



# KOL ECHAD

The Voice of Congregation Beth Shalom

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## THE CANTOR'S CORNER

BY CANTOR BRUCE SHAPIRO



The **Three Weeks** from Shiv'ah Asar BeTammuz (17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz, July 1, eve) to Tisha B'Av (9<sup>th</sup> of Av, July 22, eve) serve as important reminders of a time of communal mourning where the restrictions guide Jewish spiritual resolve within our modern Jewish, Zionist, and Israeli challenges.

During this period, Jewish tradition recalls historical tragedies, primarily the destruction of the Temples. We join in mourning practices such as refraining from joyous events and music, cultivating collective mindfulness of our historic past, and no haircuts! Surging anti-semitism and the war with Iran, make these restrictions resonate with intense urgency. They remind us that threats to Jewish survival are not merely past history, but present realities, channeling communal anxiety into introspection and unity.

Following this mournful period, we read **Parashat Va'etchanan** (Saturday, July 25), which includes the chanting of the Ten Commandments. This reading reconnects us to our people gathering at Mount Sinai. By internalizing these divine pronouncements just six weeks before the High Holidays, we bridge the despair of **Tisha B'Av** with the renewed hope and judgment of Rosh Hashanah.

This transition is crucial; it teaches us to process our grief and channel it into an active, re-energized commitment to Torah.

Adon Olam, Source of Life, **The Ten Commandments** anchor our identity, ensuring that our history does not define our future, but rather fortifies our dedication to divine law as we approach the Days of Awe. Let's continue to strive for calm, confidence, and support for the Jewish people wherever we see the opportunity to do so!

Be alert and aware. Enjoy your Summer Holiday! See you in August!

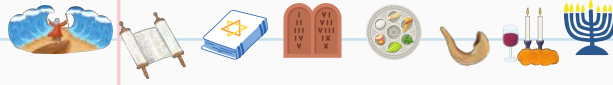


**Strengthen your child's Jewish identity and sense of Jewish community.**

Religious School: K - 7th Grade  
Hebrew School: 3rd - 7th Grade  
Confirmation Class: 8th - 10th Grade

**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN**

The 2026-2027 School Year begins Sunday, August 23rd.  
For more information, call Marci Rouman at 951-733-3980



# CBS LEADERSHIP

## Spiritual Leader

Cantor Bruce Shapiro 949-697-7641

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# YAHREIT OBSERVANCES

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

***May their memories be a blessing.***

## July

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Joseph Koren*             | 16 Tammuz |
| 4 Craig Williams            | 19 Tammuz |
| 5 Gilda Fink                | 20 Tammuz |
| 6 Michael N. Busch          | 21 Tammuz |
| 8 Sally Taks                | 23 Tammuz |
| 8 Saul Cooper               | 23 Tammuz |
| 8 Freda Kaufman Dratch      | 23 Tammuz |
| 10 Henri L. Sinasohn*       | 25 Tammuz |
| 13 Mitchell Izenman*        | 28 Tammuz |
| 14 Anne Brandt              | 29 Tammuz |
| 17 Samuel Martin            | 3 Av      |
| 17 Heinz S.F. Borchardt     | 3 Av      |
| 19 Sadie Levine Surkis      | 5 Av      |
| 20 Glenn C. Flint*          | 6 Av      |
| 21 Edmund Mercier           | 7 Av      |
| 21 Louis Bendix*            | 7 Av      |
| 23 Bertha Spiegel*          | 9 Av      |
| 26 Donald Lee Whitehead*    | 12 Av     |
| 26 Emile Bendix-Strauss     | 12 Av     |
| 28 Norman Newman*           | 14 Av     |
| 28 Taylor Alexandra Vasquez | 14 Av     |
| 28 Leah Naomi Levine*       | 14 Av     |
| 31 Ronnie Agins*            | 17 Av     |
| 31 Jacqueline Fogel*        | 17 Av     |

## August

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 5 Lenore Carrillo           | 22 Av   |
| 8 Richard Joseph Gillerman* | 25 Av   |
| 8 Teddy Fox                 | 25 Av   |
| 9 Rose Grace Karl*          | 26 Av   |
| 18 Helmut Brandt            | 5 Elul  |
| 18 Louis Friedberg*         | 5 Elul  |
| 24 Hilda Berggrun           | 11 Elul |
| 26 Brunette Meyer*          | 13 Elul |
| 26 Steve Fine               | 13 Elul |
| 26 Emile Bendix-Strauss*    | 12 AV   |
| 28 Jack Itzkowitz           | 15 Elul |

*\* = denotes Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque*

# DONATIONS

Tzedakah is a central mitzvah of Judaism. Donors benefit as much as, or even more than, the recipients of their giving. A tzedakah donation can recognize a special event, honor an individual, memorialize a loved one or community member, or express gratitude to the Synagogue or someone who has made a difference. All contributions made to Congregation Beth Shalom are fully tax-deductible, and all amounts are welcome.

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. You can also consider including a financial gift to Congregation Beth Shalom in your Trust or Will!

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations received May 22 - June 15.

## Building Fund

Joan Zak  
*in memory of Eva Dawe (z"l)*

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Saul Shulman  
*in memory of Saul's father, Morris Shulman (z"l)*

## Education Fund

Lenny and Sharon Elkins

## Youth Development Fund

Bobby and Karen Spiegel  
*in memory of Richard Gillerman (z"l)*

## Kristallnacht Program

Bobby and Karen Spiegel  
*in memory of Bertha Spiegel (z"l)*  
  
Bobby and Karen Spiegel  
*in memory of Brunette Meyer (z"l)*

## Trees Planted in Israel

Joel and Cheryl Friedberg

# 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:

|              |                                                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 3       | <b>Bob and Kathy Stone</b> -- as a Mitzvah                   |
| July 10      | <b>Phil Agins</b> -- as a Mitzvah                            |
| July 17      | <b>Corina Reiche and Alice Henderson</b> -- as a Mitzvah     |
| July 24      | <b>Ronni Armstrong</b> -- as a Mitzvah                       |
| Juy 31       | <b>OPEN</b>                                                  |
| August 7     | <b>Joel and Cheryl Friedberg</b> -- as a Mitzvah             |
| August 14    | <b>Sam and Renee Miller</b> -- in honor of their Anniversary |
| August 21    | <b>Joel and Cheryl Friedberg</b> -- as a Mitzvah             |
| August 28    | <b>Friends of CBS</b> -- in honor of Brooklyn's Bat Mitzvah  |
| September 4  | <b>OPEN</b>                                                  |
| September 11 | <b>June Yawnick and Joan J.</b> -- in memory of Ira Tawnick  |
| September 18 | <b>OPEN</b>                                                  |
| September 25 | <b>OPEN</b>                                                  |

Please feel free to leave some of your remaining treats and drinks at CBS if you don't want to take them home. Our Religious School students and their teachers will enjoy them.

# CELEBRATING CBS MEMBERS

*Mazal Tov to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries*

## Yom Huledet Sameach!

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| July 14   | Deborah Wutzke       |
| July 19   | Bruce Williams       |
| July 28   | Ronni Armstrong      |
| July 31   | Cindy Williams       |
| August 10 | Adeline Shapiro      |
| August 14 | Stephanie Shapiro    |
| August 17 | Jessica Rouman       |
| August 17 | Rebecca Spiegel      |
| August 21 | Ada Whittemore       |
| August 27 | Xime Whittemore      |
| August 29 | Tzipporah Whittemore |
| August 30 | Sharon Elkins        |

## Mazel Tov!

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| July 3    | Joel and Cheryl Friedberg |
| July 18   | Daniel and Brenda Fusco   |
| July 25   | Bruce and Jackie Williams |
| August 4  | Sam and Renee Miller      |
| August 26 | Mark and Paula Fogel      |



# SIGN UP TO BE A LAY LEADER

Are you interested in leading an Erev Shabbat service? Leading services is a wonderful way to deepen your connection to the beauty and rhythm of Jewish worship. Whether you're experienced or exploring this role for the first time, leading a service offers a meaningful opportunity to grow, learn, and contribute to our community's spiritual life.

If you've ever considered giving it a try — or would just like to learn more — we would love to hear from you.

Contact Jackie Williams at 714-296-4079 for future date openings.

# BUILDING BONDS ACROSS GENERATIONS

## Brooklyn's Bat Mitzvah Project

Hi, I'm Brooklyn!



I'm so excited to celebrate my Bat Mitzvah with my family, friends, and synagogue community. I would describe myself as outgoing and friendly, and one of my favorite things is that I can easily strike up a conversation with just about anyone—even someone I've just met.

I enjoy singing in musicals, drawing, participating in Sea Cadets, and, in my free time, watching Say Yes to the Dress. Becoming a Bat Mitzvah is a meaningful milestone in my life, and I'm proud to continue growing in my Jewish identity while taking on the responsibilities that come with it.

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I chose to volunteer at a senior living facility. I enjoy spending time with the residents by playing bingo, making crafts, sharing conversations, and simply being there to brighten their day. Building connections across generations has been a rewarding experience, and I hope my time with them brings as much joy to them as it does to me.

I'm incredibly grateful for the love and support of my family, friends, teachers, and community, and I can't wait to celebrate this special occasion with everyone.

## Refuah Shlema

Our Community Prayer for Healing

|                   |                 |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Joseph Agins      | Dennis Gilson   | Felix Smith     |
| Ronni Armstrong   | Doreen Gilson   | Matthew Stein   |
| Dr. John Busch    | Stephanie Sachs | Eileen Taks     |
| Vicki Crookham    | Dave Severson   | Bruce Williams  |
| Jan Davis         | Joyce Severson  | Jackie Williams |
| Paula Fogel       | Marcy Shapiro   | Debra Wutzke    |
| Sheldon Friedberg |                 |                 |



# 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.



# 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.



Mazel Tov to RJ Spiegel on  
being Confirmed

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

Accomplishments and programs from the past year were highlighted at this year's Annual Membership Meeting.



President Bruce Rouman provided an update on the potential new building the synagogue is considering. He outlined the progress made by the Building Committee and reviewed the proposed site plan.

All Board Members and Officers have agreed to continue in their respective roles for the 2026–2027 calendar year, with Bobby Spiegel being voted in as VP of Membership

The Annual Video in Review can be watched online by visiting:

[https://cbsofcorona.org/portfolio\\_page/cbs-annual-video-for-2025-2026/](https://cbsofcorona.org/portfolio_page/cbs-annual-video-for-2025-2026/)

## Congregation Beth Shalom GIFT SHOPPE

Your CBS Gift Shoppe is here for all your Judaica needs! Whether you're looking for a meaningful gift or a special piece for your home, our thoughtfully curated collection has something for every occasion.

Shop with purpose. Shop with heart.  
Shop the CBS Gift Shoppe today.

# COLLECTING TOYS FOR CHILDREN AT SHRINERS HOSPITAL

## Tzippora'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,

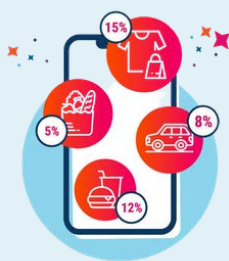
supplies begin to run low by summertime.

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

A donation box has been placed at the synagogue to make contributing easy and to help us keep track of all donations.

Your support will 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 Order Scrip Gift Cards!



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

With 750+ brands to choose from, there is a brand for every household need or wish list. The percentages earned from physical gift cards, eGift cards, and digitally reloaded funds (onto existing physical gift cards) all go back to the synagogue.

# A LIVING LEGACY: PLANTING TREES IN ISRAEL

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

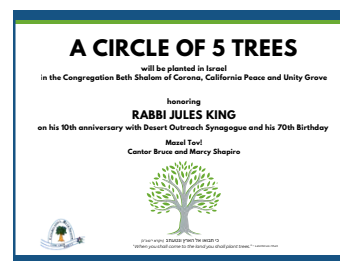
Over 100 years ago, Jewish National Fund-USA began restoring the natural landscape of Israel, replenishing the trees and vegetation that had been lost over time.



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 with 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 and mailed to your home, relative, or friend.

*Do you have empty boxes taking up space at home? The synagogue is in need of boxes of all sizes as we begin cleaning and preparing for our upcoming move. If you are able to donate any, please bring them to CBS, and they will be put to good use. For questions, please contact Joan J.*



## PREPARING FOR

# High Holy Days 2026/5787

### S'LICHOT

|                       |                  |         |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------|
| Saturday, September 5 | S'lichot Program | 6:00 PM |
| Saturday, September 5 | Havdalah         | 7:45 PM |

### ROSH HASHANAH

|                        |                                             |         |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| Friday, September 11   | Erev Rosh Hashanah and Erev Shabbat Service | 6:30 PM |
| Saturday, September 12 | Rosh Hashanah Service, Day 1                | 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, September 12 | <i>Optional Lunch Together</i>              | --      |
| Saturday, September 12 | Rosh Hashanah Evening Service               | 6:30 PM |
| Sunday, September 13   | Rosh Hashanah Service, Day 2                | 9:00 AM |
| Sunday, September 13   | <i>Tashlich</i>                             | 4:00 PM |

### YOM KIPPUR

|                      |                                 |                    |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday, September 20 | <i>Optional Dinner Together</i> | --                 |
| Sunday, September 20 | Kol Nidre                       | 6:15 PM            |
| Monday, September 21 | Yom Kippur Service              | 9:00 AM            |
| Monday, September 21 | Yizkor Service                  | 11:15 AM           |
| Monday, September 21 | Musaf Service                   |                    |
| Monday, September 21 | Discussion of Jonah             | 3:00 PM            |
| Monday, September 21 | Mincha-Neila                    | 4:00 PM            |
| Monday, September 21 | Break-the-Fast                  | Following services |

### SUKKOT

|                      |                                                                             |         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Sunday, September 27 | Sukkot - Pizza in the Hut*<br><i>*at the home of Bruce and Marci Rouman</i> | 4:00 PM |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|

### SIMCHAT TORAH

|                   |                                                        |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Friday, October 2 | Erev Shabbat Service<br>(Community Kaddish for Yizkor) | 7:30 PM            |
| Sunday, October 4 | Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah /<br>Consecration      | 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM |

Services will be conducted by Cantor Bruce Shapiro,  
and held in-person at Congregation Beth Shalom and on Zoom



Discover new books  
and join the CBS

## BOOK CLUB

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

Thursday, July 8

*People Love Dead Jews* by  
Dara Horn

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Thursday, August 12

*Mona's Eyes* by Thomas  
Schlesser

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

## Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education

*August's Topic:*

### The Jewish Origins of West Side Story

Look at the original Jewish character.  
See parallels to Jewish life.

Saturday, August 1st  
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, July 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

## JULY 2026

|    |                                                                                                  |          |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 2  | 17th of Tammuz                                                                                   | -        |
| 3  | Erev Shabbat Service<br>led by Bob Stone<br>oneg hosted by Bob and Kathy Stone                   | 7:30 PM  |
| 4  | Independence Day                                                                                 | -        |
| 6  | Ritual Committee Meeting*                                                                        | 6:30 PM  |
| 6  | Brotherhood Poker                                                                                | 7:00 PM  |
| 8  | Book Club*                                                                                       | 5:30 PM  |
| 10 | Erev Shabbat Service<br>led by Jessi Rouman<br>oneg hosted by Phil Agins                         | 7:30 PM  |
| 12 | Board Meeting                                                                                    | 9:00 AM  |
| 15 | <i>Rosh Chodesh - Av</i>                                                                         | -        |
| 17 | Erev Shabbat Service<br>led by Corina Reiche<br>oneg hosted by Corina Reiche and Alice Henderson | 7:30 PM  |
| 18 | Torah Study                                                                                      | 9:00 AM  |
| 18 | Community Shabbat Morning Service                                                                | 10:00 AM |
| 20 | Brotherhood Poker                                                                                | 7:00 PM  |
| 23 | Tisha B'Av                                                                                       | -        |
| 24 | Erev Shabbat Service<br>led by Joan Zak<br>oneg hosted by Ronni Armstrong                        | 7:30 PM  |
| 31 | Erev Shabbat Service<br>led by Tziporah Whittemore<br>oneg hosted by OPEN                        | 7:30 PM  |

## AUGUST 2026

|    |                                                                                                                    |          |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1  | Adult Education*                                                                                                   | 9:30 AM  |
| 3  | Ritual Committee Meeting*                                                                                          | 6:30 PM  |
| 3  | Brotherhood Poker                                                                                                  | 7:00 PM  |
| 7  | Erev Shabbat Service<br>led by Cantor Shapiro<br>oneg hosted by Joel and Cheryl Friedberg                          | 7:30 PM  |
| 9  | Board Meeting                                                                                                      | 9:00 AM  |
| 9  | Legacy Luncheon Committee Meeting                                                                                  | 10:30 AM |
| 12 | Book Club*                                                                                                         | 5:30 PM  |
| 14 | <i>Rosh Chodesh - Elul</i>                                                                                         | -        |
| 14 | Erev Shabbat Service<br>led by Joan Zak<br>oneg hosted by Sam and Renee Miller                                     | 7:30 PM  |
| 17 | Brotherhood Poker                                                                                                  | 7:00 PM  |
| 21 | Erev Shabbat Service<br>led by Corina Reiche<br>oneg hosted by Joel and Cheryl Friedberg                           | 7:30 PM  |
| 22 | Torah Study                                                                                                        | 9:00 AM  |
| 23 | Religious School                                                                                                   | 8:30 AM  |
| 23 | Confirmation Class                                                                                                 | 10:45 AM |
| 28 | Erev Shabbat Service<br>led by Cantor Shapiro and Brooklyn Notick<br>oneg hosted by Friends of CBS                 | 7:30 PM  |
| 29 | Community Shabbat Morning Services<br>and Brooklyn Notick Bat Mitzvah<br>led by Cantor Shapiro and Brooklyn Notick | 9:30 AM  |
| 30 | 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

### A message from Cantor Bruce:

Dear Bruce, 6/5/2026 7:12  
 Marcy & I want to thank This  
 beautiful community for supporting us  
 with "funds for meals" during Marcy's  
 recovery from her back surgery.  
 She is rapidly recovering and is  
 determined to rejoin CBS as soon as  
 possible. Cantor Bruce