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THE CANTOR'S CORNER

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Parashat Bamidbar, which opens the **Book of Numbers**, sets the stage for the Israelites' journey by conducting a census to count every individual, highlighting that each person holds a unique importance in the community. It is a portion that emphasizes structure, identity, and the significance of preserving the

distinct Jewish story in the "wilderness" of the world. In today's digital era, our responsibility to protect our narrative has become critically relevant, yet it faces an unparalleled challenge from digital antisemites, particularly on **Wikipedia**.

A **2025 ADL** (Anti-Defamation League) report found a coordinated campaign by a group of approximately 30+ radical editors working to manipulate Wikipedia, violating neutrality to input anti-Israel views and antisemitic tropes as established facts. They often hijack articles relating to Zionism and Jewish history, systematic dismantling neutral narratives to downplay violence against Jews while exaggerating accusations against Israel. Some Arab-language pages have even been wrapped in political branding.

This could be considered a digital pogrom—an intellectual erasure of the Jewish story on the world's most-read encyclopedia. Like the Israelites who were told they must maintain their unique identity in the wilderness, we are called to defend our digital history from those who seek to erase us. Failing to challenge these radical edits allows misinformation to replace our shared story, and makes the fight for truth a modern-day necessity.

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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

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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.

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

June

1 Elliott Robert Barkan* 16 Sivan
 3 Ida Kofsky* 18 Sivan
 7 Carl Barkan* 22 Sivan
 8 Allen Leopold 23 Sivan
 10 Aaron Severson 25 Sivan
 10 Milton Werby 25 Sivan
 12 Hannah Weinstein* 27 Sivan
 15 Max Fogel* 30 Sivan
 17 Marcia Abraham 2 Tammuz
 18 Rosalie Schulman 3 Tammuz
 18 Eva Dawe 3 Tammuz
 18 Emily Bendix Jacobs* 3 Tammuz
 18 Philip Tarshis* 3 Tammuz
 20 Obby Agins* 5 Tammuz
 21 Abraham Kmiolek* 6 Tammuz
 22 Harry Bonn* 7 Tammuz
 26 Lisa Schulman Schneider* 11 Tammuz
 28 Theodore Schnee 13 Tammuz
 28 Mary Greenstone 13 Tammuz
 29 Jeffrey Schwimmer 14 Tammuz

* = 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.

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 March 30 - April 26.

Building Fund

Joel and Cheryl Friedberg

in memory of Evelyn Weinberg (z"l)

in memory of Betty Friedberg (z"l)

Mark and Paula Fogel

Eileen Taks

in memory of Maurice S. Taks (z"l)

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Mark and Paula Fogel

in memory of Ruth Julia Fogel (z"l)

Saul and Sandra Shulman

in memory of Saul's mother, Sarah Shulman (z"l)

Bobby and Karen Spiegel

in memory of Margot Antonetty (z"l)

Education Fund

Bobby and Karen Spiegel

*in honor of Richard Joseph "RJ" Spiegel's
Confirmation*

in honor of Kaylee Klein's high school graduation

General Fund

John Busch

*in memory of Robyn Busch
in memory of Otto Louis Busch*

Lenny Elkins

in memory of Gary Elkins (z"l)

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in memory of Dennis Itzkowitz (z"l)

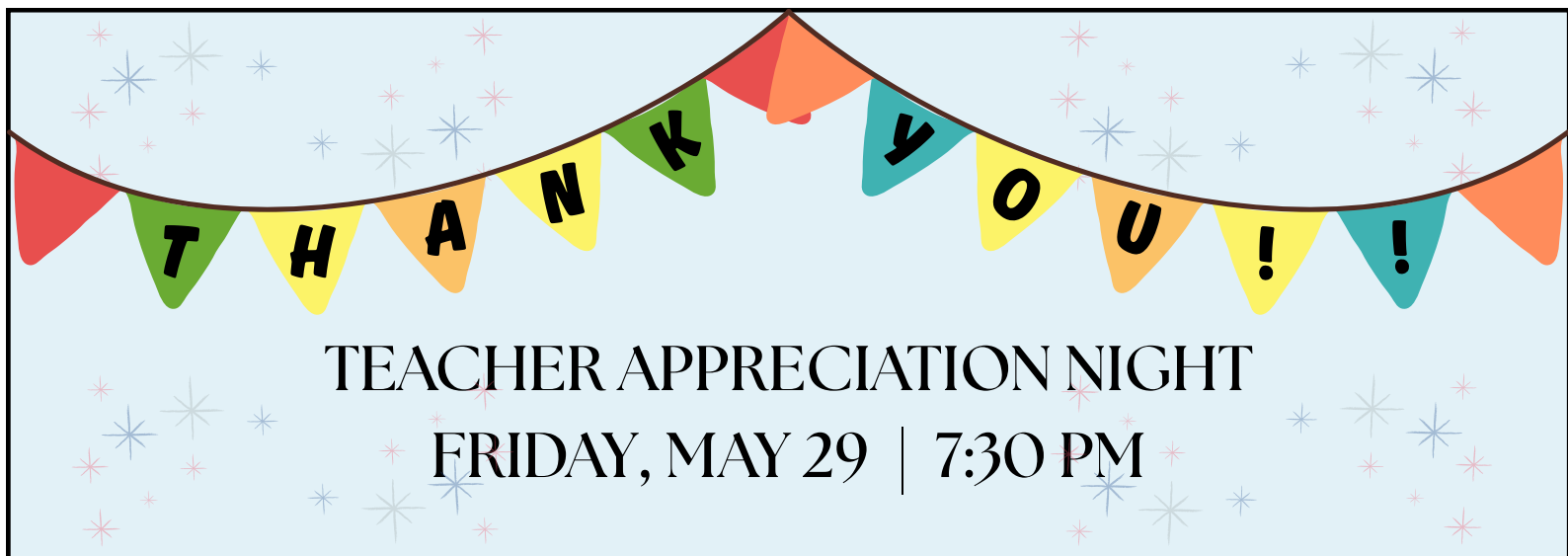
Sale of Chametz

Bruce and Marcy Shapiro

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Adon Olam, Source of Life, allow Jews and Non-Jews alike to be aware of injustices and narratives being used against Israel and the Jewish people. May we use our own freedom to fight for the rights of others, to foster a world filled with justice, compassion, and hope. We must remember that this is not just a war against the Jews, but against the values of modern western civilization.

Chag Shavuot Sameach! Happy Feast of Weeks!



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:

May 1	Joel and Cheryl Friedberg -- as a Mitzvah
May 8	Spiegel Families -- in honor of Karen's birthday and Mother's Day
May 15	Alice Henderson -- as a Mitzvah
May 22	Bruce and Marci Rouman --in honor of Marci's birthday
May 29	Parents of CBS Religious School Students -- in honor of Teacher Appreciation Night
June 5	Mark and Gail Koren -- in honor of Mark's birthday and their anniversary
June 12	Joan Zak -- as a Mitzvah
June 19	Joel and Cheryl Friedberg -- in honor of their 60th Anniversary
June 26	Lenny and Sharon Elkins -- in honor of their Anniversary
July 3	Tanya Spiegel -- as a Mitzvah
July 10	OPEN
July 17	OPEN
July 24	OPEN
Juy 31	OPEN

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!

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
June 2	Stephanie Sachs
June 6	Mark Koren
June 7	Joan J.
June 22	Jonah Fusco
June 25	Danielle Shapiro

Mazel Tov!

May 5	Saul and Sandra Shulman
May 21	Matt and Amanda Shapiro
June 1	Bruce and Marci Rouman
June 2	Bobby and Karen Spiegel
June 23	Danny and Jan Davis
June 25	Mark and Gail Koren
June 26	Lenny and Sharon Elkins
June 29	Joel and Cindy Williams

A LIVING LEGACY: PLANTING TREES IN ISRAEL

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

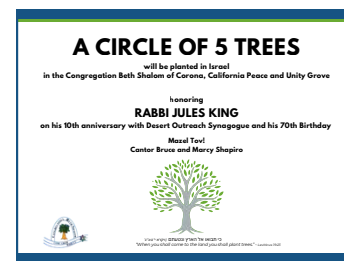
Over 100 years ago, Jewish National Fund-USA began restoring the natural landscape of Israel, replenishing the trees and vegetation that had been lost over time.



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. A custom certificate will be printed and mailed to your home, relative, or friend.

SUPPORT THE CBS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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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 GIFT SHOPPE

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and join the CBS

BOOK CLUB

At 5:30 PM in-person at the
Williams' home and on Zoom

Thursday, May 14

The Heart of a Stranger
by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl

Thursday, June 17

People Love Dead Jews by
Dara Horn

Thursday, July 15

Mona's Eyes by Thomas
Schlesser

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

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.

Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education

May's Topic:

The 10 Commandments in various faith traditions

Travel the world and see how
different cultures word their
most basic rules

Saturday, May 2nd
9:30 AM
(on Zoom)

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

All are welcome!

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, May 16th
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

MAY 2026

1	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by: Joel and Cheryl Friedberg	7:30 PM
2	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
3	Religious School	8:30 AM
3	Board Meeting	9:00 AM
3	Confirmation Class	10:45 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	-
14	Book Club*	5:30 PM
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 and 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 the Parents of the Religious School Students	7:30 PM
31	Religious School	8:30 AM

JUNE 2026

1	Ritual Committee Meeting*	6:30 PM
1	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
5	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Mark and Gail Koren	7:30 PM
6	Adult Education*	9:30 AM
12	Erev Shabbat Service led by Joan Zak oneg hosted by Joan Zak	7:30 PM
14	CBS Annual Membership Meeting	10:00 AM
15	<i>Rosh Chodesh - Tammuz</i>	-
15	Brotherhood Poker	7:00 PM
16	<i>Rosh Chodesh - Tammuz</i>	-
17	Book Club*	5:30 PM
19	Erev Shabbat Service led by Cantor Shapiro oneg hosted by Joel and Cheryl Friedberg	7:30 PM
20	Torah Study	9:00 AM
20	Community Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM
21	Father's Day	-
26	Erev Shabbat Service led by Jessi Rouman oneg hosted by Lenny and Sharon Elkins	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)