous success, celebrating an outstanding group of honorees. **Tom and Sunny Richins** received the Shomer Tzedek Award (Guardian of Righteousness), while **Kathy and Jon Armstrong**, founders of **Do It American MFG Company, LLC**, were honored with the Shatuf Tzedek Award (Business Partner). **Circle City Rotary** and the **Corona Rotary Club** were each presented with the Tzedakah Award.

This year's program book recognized the many sponsors, volunteers, advertisers, and businesses whose generosity made the event possible, as well as our dedicated Legacy Luncheon Committee, who worked tirelessly for nine months to bring the event to life. We are deeply grateful to our community for their continued support.

Our event sponsors for the day included: **Covenant Life Christian Fellowship; Sam & Renee Miller; Karen Spiegel, Riverside County Supervisor 2nd District; Mark & Paula Fogel; Kenneth & Joan J.; Bobby & Karen Spiegel; Circle City Rotary; Corona Rotary Club; Joel & Cheryl Friedberg; Thomas Garrett; Tom & Sunny Richins; Congressman Ken Calvert; Corona Chamber of Commerce;** and **Joan Zak & Dennis Brooks**. The generous sponsorships and a host of other donations to the event were appreciated.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the many individuals whose efforts made the day so special. **Marci Rouman** provided invaluable support throughout the process. **Paula Fogel** coordinated auction baskets, donations, and centerpieces, while **Jackie Williams** worked closely with Eagle Glen to ensure a wonderful luncheon experience. **Gail Koren** and **Alice Henderson** managed extensive auction data, and **Mark Koren** handled registrations, signage, baking, and photography. **Bruce Rouman** created the video montages, and **Bob Stone** carefully tracked all financials. **Joan J., Joan Zak, Brenda Fusco**, and others helped secure donations, while additional volunteers assisted with logistics, outreach, and event-day support.



2026 Legacy Luncheon Honorees



Special recognition goes to **Bobby Spiegel**, our energetic emcee, who also secured proclamations for the honorees. **Karen Spiegel** represented the County of Riverside with support and presentations. **Tanya Spiegel** designed the event branding and program book, and **Cantor Bruce Shapiro** led the HaMotzi and Fund-A-Need kickoff. We also thank **Sam and Renee Miller** for sponsoring brunch, and **Bobby and Karen Spiegel** for sponsoring bagels and lox.



We are grateful to all of our day-of volunteers, whose efforts ensured everything ran smoothly. Thank you Deborah Cook, Paula Fogel, Oliver Fusco, Brenda Fusco, Alice Henderson, Joan J., Gail Koren, Michelle Mock, Renée Ryan, Josh Spiegel, Kathy Stone, and Bob Stone.

Appreciation also goes to **Eileen Hayden's Event Solutions** for auction coordination, **Rhythm Tech Productions** for outstanding audio-visual support, **Arrianna Wolfe** and **Lydia Shreve** for their Barista Service, and **Nina Hickman** for beautifully capturing the event through photography. A special thank you to **Raul and the Eagle Glen team** for their continued excellence.

Finally, thank you to all CBS members and the greater Corona community for attending and supporting the luncheon. Your generosity and spirit are what make this event so meaningful year after year. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Legacy Luncheon—**Kol Hakavod and Mazel Tov!!**



Renee Miller

*Legacy Luncheon Chairperson*



Discover new books  
and join the CBS

## BOOK CLUB

In-person at the Williams'  
home and on Zoom

Thursday, April 16  
5:30 PM

*April's Book:*  
*Queen Esther*  
*by John Irving*

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

## Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education

*April's Topic:*

### Tikkun Olam—Repairing the World Part 2

General Principles  
What Can Individuals Do  
What Can Groups Do

Saturday, April 4th  
9:30 AM  
(on Zoom)

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

All are welcome!

## JOIN THE FUN AT POKER NIGHT!

Join the CBS Brotherhood for  
Poker Night

1st & 3rd Monday each  
month

7:00 PM | CBS

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

## Get Your Mahj On(g)!

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

New and Experienced  
Players Welcomed!

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

## Monthly Torah Study

Saturday, April 18th  
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

## APRIL 2026

1	Passover Begins	-
3	Community Passover Seder Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro	6:00 PM
4	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
5	No Religious School	-
6	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
9	Yizkor Service	6:15 PM
10	Erev Shabbat Service led by Joan Zak oneg hosted by Dr. John Busch	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
13	Ritual Committee Meeting*	6:30 PM
14	Yom HaShoah	-
16	Book Club*	5:30 PM
17	<i>Rosh Chodesh - Iyar</i>	-
17	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Dan & Brenda Fusco	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 Jessie Rouman oneg hosted by Ken & Joan J.	7:30 PM
26	Religious School	8:30 AM
26	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM

## MAY 2026

1	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by: Joel & Cheryl Friedberg	7:30 PM
2	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
3	Board Meeting	9:00 AM
4	Ritual Committee Meeting*	6:30 PM
4	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
8	Erev Shabbat Service led by Joan Zak oneg hosted by Spiegel Families	7:30 PM
10	Mother's Day	-
10	No Religious School	-
15	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Alice Henderson	7:30 PM
16	Torah Study	9:00 AM
16	Community Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM
17	<i>Rosh Chodesh - Sivan</i>	-
17	Religious School	8:30 AM
17	Confirmation Class	10:45 AM
18	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
21	Yizkor Service	6:15 PM
21	Shavuot Service and Confirmation	7:00 PM
22	Erev Shabbat Service led by Xime Whittemore oneg hosted by Bruce & Marci Rouman	7:30 PM
24	No Religious School	8:30 AM
25	Memorial Day	-
29	Erev Shabbat Service Teacher Appreciation Night led by CBS Religious School Students oneg hosted by Joel & Cheryl Friedberg	7:30 PM
31	Religious School	8:30 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)