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## FOCUS: THE ROOTS OF COMMUNITY

## Outward Bound:

### *Cantor Mark Childs On Expanding Our Reach*

#### **Cantor, what does a typical week look like in your life?**

There really is no "typical." Each time I settle into a routine, something new comes along to scuttle it. That said, I do have sacred times in my schedule that don't change from week to week. These include 1) Shabbat, 2) B'nai Mitzvah tutoring, 3) Religious School on Sundays and Wednesdays, 4) singing with the preschoolers, 5) choir rehearsals, 6) meetings, meetings, and more meetings, 7) voice lessons, 8) one tennis game, 9) teaching the Rabbis to sing, 10) high school carpooling, and 11) downtime with my sweet wife and son. I try to leave flex time

for study, emails and phone calls, creative thinking, and loads of special projects. If there's any time after that, I call my mother.

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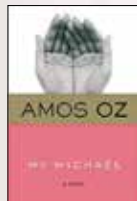


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# On Friendship

By Rabbi Steve Cohen

The sages of the Babylonian Talmud declared: "Either friendship or death!" Two thousand years ago, Rabbi Yehoshua ben Perachya advised: "Acquire for yourself a friend."

**OUR SAGES CONSIDERED** friendship basic to our lives and essential for our happiness, and they realized that friendship does not just happen. It must be "acquired" through acts of support and kindness, through honest conversation and sharing of hopes and fears. Like anything of value, friendship takes work.

In friendship, we discover that we are not alone in the world. Another person knows me, and I know them. We exchange stories and secrets, and take off our masks. Real friendship does not happen overnight, but grows slowly, over months and years. It cannot be rushed, but once established it will survive long spells, months, and even years of silence.

In the life of our congregation, friendship is the basic building block of community. Clearly, in a congregation with many hundreds of households, not every member of the community can be the close friend of every other member. And yet, there is a spirit of friendship that can exist, and I think does exist in our congregation, when we gather to create community together. The palpable feeling of connection between the cooks in the kitchen on Sunday morning. The exuberant singing of the community on Friday nights. The outbursts of insight or perplexity among a group studying a text.

Many of the people who mean the most to me are the people here in our community, with whom I live, work, learn, sing, and



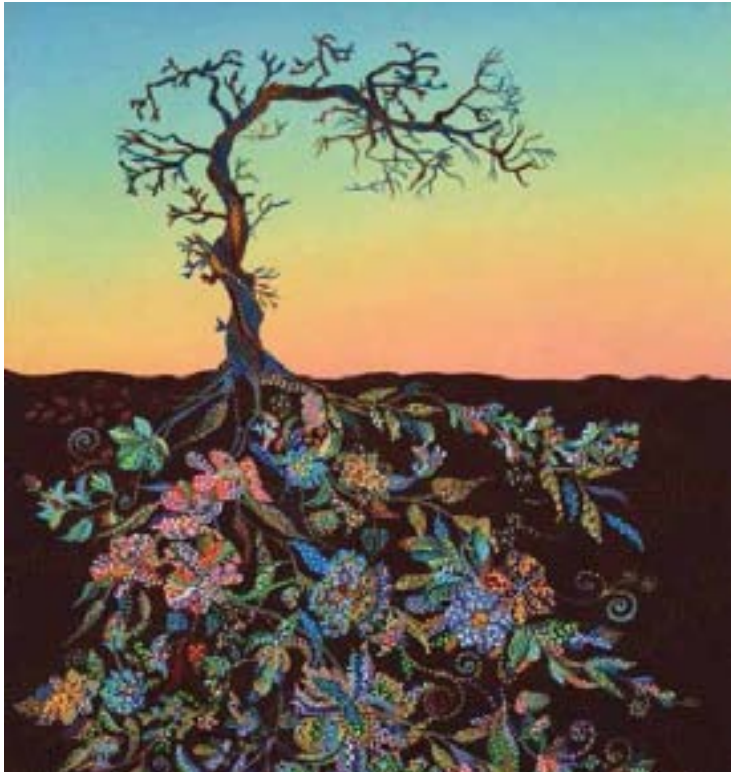
pray on a regular basis. The ones with whom I have shared moments of love, of grief, of exhaustion, and of exaltation. In my experience, friendship begins with being in each other's physical presence.

On the other hand, many of my closest friends live in distant cities and lands. Jerusalem. Rochester, New York. Vermont. Florida. Beersheva. Ohio. Seattle. Haifa. Many of them, I have not seen in years, and have not even sent a card or an email. And yet, when suddenly we reconnect and sit up late together reminiscing, the years and the distance dissolve into irrelevance.

In one of my very favorite passages from the Talmud, a rabbi mused on the mysterious way that friendship endures over the passage of time, and the way friendship can die, and can be reborn:

Rabbi Joshua ben Levi said, "One who sees a friend after a lapse of thirty days should say the blessing 'Blessed is God, Who has kept us alive, and preserved us and brought us to this season.' After a lapse of twelve months one should say 'Blessed is God Who brings the dead back to life.'" (Berachot 58b)

May we all be blessed with abundant blessings of friendship and every once in a while, to witness the miracle of a friendship once dead that has come back to life.



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## Mystery

By Margaret Singer

The story tells how God,  
Delighted with His creation  
of human beings wanted  
to bless them with a precious gift.

But sometimes people don't value  
what is freely given,  
and God looked for a hiding place,  
wanted them to search for it,  
and always treasure It.

What could It be,  
where should we look?  
How shall we find It?  
Is It hidden beneath a tree -  
on top of a mountain  
or under the sea?  
In caves, carved in the rocks,  
incised in stones, in diamonds?

Is It in colors, music, poetry,  
In science, math, technology,  
psychology, concealed in dreams?

If we could - be aware of It -  
whatever in the moment is.  
It is not buried in dark earth  
not in the past or future,  
but deep within, each of us.



*The CBB community has been incredibly welcoming.*

out of balance, Shabbat, with the familiar prayers and familiar people, was a constant that I could look forward to.

The CBB community has been incredibly welcoming. At our first summer Shabbats, my kids quickly befriended Julian and Stella and we got to know their dad, Doug Weinstein, another Shabbat regular. With each passing Shabbat we began to know more and more people. We happened to be one of the few regulars with young children. Then, in September, I mentioned to Tayla Anter-Engel that we went to Shabbat every week. The next Shabbat, her family showed up and they have been coming to Shabbat every week since. Now my kids are part of a growing “Shabbat Club,” and so am I.

Santa Barbara is feeling more and more like home. Between the families we’ve connected with from Beit HaYeladim, our CBB havurah, and attending Shabbat weekly, I’m starting to feel rooted in the CBB community, and it feels wonderful.

*Amanda Rowan is a clinical social worker and founder of the Therapist Development Center, an on-line licensing exam prep program for social workers and MFTs. She, her husband Brice, and their two young daughters live happily in Santa Barbara.*

## Putting Down Roots

By Amanda Rowan

Moving is hard. Relocating an entire family is even harder. We moved our family to Santa Barbara from Los Angeles this past summer. We came in search of a community to raise our girls. I hope this is the last major move we make.

**I HAD UNDERESTIMATED** the emotional impact moving would have on me. The first two months were great—the honeymoon phase. I was so excited to finally move to Santa Barbara after planning it for more than a year. It was just like I thought it would be. Peaceful. Beautiful. Refreshing. It was like I was on vacation. But then the vacation didn’t end.

Around September it hit me that I wasn’t going “home” to Los Angeles where I had lived happily for twelve years. I started to deeply miss my friends including the

community of the temple where I had converted and where we belonged for ten years. All of a sudden my view of Santa Barbara changed—it felt small, slow, and lonely. But especially lonely.

In Los Angeles we had attended Shabbat at the temple every week for more than a year. Shabbat was something we all looked forward to. My daughters started counting down to Shabbat every Tuesday. When we moved to Santa Barbara, we made a commitment to keep up that family ritual. I’m so glad we did. When I was feeling so



# Connecting with Neighbors

By Gary Linker

How many of you know your neighbors? I dare say if I had asked this question twenty-five years ago, a majority of us would have answered yes. But I fear now that too many of us would sadly have to admit that we might know their names and occupations, but not much more.



**WE USED TO** find connections with immediate family and neighbors that lived around us but this is a rare commodity these days.

Our modern life presents challenges in terms of immediate community. As a result I find people expressing feelings of loneliness and alienation. They don't feel part of our town or their neighborhood. So, what do we do? For many, television and computers become the substitute for face-to-face community.

But the reality is that we are social animals. We need each other. Social psychologists report that people who lack a sense of community, which translates into friends and meaningful relationships, are prone to higher levels of stress, substance abuse, depression, anxiety, and a variety of health conditions. We hunger for people in our lives that we feel connected to and the deeper we are able to forge these ties, the happier we are.

When we have access to grandparents, parents, siblings, cousins, extended family, and friends we have the experience of community. Making these connections satisfies that basic need to be part of something beyond ourselves. We take

comfort in being able to tell others about our life, blemishes and all. When a challenge comes our way, our community is there for us and we feel held in some way, as we make our way through the storm.

Many of us also find community in other places, such as our temple, a social group, a hobby that we pursue with others, or an organization that we affiliate with. As I see it, the basic need for connection has two aspects. First is the opportunity to give of ourselves to others, to feel of use, to find out we are needed. Second is having people in our lives who are there for us, who respond in our moment of need and are our cheerleaders as well as a shoulder to cry on. These two aspects of friendship are important and we are at our best when they are in balance.

So, are you are in balance? Do you have situations where you feel the pride of being of service? Are there people in your life who acknowledge you and who you can count on? If things aren't quite right, make some new choices, and notice what happens. You may be surprised by how much better you will feel when you reach out.

*Gary Linker holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and practices in Santa Barbara as a marriage and family therapist. He is also the executive director for the Center for Successful Aging.*

# Making a Difference

By Barbara Kuhn

**I'VE BEEN INVOLVED** with Jewish Family Service since 2003. For me, community is about caring for one another and providing the services that are an expression of that caring. In my mind, this is the first step in addressing the mental health needs of the individuals and families that make up a community.

Since I became director of JFS in 2010, my priorities have included strengthening our community with the extension of counseling and supportive services, the launch of a Children and Family Program, establishment of a strong foundation supporting the Portraits of Survival and Upstanders Exhibits, and the attraction of a strong and committed lay leadership and volunteer cadre.

All I've really wanted to do in my work as a social worker is make life better and brighter for those struggling with mental health challenges and other life difficulties, for elders in the community alone and isolated, for people faced with illness and/or mental heartache that takes away hope. And again, it is a caring and involved community that can address these needs.



*Barbara Kuhn is the director of Jewish Family Service of Greater Santa Barbara.*

# *It Takes a Village (or a Temple)*

By Rachel Greenberg, Program and Engagement Manager



Moving to a new city is very scary. Moving across the country takes that fear to a whole new level. Congregation B'nai B'rith managed to ease that fear for me through compassion, open hearts and open arms, and through the community's overwhelming sense of caring for others. Not only was I fortunate enough to be able to move across the country to beautiful Santa Barbara, but also was lucky in that I got to step into a position at CBB that exposed me to the most wonderful things our members do.

Within my first months at CBB, I attended as many of our volunteer run programs as I could and sprinkled in phone calls to people who I had heard were making a real difference in our community. Every piece of work that has been and continues to be done is invaluable and while some of these initiatives we all know about, there are some that may be less well known to members.



The Pershing Park crew, June 2015.

## PERSHING PARK

Every month, on the fourth Wednesday, volunteers serve between 50 and 100 homeless individuals at Pershing Park. They bring a prepared dish or an item to pass out, and the array of food is staggering. For example, during the May dinner CBB volunteers distributed: lasagna, meatball sandwiches, veggies, salad, cheese sticks, granola bars, dessert, bananas, applesauce, chicken, water, and juice boxes.

But it's not just about the food! What really resonates for me about the meals at Pershing Park is the dignity with which the people are treated. Volunteer coordinator Audrie Krause told me the meals at Pershing Park started in June 2009, and that her service "has increased my sense of connection to CBB and the community." She added: "I like that this monthly mitzvah connects CBB to the broader community effort to address the problem of homelessness in our community."

I know what she means. The first time I visited our Pershing Park volunteers was also the first time the work of our community brought me to tears (though it wasn't the last). It was the first time I really evaluated the way I treat the homeless when I pass them on the street. I felt like I could be doing better.

## CARING COMMUNITY

Who are the people of the Caring Community? They are the ones who visit you in the hospital when you are sick, alert the clergy when someone has a tragedy or celebration, organize your meal train, cook and deliver homemade soup when you are down, bring you a tray of food during shiva, and sit shiva with you.

And they do so much more. Caring Community members don't think twice when someone asks a favor of them, or when someone needs to be taken care of. Alan Levy, who started as the committee chair in 2003, told me that the variety of services has evolved over time, as the committee "tries out new ideas and sees what works for CBB."

Each year, around 100 people are directly and positively impacted by the committee, which comprises a core group of volunteers. Their goal, the group says, is to make

the entire CBB community one caring community. So much so, that the group sees its biggest successes as those times when its services are indistinguishable from the good deeds of regular CBB members.

"I feel that supporting and taking care of each other during difficult and challenging times should be a top priority for our synagogue, so I wanted to do my best to improve our capacity to be a Caring Community," Alan Levy told me. I know this committee is an inspiration for me.

### CHESED HELPERS

Chesed Helpers is a group of volunteers dedicated to supporting people facing long-term medical challenges. They're a subset of the Caring Community formerly known as Project Mitzvah.

Sometimes members in our community can use simple help like grocery shopping assistance, a home cooked meal, or a ride to the doctor. Mahela Morrow-Jones, the Caring Manager, matches those in need with Chesed Helpers who have volunteered to do specific chores or have specific skills.

This is one of our newest programs, but one that hits close to home for me. Recently, I had a family member come to me with a long-term medical need. I knew exactly who to call. It's a wonderful feeling to know that you and your loved ones will be taken care of.

There are so many wonderful things our CBB members do for our own community and the Santa Barbara community at large! I am fortunate to be in a position where I get to learn about them and share these volunteer-led programs with others. The ones mentioned here are incredible, but there are plenty more mitzvot that I haven't included. I look forward to being a participant and an observer as our community continues to make an impact.

## Transition House Helps Solve Family Homelessness

By Glen Serbin

**IN 1984** a group of volunteers from the Santa Barbara community joined together to create Transition House. The community of Santa Barbara provides over 70% of the annual operating expenses, and over 1,200 individuals volunteer to lend their support. One day each month, a different group provides dinner and makes bag lunches for the residents.

Transition House is more than just a shelter; it helps families end their reliance on public assistance by providing

family-centered support services. Since its beginning, over 10,000 parents and their children have been directly helped by Transition House. These support services have had great results with an average of 60% of the clients returning to permanent housing.

As the Social Action coordinator for the CBB Transition House program, I want to encourage you to consider

helping to cook or serve at Transition House.

For more than 20 years, a handful of CBB members have helped prepare and serve a hot dinner to about 25 families every month (60 people). Transition House is a great program and I have been honored to be a volunteer for 19 years.

On the second Thursday of each month, CBB is responsible for providing dinner and bag lunches for Transition House clients. We begin prep at 5:15 and serve dinner at 6:30. By 7:00 dinner is done.

The commitment of time is flexible and depends on your schedule. If you have interest in participating, contact me and I will put you on my monthly email reminder list. The reminders go out and you can volunteer whenever it works for you. Even if you only have one hour to help prep, that is extremely helpful.

For more information on how you can be part of the CBB effort at Transition House, contact Glen Serbin at [glen@serbin.com](mailto:glen@serbin.com)



Mitzvah Day volunteers at Transition House.

To volunteer for these and other opportunities, please email Rachel at [rachel@cbbsb.org](mailto:rachel@cbbsb.org).

## Our Interfaith Study Group

By Jillian Juni

**OUR STORY BEGAN** in the fall of 2014, when about twenty young adults from CBB, Trinity Episcopal Church, and ISSB came together to engage with one another in discussion. We gather each month with a new topic but always with the same goal of growing our relationships and our knowledge of one another. We took a crash course on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam so that we could understand the basic tenets of our faiths. We share personal stories about our religious experiences, sometimes heartfelt and sometimes hilarious. Stories are my favorite part of our meetings and in March we dedicated our session to telling stories while enjoying home-cooked Turkish delicacies. In the year to come I look forward to hearing more stories, to visiting each other's prayer spaces, and to engaging in community service projects together.



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## The Torah/Qu'ran Study Group

By Judy Goldman

In 2007, Reverend Steve Jacobsen initiated a year-long program known as the "Sons and Daughters of Abraham," inviting several members of the Presbyterian Church, Congregation B'nai B'rith, and the Islamic Society of Santa Barbara (ISSB), to participate.



**MEETING MONTHLY**, the idea was to come together, engage in dialogue and friendship and provide a safe place for asking questions we had always wanted to ask. And, of course, to break bread together.

The "Sons and Daughters of Abraham" was the stepping stone to what is now the Torah/Qu'ran group that has been meeting monthly for five years. Alternating between delving into the Qu'ran with the Imam, and the Torah with the Rabbi, we have diffused misconceptions and engaged in respectful discussion.

We have formed in-depth and lasting relationships and shared our faiths together, learning about each other's beliefs, commonalities and differences, educating ourselves and each other, and approaching issues with respect and humility.

Our communities were transformed in 2013 when the Planning Commission of Goleta first evaluated the mosque proposal and then the City Council unanimously approved the project. On both occasions, there was standing room only! Members of every community were present, intent on either speaking in support of the mosque or just attending for moral support. We have prayed together and we have celebrated Passovers together. We have walked together and come in peace together.

One of the definitions of "community" in the dictionary is "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals." That describes our energetic and vibrant group.

*Judy Goldman is an advocate for the homeless and a member of the CBB Social Action Task Force.*

# Sisterhood Looks Back ... and Forward

By Jessica Glick, Executive Assistant and Events Coordinator

**Sis-ter-hood** (noun): (1) *the close relationship among women based on shared experiences, concerns, etc.* (2) *a community or society of women*

**JUST MENTION** the word Sisterhood and images appear of bespectacled, gray-haired bobbies in the Temple kitchen baking rugelach, stocking the shelves of the Gift Shop for Hanukkah, or preparing charoset for the congregational Passover Seder. Well, CBB's Sisterhood is a far cry from these old-school thoughts. Take it from me, as I am responsible for stocking those shelves and my hair has yet to show any gray!

Sitting at breakfast with Bobbi Kroot, the dynamic and highly effective community leader who has been the president of the group for the past 15 years, I realized that we are so lucky to have her. The passion, energy, and focus she brings have helped Sisterhood grow to a diverse group of more than 200 women.

Bobbi bursts with pride when talking about the diversity of programs Sisterhood brings to the Temple and the community. For example, one of its most visible and popular projects is the maintenance of the kitchen. "We take great pride in using the kitchen to keep young women (and men) interested in Jewish cooking," she says. A few years ago, Sisterhood spearheaded a major remodeling project, turning the kitchen into a state-of-the-art commercial space with enough place settings and equipment to serve 350 people.

I asked Bobbi about her favorite program that Sisterhood has produced. Without hesitation she mentioned The Women's



Seder. Before CBB had a female rabbi, the Seder was held at Hillel. Bobbi, along with her trusted Board members, created an entire service from scratch centered on women, as the available Haggadahs did not meet their needs.

"There is something very satisfying to look around the room and see generations of women coming together—from bat mitzvah age to grandmothers. It's very life affirming," she said.

There are other programs sponsored by the Sisterhood that attract the type of multi-generational audience Bobbi believes is key to Sisterhood's future. These include Mitzvah Day's pillowcase project, a jewelry exchange, genealogy discussions, the annual member appreciation luncheon, and a film series shown this summer. The series, called "The Jewish Journey," features four films with a mod-

erated discussion to follow.

Bobbi knows one of the biggest challenges facing the Sisterhood—not to mention Sisterhoods across the country—is getting more women involved. "It's a conundrum," she says. "Women today use their time differently."

The Sisterhood Board meets **the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM** and is **open to everyone**. The meetings are a great place to share ideas in a nurturing environment. They are lively, attended by dynamic women, and a place where no idea is a bad idea. Plan on stopping by the next Sisterhood board meeting—it's the perfect outlet to witness Bobbi's leadership and share your ideas for women's programming. Additionally, the Sisterhood Gift shop is open **every afternoon from 12:30 to 5 PM**.



## PROFILE

# Abad Vallejo

CBB Maintenance Supervisor

*As told to Molly Presser*

I was born 45 years ago in Mexico City and am one of 17 children. My mother had 10 girls and 7 boys. Since I was born on January 12th—the day of St. Anthony of Abad, according to the Saint's Calendar—my father decided to name me Abad.

**IN 1989, WHEN I WAS 19,** I came to the United States, looking for a better life. I met my husband, Israel Alonso, 25 years ago at a meeting at La Casa de la Raza in Santa Barbara. We have a son, Israel Phillip, who is 14 years old, and a student at Dos Pueblos High School. He is very good at math and dreams of becoming a computer engineer.

I was fortunate to find a job at the old Miramar Hotel working for the former owner, June Gawzner Outhwaite, who took a liking to me. I started doing housekeeping, eventually becoming the general manager in charge of housekeeping, gardening, shopping, and cleaning. I worked there for eleven years until the owner passed away. June, who was Jewish, had no heirs and a large portion of her inheritance was distributed among her employees. Afterward, I worked at the Bacara for seven years as a housekeeping supervisor.

One day, I went looking for a job at Spencer Dean's house cleaning agency and he suggested that I talk to Deborah Naish, the then-CBB president. I have been working at CBB since March 2008, and I love my job here. I started out cleaning the preschool classrooms, but these days I am in charge of buying all the Temple supplies (food and cleaning) and cleaning the synagogue. I also prepare the meals and set up for Shabbat and any events during the weekend. I have hired all the support staff, and I know they are hard-working and trustworthy.

Five years ago, my husband contracted a pneumococcal infection that resulted in a stroke, leaving half his body paralyzed. He has been disabled ever since, and I am the sole breadwinner for my family. I am very thankful to Deborah Naish and everyone at the Temple for all the support and understanding they gave me during this difficult time.

I love working at the Temple. I find it exciting to see the little kids I knew at preschool eight years ago now becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. I love the way our community is so close-knit and supportive of one another. I like to watch the way we live and work, and to see how important it is for us to educate our children.

My dream is to be able to write in English. I graduated from junior high school in Mexico and left the first year of high school. I never had the opportunity to learn English formally and hope one day to be able to take classes.

*Molly Presser is a retired bilingual teacher. She and her husband Abe have been CBB members since 1984. Their four children had their b'nai mitzvah and were confirmed at CBB.*

## Cantor Cover Story

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I'm heavily involved in interfaith work and participate in events at area assisted care facilities. I'm very conscious of my role as ambassador of our community. I happily use my love of Jewish song to convey both the beauty and power of our tradition (and maybe add in an Elvis song or two).

**Tell us more about your interfaith work.  
What does that consist of?**

Where words and myths can often be divisive between faith communities and cultures, I have a profound interest in using a musical vocabulary to bridge the gaps. This is evident through my involvement with the Clergy Association's Interfaith Thanksgiving service, as well as other special projects that bring Muslims, Christians, and Jews together. I also serve on the board of the Interfaith Initiative of Santa Barbara County, whose mission is to "eat, educate, and inspire."

**What about your work at assisted care facilities?  
What's that like?**

Because of the challenges involved in bringing Jewish residents to CBB for programming, many of the area's retirement and nursing homes look to us to bring holiday celebrations and Jewish content to them. I participate in regular Shabbat dinners at Maravilla and Valle Verde. I also celebrate Hanukkah and Passover at Vista Del Monte, Maravilla, and Valle Verde. I'll also bring my guitar and lead a sing-along at the drop of a hat anywhere.

**What are some ways your job has changed  
over the past 25 years?**

We've all grown up together. The kids who first learned "Bim Bam/Shabbat Shalom" from me as children are now standing in front of me under the chuppah, hearing me sing the wedding benedictions.

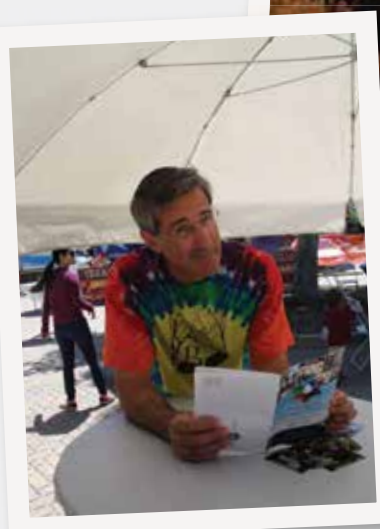
So many of our members who were first generation Americans are now gone. Our connection to the old immigrant generation is slowly ebbing away along with their Jewish sensibilities that gave such richness to our congregation.

And yet, the depth and breadth of our Santa Barbara Jewish experience is always expanding. Our congregation has seen amazing growth in numbers and variety. A "straight-ahead" approach to serving our community doesn't work anymore. We are

getting much more creative in engaging our members with our tradition and with each other. Our Temple's budget and staff has also grown in order to meet the challenge. I've so enjoyed being part of this evolution and have treasured my relationships with all the talented and wonderful people with whom I've worked over the years.

**Where do you see yourself and CBB in 15 years?**

Because I've always been a late bloomer, I anticipate that I'll be hitting my prime right around then. My hair will be gray enough so that I'll finally be taken seriously. I do envision a private cantorial lavatory and I've had thoughts about going "electric" (Dylan fans will know what I'm talking about). As for CBB, I anticipate that Rabbi Cohen will see that things are going so well that he'll have deferred his retirement and we'll still be doing our thing together. Our community's openness to creativity and evolution will continue to make it a beacon for synagogues nationwide as we steadfastly nurture and promote Judaism in Santa Barbara.





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# Family Camp

On Nov. 7-9, 2014, nearly 200 CBB members enjoyed a weekend of togetherness, Shabbat, and outdoor activities.



# Mitzvah Day

On Feb. 22nd, over 300 volunteers participated in almost 20 incredible service projects for CBB and area nonprofits.





# *Gil Shaham*

On March 30th, the world-acclaimed Israeli-American violinist held a rare masterclass at CBB.



# *Purim*

CBB Purim Shpiel & Carnival  
March 8, 2015



# Jewish Festival

On May 3rd, we gathered at Oak Park for festivities that included Shir Chadash Youth choir and CBB's own Café Israel.



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# CBB Elects Judi Koper as New President

By Hallie Avolio

**IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE** that three years have passed since I first took office as president of the Board of Trustees. As the new president, I made sure to have individual meetings with each of my board members in those first few months so we could talk about goals and expectations. One meeting stands out in particular. I met with a past president who said I had exactly one job as president—to name my successor!

Judi Koper brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the post of president. She has been a member of CBB since 1991, and has previously served on our Board as Preschool Trustee, At-large Trustee, Programs VP, Development VP, and twice as Executive Vice President. Professionally, Judi practiced business litigation in Santa Barbara, but retired when the last of her three children was born. She is currently serving on the Santa Barbara County Civil Service Commission and is also a hearing officer on the Santa Barbara County Assessment Appeals Board.

When I spoke with Judi about what excites her most about becoming president of CBB, she said it is the opportunity to get to know people in our community better. Not just the clergy, staff, and board, but also being a more active participant in our community. She feels so fortunate to come into this position during a time of growth, transition, and prosperity for CBB. She intends to promote inclusiveness and continue our commitment to Relational Judaism, making sure that our members have rich experiences on a personal level. Judi says, "It's a testament to the leaders who came before me that CBB is the wonderful, warm, and vibrant community that it is today."

# On the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement

By Ben Mazur

When I was a child, I believed that Israel was universally considered a beautiful, peaceful place with wonderful people and great food. As I grew up -- aside from my own newfound dislike of falafel -- I learned not everyone felt the same.



On my first day of college I attended a student organization fair, where I picked up a flyer for a Middle Eastern

student group. In my naivety, I figured I could meet Israeli students there. At the first meeting everyone introduced themselves, and which country they connected to. Students talked about Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and Jordan—but no mention of Israel.

When it was my turn, I told the group that, while I am not Middle Eastern, I felt a strong connection to Israel. Based on the silence and stares I got after speaking, I knew I was in the wrong place. It was an awkward moment, to be sure, but at no point did I feel a sense of hate in that room.

Unfortunately, I cannot say the same for a student senate gathering this past April here at UC Santa Barbara.

For the third consecutive year, the Student Senate held a vote to determine whether or not the institution's governing board would be encouraged to divest from companies

with ties to Israel. Students with a wide range of opinions spent nearly eight hours presenting their views, followed by two hours of debate by the student senators.

And, fortunately, for the third consecutive year, the resolution did not pass.

Sarah Tagger, the student president of Santa Barbara Hillel, described the atmosphere of the room as being very tense: "We were constantly met with the necessity to defend ourselves and our identities in front of fellow students. The aggressive language and behavior was overwhelming and we felt attacked for our beliefs." Sarah, who is also a teacher at CBB's Religious School, recently sponsored a resolution condemning anti-Semitism on campus (including anti-Israel demonstrations), which passed by a vote of 23-0, with one abstention.

According to Rabbi Evan Goodman, executive director of Santa Barbara Hillel, "A divestment resolution such as this creates a polarized climate on campus. Unfortunately, it is set up to determine a winner and a loser. It doesn't move the Israelis and the Palestinians any closer to peace, and it harms the campus climate for students at UCSB."



Pro-divestment students salute at the UCSB debate.

Although the resolution failed, it was only by the slimmest of margins. The vote was tied 12-12 forcing the Senate President to be the deciding voice.

Anti-Israel sentiment, which is seen by many as equivalent to anti-Semitism, has not only been witnessed on campus but in the broader Santa Barbara community. Last summer, a group of protestors gathered outside the Santa Barbara Jewish Community Center to express their negative feelings toward Israel and the actions of its government. Holocaust survivors were forced to walk past signs equating Israel to Nazi Germany.

At CBB, we accept that everyone has their own opinion on Israeli politics and the conflict in Gaza and the West Bank. We strive to create a safe space for open dialogue and education while also holding to the value of Israel as the Jewish homeland.

To that end, here are some of the ways we have created connections between our congregation and Israel over the past year:

- This spring we ran a community viewing and discussion of the Israeli prime minister's address to the United States Congress

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# Family Fun Night for All

By Nina Gelman-Gans

Our family is passionate about vibrant, connective Judaism. At Congregation B'nai B'rith, we are making new Jewish connections, on-site and off-site.

A plethora of emerging CBB experiences is making it easy to attend, participate, learn, have fun, and leave with new personal connections between adults, children, families and clergy. Some of these include Ruach Shabbat, CBB Family Camp, Skofield Park Camping, and more.



Allow me to share about Family Fun Games Night and Havdalah, the newest family happening.

Preparation means bringing a potluck dish and sleeping bags for the kids. In May, I helped children make havdalah spice bags and mini-havdalah candles. Cardamom and cloves were incorporated into the movie scene along with salty popcorn. After a yummy dinner, a G-rated movie, or game time for all ages, we wrapped up with an unusual havdalah ceremony. Instead of one master candle, a dozen young children held their braided candles and joined in blessing. As soon as one preschooler got her candle, she launched into "baruch, ata..." It was a testament that a visual image and a physical act can trigger Jewish association. We made it through all the havdalah flames, bid goodbye to Shabbat and each other, and hello to new opportunities next week.

In these precious moments, everyone comes away refreshed, relaxed, re-Jew-venated, and ready to reconnect, at temple, with the temple community, a home away from home. I notice all ages making an effort to greet newcomers, and I feel a welcoming, positive vibe. Each opportunity places a seed for joyous connection to Judaism and family.

My greatest wish is to see this fertile garden grow and expand so that my girls, their cohorts, and the many adults in our life will be enriched Jewishly. Fortunately, there are more family events in the works, and next year's "seedlings" are in the greenhouse. If you haven't done so, give yourself the opportunity to sample some of these happenings.

*Nina Gelman-Gans is the Outdoor and Family Education Specialist at CBB.*

## Stitch 'n' kibitz

By Ruth Johnson

**THE TEXT MESSAGE** notification lights up ... it must be Tuesday, the night our group of crafty women gathers in the small chapel of CBB to stitch and kibitz. Since there are six of us in the core group, we usually text each other first to make sure we won't be the only one there. We share so much together; we've had the sorrow of the losses of loved ones and the joys of graduations and school plays. We com-

plain about our mothers and give each other decorating advice. We have invited guest leaders to teach us new skills and are always excited to welcome drop-in crafters into the fold. Throughout it all, we create beautiful handmade blankets, sweaters, silk paintings, b'nai mitzvah decorations, greeting cards, and more. Studio Toby is named for the incredibly talented Toby Parisse (z"l) and we hope that we are doing a small part to keep her passions and energy alive through our community craft making.



*Ruth Johnson is on CBB's New Member and Finance committees.*

# On the Horizon:

## *Rabbi Suzy Stone on Expanding our Social Justice Initiatives*



**You were just promoted to Associate Rabbi at CBB, where a major part of your portfolio will include an expanded focus on tikkun olam. Where did your interest in social action begin?**

The most influential person in my life, my social justice story, and my journey to the rabbinate, is my late grandfather, Arthur Shuster. As a German refugee who fled Europe right before WWII, and as a first-generation American, he understood all too well that a "threat to justice anywhere was a threat to justice everywhere."

My grandfather arrived in this country without a dime in his pocket. Eventually he was able to achieve the "American Dream" and because of that, I was able to receive an amazing liberal arts education. After graduating from Brandeis University, I decided it was time to pay it forward. I went to work as a community organizer helping first generation immigrants on issues of social and economic justice. As time went on, I realized I wanted to combine my passion for social justice with my desire to honor my grandfather's Jewish journey. That's why I ultimately became a rabbi—one who cares intensely about the world around me.

**What social justice efforts most excite you at CBB?**

One of the new efforts I'm really excited about is the emerging Social Action Task Force. It is being formed to identify social justice issues of concern to the Santa Barbara community, and to explore those areas where CBB can fill a unique niche to

address these issues in a broader, more systemic way. By harnessing the unique concerns, talents, and motivations of our members, I hope we can create distinct opportunities for the larger CBB community to engage in long-term social change work.

The Social Action Task Force is chaired by Dan Meisel with members Gail Teton-Landis, David Gaynes, Marlene Beckerman, Helene Gradow, and Judy Mannaberg-Goldman.

**What role can CBB play in Santa Barbara that does not currently exist?**

There are many great organizations doing great work in Santa Barbara, and yet, we are a Jewish community that is blessed with people who care deeply about the world around us and have unique talents and skills to contribute to these city-wide initiatives. Since last year, a small group of volunteers and I have been meeting with local non-profits and government officials. We've found several areas that aren't getting enough attention, and that would benefit from our assistance.

Ultimately, we believe CBB can develop one or two projects that will create long-term change.

**Why is it important that CBB do this type of work in the community?**

CBB has a unique capacity to make significant—and systemic—changes in the local community and beyond. First, I am honored that I get to dedicate my time as your Associate Rabbi to this important effort. Second, we have a growing staff

that can help support these important tikkun olam efforts because they care deeply about making the world a better place. Next, we have a robust network of members guided by shared Jewish values, unique talents and energy, ready to take on this kind of effort. Finally, CBB has the infrastructure and financial resources that are critical to our ability to take on a long-term effort.

**Why do you feel so strongly that we Jews should care about social justice?**

It is a Jewish imperative to repair the world and to engage in tikkun olam. It is not only important for CBB to be involved with this work, it is also our responsibility to follow our Jewish values and tradition. To highlight this notion, there is a great midrash, Vayikra Rabbah 4:6, in which two men are sitting in a boat. One is drilling a hole on his side of the boat. The other man yells at him and tells him to stop. "Why should this bother you, I am only drilling under my own seat." The other retorts, "But the water will rise up and flood the ship for all of us!" Through this story, Judaism recognizes that an adverse situation affects all of us; whether we feel its effects immediately or not. We all are connected on this tiny island called Earth; and in one way or another, we are all bound together by a larger human community.

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# Mazel Tov!

November 2014 - June 2015

## *In Our Lives*



**1.** To Yelena Lipovetskaya and Brian Gobrogge, and sisters Sasha and Veronica, on the birth of Asher Jaron, born on March 4th.

**2.** To Jennifer Steinwurtzel and Brian Van Hecke, and brother Jake, on the birth of Jones, born on January 28th.

**3.** To Cortney and Josh Hyman on the birth of Donovan, born on March 13th.



**4.** To great-grandparents Marti and Ken Schwartz on the birth of Marin Brasche, born on February 5th.







**5.** To Tamarah and Nicholas Millington on the birth of Elise Cecilia Ren, born on May 3rd.

**6.** To Colleen and Mark Longo on the birth of Capri, born on April 14th.



**6.** To Leehe and Itay Barel on the birth of Daria, born on May 1st.



**7.** To Rachael and Dusty Heist-Levine on the birth of Saul Max, born on April 1st.



**8.** To great-grandmother Erika Kahn on the birth of Gabriela Marina, born on February 20th to Michele and Gustavo Kahn.

**9.** To grandparents Susan and Robert Levine, and aunt and uncle Ann and Brent Levine on the birth of Mia on December 12th to Erin Levine Pace and Sky Pace.

*More Mazel Tovs:*

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Photos (L-R): Janice with her sister Lorraine Nelson and father Mort Cohen (z"l); Janice and Bob Ingrum in Barcelona; Janice and father



## A Legacy of Giving

By Dusty Heist-Levine, Director of Development

*Janice Ingrum was born and raised in Santa Barbara. Her father, Mort Cohen (z"l), was a past president of CBB and the B'nai B'rith Lodge. VOICES caught up with Janice to learn about her history and involvement with CBB.*

### What's your history with CBB?

I was born and raised in Santa Barbara. The Temple was very important to my father, Mort Cohen. Back in those days, the Jewish community in Santa Barbara was much smaller than it is today. It was important to my father that I attend CBB in order to be part of a Jewish community. When I graduated high school, I left Santa Barbara to work for IBM and the LA City Schools. I lived in several places, but eventually settled in Northridge where I lived with my husband, Bob, for 25 years. We were very involved with a Reform synagogue there, which had to do with giving our daughter, Marisa, what my father had giving me: a Jewish community.

We suffered a great tragedy when Marisa left us far too young. That was seven years ago. At that point, we decided to move back to Santa Barbara. Even though what had kept me involved with synagogue life was my daughter, when we

moved back I knew we would again become members of CBB. I guess my father's love for the Temple is still guiding me.

### What is your favorite memory of CBB?

As a child the Temple held an annual picnic at Tucker's Grove. It was a wonderful event where all the Jewish families came together. This was in the days when the Temple existed on Santa Barbara Street, in Mackey Sanders' mother's home. (The Jewish Community Picnic, still held annually, will be on Sunday, August 30th at Tucker's Grove).

**You recently joined CBB's Children of the Covenant—a group of individuals who have planned legacy gifts to CBB to sustain the Temple after your lifetime. Why was this important to you?**

I did this in honor of my father. I felt it my responsibility to pass on his legacy of support and love for the Temple. My father was deeply committed to ensur-

ing CBB remain a vibrant center of Jewish life for the Santa Barbara community for generations to come. In addition to CBB, I have been involved with the Santa Barbara Zoo, a place that was very important to my daughter. Carrying on the legacy of my father and daughter is very important to me.

### What do you hope the future of CBB holds for the Santa Barbara Jewish Community?

There were not many Jews in Santa Barbara when I was growing up. I remember the feeling of being the only Jew in my class, or in my circle of friends. At times I felt like an outsider. I want the Jewish community of Santa Barbara to continue to grow so our community's children will have Jewish peers and they can celebrate who they are as Jews. I hope CBB can continue being a place that encourages our Jewish community to thrive.

# Children of the Covenant



Our determination to ensure the financial wellbeing of our congregation led CBB to establish the Children of the Covenant; a group of individuals who have taken the extraordinary step of including Congregation B'nai B'rith in their estate plans in order to sustain our Temple for generations to come. If you have not included CBB in your estate plans, we encourage you to do so, and we have resources to assist you. If you are interested in discussing ways to include CBB in your estate plans, please contact:

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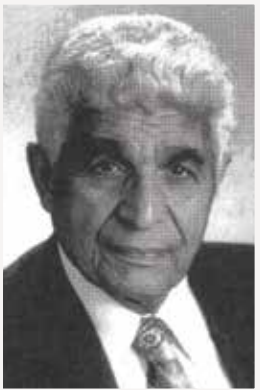
**Our sincere thanks go to these members of CBB's Children of the Covenant, who have generously endowed the wellbeing of our Temple for generations to come.**

Anonymous (8)	Ellen Goldman	Julie Lopp	Gayle and Charles Rosenberg
Ronit and Al z"l Anolick	Karen Greenberg	Sheba Lux	Lauren Saltman
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Judy and Burt Bernstein	Ruth z"l and Gerald W. Harter	Barbara and Ernie Marx	Lisa Serby
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## *Reflections on the Life of Nuriel (“Mike”) Kharrazi (1921 – 2014)* *By Rabbi Steve Cohen*

No one knows the real date of Mike’s birth. He was born the oldest of seven children in Kashan, a desert town in Iran, which had been for hundreds of years a center of Persian Jewish life, known for its gorgeous Persian carpets, its twelve synagogues, Jewish poets, and healing waters. According to the Virtual Library, it was once known as “The Little Jerusalem.”



**WHEN MIKE WAS YOUNG**, in the early 1930s, the family moved from Kashan to Tehran. Mike’s father wanted him to work in the family haberdashery shop, but early on it became clear that Mike’s passion was writing. By the time he was 16, Mike was already publishing short stories, written in Farsi, in newspapers and the political satire magazine *Tofigh*. To this day, Mike Kharrazi is well known throughout

the Persian community in America, both Jewish and Muslim. Muslim Persians were always surprised to learn that Kharrazi was a Jew, because it was considered unlikely that a Jew could write such beautiful literary Farsi.

It was also at that time, in his late teens, that Mike met and held conversations with a spiritual master, a man who told Mike of his experiences in the higher worlds. Those conversations left a deep impression on Mike, who wrote about them, and also spoke of them with his younger brother David.

In 1947, when he was about 26 years old, Mike came to America, but remained deeply attached to his family in Iran. He was successful in establishing a family business, but business was never his calling. He enrolled at NYU and there he studied philosophy and mysticism. He read voraciously, and loved all the classic American writers—Ernest Hemingway, Upton Sinclair, John Updike. Mike was a passionate consumer of literature, knowledge, and culture.

In 1950, when Mike was 29, Mike’s parents were in New York, visiting him, and on a mission to find him a wife. One day, Rachel Maho—only 19 years old—came out to a picnic in the park, where she found Mike surrounded by people, telling jokes. Rachel says she was grabbed by his sense of humor, and that he was fun to be with. And since Mike’s parents were only in the States for three months, a wedding was quickly arranged and held on August 18, 1951. Knowing how beautiful they were in their old age, both Rachel and Mike must have been a stunning couple.

At first, Rachel and Mike moved next door to Rachel’s family in the Bronx, and Mike did business during the day and completed his studies at night. Lily was born one year later and then Marty three years later. In 1956, Rachel’s father came out to California for a visit and moved to Santa Barbara in 1957. Five years later, Mike and Rachel moved to Santa Barbara to join her family.

Mike took on new responsibilities in his role as a cornerstone of the family. When Rachel’s sister Mary became interested in Bernie Brennan, Rachel’s father Bob sent Mike to New York to check Bernie out. Mike took Bernie and Mary out to dinner, where they enjoyed a delightful and relaxed evening. So Mike played a pivotal role in welcoming Bernie to the family. The family used to gather every Sunday at Bob and Elsa’s home, but eventually Mike and Rachel took those over and Mike became famous for his Sunday afternoon barbecues. After the delicious food, out came the backgammon sets, and the backgammon ritual, an important bridge back to old Persia. The tradition was not complete without the mandatory arguments about who was cheating.

In 1976, Mike and Rachel traveled with their children Lily and Marty and Mike’s mother to Kashan, Mike’s birthplace in Iran, where the waters of Kashan were reputed to have healing properties.

Mike Kharrazi, like the waters of the town he came from, had a healing property. His name Nuriel means “Light of God,” and his face shone with the light of God until the very end. He inspired the entire American Persian community with his writing, providing them with a bridge back to the world they had come from. He taught his children and grandchildren to be proud of where they came from.

He shared his love, his humor, and his wisdom with all of us. He was fascinated with the ultimate questions of life—where we came from and where we will go after we die, and he shared his questions with all of us. One Shabbat morning, Mike said to me, “Rabbi, what do you call an atheist corpse?” “What Mike?” “All dressed up with nowhere to go.” Mike discussed the afterlife freely, and frequently, and he was certain of his place in the world to come.



## May Their Lives Be For A Blessing

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**Morton Barrish**, father of Marlene Shann, Lory Perry, and Marv Barrish

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**Mildred Miller**, grandmother of Bev Abrams

**Helen Price**, aunt of Helene Glassman

**Macky Sanders**, father of Rick Sanders

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**Moti Peled**, father of Leehe Barel

**Ruth Richter**, wife of Joseph Richter

**Leo Bialis**, father of Gary Bialis

**Ursula Kohen Steiner**, mother of Mimi Doohan, mother-in-law of Jim, grandmother of Bella and Matthew

**Charles Lynch**, husband of Christine Lynch, father of Charles, Rebecca, and Sean

**Seymour Kofsky**, uncle of Talya Anter-Engel

**Judith Krumholz**, wife of Sid Krumholz

**Norma Schlosser**, wife of Stan Schlosser

**Janet Stradling**, mother of Marcy Oswald

**David Serbin**, father of Glen Serbin

*Ha'Makom yenakhem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon v'Yerushalayim.*


*May God console you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

### On the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement

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- We hosted a training session about "Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) on Campus" with our Religious School students, led by Rabbi Evan Goodman, UCSB Hillel Executive Director
- We created "Café Israel," modeled on popular Tel Aviv cafes, at the Santa Barbara Jewish Festival, in celebration of Israel's 67th anniversary
- We welcomed the Israeli musical ensemble Nava Tehila, as well as the world-famous American-Israeli violin virtuoso Gil Shaham

In addition, each summer we host a group of students from the Leo Baeck Center in Haifa, and provide scholarships for CBB students for teen trips and programs. I know it won't change everyone's mind about things, but I believe creating these connections beyond politics helps to keep us talking.



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