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Cover: Rockwell Foster holding a lulav and etrog during Sukkot 2020. **This page:** (top left) Rabbi Steve Cohen delivers Eva Goldstein's Consecration Torah scroll to her home. (Above) Netivot 3-5th grade students put together a puzzle map of Israel. **Next page:** (Top left) Mariam Mussman doing crafts. (Top right) Charlotte and Oliver Wittman dress up for the drive-thru Noah Shabbat. **Back cover:** 12th Grade Confirmation Fire Ceremony, spring 2021.



We Welcome Our New Members

July 2020 to June 2021

Joan & Steve Siegel

Dawn Dunn

Daniel & Isabelle Fleury Dunietz

Julianna Winer

Aaron & Alicia Boswell Gidding

Victoria & Arkadi Kreichman

Maxine Berzok

Julia & Richard George

Lisa & Steve Shapiro

Michelle & John Handy Shteyn

Avi Turgeman

Marcus James

Carey & George Bradshaw

Tanya & Scott Gold

Barbara & Len Kaplan

Debra & Stephen White
Blumenthal

Gabe and Dana Gordon

Ariel Schneider

Jo and Ken Saxon

Jay & Ben Offringa Hall

Betsy & Charles Newman

Sharon Davidson

Kathryn & Bryan Smith

Moran & Ron Golan

Joseph & Laurie Siegel Nosofsky

Susie Kopecky

Michelle Kling

Lori Meyers

Ichak & Nurit Adizes

Caitlyn & Jeremy Jacobs

Diane Gilbert

Charlotte Stein

Jaylee Nash

Daniel Hirt

Kira Weiss

Allyson Toscher & Alex Gallup

Peter Ginsberg

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Imagining the Jewish Future

By Rabbi Steve Cohen

at CBB



WITH OUR “BUILDING DREAMS” PROJECT, we are making a statement. We are saying: “We see a great future for the Jewish community here in Santa Barbara.” This project is all about the future: believing in the future and investing in the future.

It will take courage, optimism, creativity and hard work.

It will take all of us.

We are about to take our 50-year old building and breathe new life into it. Our building has been a wonderful home for us, nestled in the foothills, and lifting us up above the fog and the freeway. Now we are going to make it a house of gathering, alive all week long, and especially on Shabbat, with food, music, art, and people of all ages playing, creating, learning and living together. I invite you to take a few minutes right now to join me, in imagining the Jewish future at CBB.

Come with me on a journey into the future, and step with me into our Center for Jewish Learning kitchen. It’s Friday afternoon, a class of about 20 fourth graders are standing at their cooking stations, surrounded by measuring cups, and mixing bowls, laughing because of the flour in their hair, and their hands are deep in the dough they are kneading.

They are baking challah, and singing songs for the Shabbat which is approaching. They have learned that the ingredients they are using....the flour, the eggs, the oil...were all

produced nearby, in Santa Barbara County, and they have personally met the farmers who came into their class, and told them the difference between the life of a free-range chicken and a chicken who lives its life in a cage.

They have learned exactly how the wheat was planted, and grown, and harvested, and threshed, and the wheat kernels ground into flour. The kids actually know what it means when they say the words *Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech haolam, hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz*, “Thank you God, divine majesty of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.” That’s just Friday afternoon, in the kitchen.

Come with me into the Art Studio on a Wednesday morning, a few years from now. It’s a big room, with lots of light. The first thing you notice is that on one side of the room is a group of three- and four-year-olds, students of our preschool, and at the other end of the room are elders who have come over from Maravilla Retirement Community.

The kids are carefully painting the masks they have made for Purim, coming up in just a few weeks, and the seniors are doing various kinds of craft-work, metalwork and embroidery. Some are making *kipot* for the new class of kindergartners, and others are making mezuzot to go to new families just arrived in town.

The best thing is that these seniors and these kids know each other, and greet each other by name, because they see each other here every week. The kids eventually finish their

masks, and wander over to watch in awe and wonder as they see the works of beauty emerge from the skilled hands of the elders.

Now another journey into the future. This time to the tech and media studio, also in the new Center for Jewish Learning. It's Sunday morning, five years from now, and a group of teens have dragged themselves out of bed early because they are scheduled to meet by video conference with a group of their peers. It's 8 AM, early for most 16-year-olds on a Sunday morning. It has to be early because the other teens on the call are in Paris, where it's 5 PM, and Gisenyi, Rwanda where it's 6 PM, and the Givat Haviva International School in Israel.

These teens, our teens at CBB, and in Paris, and in Rwanda and in Israel are all working together on The Human Family webpage, which by that time has 10,000 followers all around the world. Some of the group are creating videos about people they admire in their own communities, others are recording local cooks showing how they cook their favorite foods, others are sharing their campaigns to counter the use of pesticides in local agriculture, or to promote intergroup understanding among different ethnicities and religions at their own schools.

And finally, I invite you to dream one more time. Picture our entire campus as a place for all of us to come on Shabbat. Especially our outdoor spaces...in the shade of our oak trees, in view of the mountains. Play spaces for kids and

picnic spaces for families. A place to find good Israeli food all day long. With live music all afternoon, performed by members of our community. Community singing. Quiet conversation. Places for napping. Personally, I look forward to falling asleep, surrounded by friends and children, and to waking up again half an hour later.

Step into our new library, a stunning room in the round, with huge picture windows looking out over the oak trees of San Antonio Creek and Tucker's Grove. The members of Shabbat morning Torah Study are having trouble ending their conversations, but know they need to make way for the Young Family Minyan that is about to take over the room. Soon the passionate voice of debate and study is replaced by the rich harmonies of a singing community at prayer. At our re-born CBB building on Shabbat, there will be learning and prayer for those that want them. But for many, many more, our Temple will be simply a place to return to, week after week. A stopping place. A Sabbath place. A sacred space.

Our "Building Dreams" project is all about the future. Believing in the future and investing in the future. It will take courage, optimism, creativity and hard work.

It will take all of us.

Are you in? ■

**Building
Dreams** 
RENEWING OUR JEWISH HOME



Our Campus Renewal Project Will Focus On Four Major Areas



Transformed Arrival Experience

Visitors will be greeted by a transformed arrival experience – one that features both greater accessibility and highlights the natural beauty of our area. The campus entrance will feature a new tree-lined road, leading to a new Arrival Plaza that includes an open approach to the Main Sanctuary. Multiple, safe drop-off and pick up areas ensure every person can easily access all areas and building of our campus on foot or in mobility devices. The parking area will be redesigned and graded to reduce the slope to our building, and the need for ramps eliminated. All stairs from the parking lot to the Girsh Hochman Sanctuary will be removed, creating easier access for everyone. The arrival experience is an important component of Building Dreams, reminding everyone coming to CBB that they are leaving the ordinary world behind and entering a spiritual place.



Expanded Outdoor Facilities

A major expansion and renovation of the back patio will create a true Outdoor Pavilion, providing a focal point and a beautiful place to worship and to celebrate together as a community. Extensive regrading of the property will make the campus accessible to all, and the currently undeveloped area behind the back patio will be transformed into a park-like setting. Pathways will connect our three main buildings, and well-defined outdoor spaces will be designed to accommodate a wide range of events and activities. Accessibility to the outdoors is a key component of our plan. Easy access to the Pavilion from inside the Main Building for anyone with limited mobility will resolve a long-standing problem. Enhanced access to the Promenade from the parking lot will encourage a natural flow to the new Outdoor Pavilion and to a network of pathways.



Consolidated Leadership Hub

A central office suite, with a 1,100 square foot addition to the Sanctuary building, will consolidate work and meeting areas for professional staff and clergy, and will provide private spaces for pastoral care, and create a better, safer work environment for all. In the lobby of the Main Building, restrooms will be upgraded and a new gender-neutral/family restroom will be added. To meet the needs of our operational staff, the plan envisions a break room and rest room, along with a moveable stage in the Social Hall, and a large new storage room to serve the renovated back patio.

New Center for Jewish Learning

Our current education building — outdated and untouched for more than 50 years — is poised for transformation into the Center for Jewish Learning. This will provide an inspiring physical space for many of the programs, activities, and meetings now held in other parts of the campus. On the upper level, a Teaching Kitchen will feature multiple stations for hands-on learning, while the Art Studio opens up to the Promenade, encouraging students of all ages to participate in classes and activities. An inspiring circular design will allow the Sacred Space to hold small services, performances, and educational and social gatherings. The lower level will feature a Media and Technology Studio, and both levels include additional classrooms. The new Center for Jewish Learning will be a flexible, multi-purpose facility—alive and in use both day and night—that will embrace and accommodate the growing and changing needs of our entire congregation.



The Building Dreams Capital Campaign

A message from our Co-chairs, Steven Amerikaner and Nancy Sheldon:

We are excited to share news and an update about the success to date to fund the project.

We are thrilled to welcome Sara Miller McCune as our Honorary Chair, and Daniel E. Hochman serving as the Shomrei Ha-Brit (Guardian of the Covenant) of the campaign. Sara is truly one of our congregation's "Tall Trees," and her generous support over many years serves as a model for an effort to draw broad and deep participation from the entire CBB community. Daniel and his family have a long and legendary history of leadership in our congregation, and he will help us ensure that our community's vision, values, and traditions are honored.

With the gifts and pledges received so far, we have made substantial progress in meeting our goal. We began by focusing on Leadership Gifts (above \$500,00) and Major Gifts (\$25,000 - \$500,000). We move into the broader Congregational Gift phase in late 2021.

We welcome your interest in the Building Dreams project and would be delighted to speak with you. **In the coming months we will be contacting all congregants about their financial participation. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out if you want to discuss your gift to the campaign.**

Campaign Leadership

Sara Miller McCune, *Honorary Chair*
Daniel E. Hochman, *Shomrei HaBrit*
Steven Amerikaner and
Nancy Sheldon, *Co-Chairs*

Building Project Leadership

Judi Koper and Martie Levy, *Co-chairs*
Lauren Katz
Richard Sanders
Craig Zimmerman
Jonathan Gartner

CBB Leadership

Rabbi Stephen Cohen
Diane Zipperstein, *President*
Elizabeth Gaynes, *Executive Director*

MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT

by Diane Zipperstein



I'M WRITING THIS a few days before becoming fully vaccinated. I feel like a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis – though I still have to shed the caterpillar sweatpants, but nobody's perfect! Like many of us, I've found the past year to be full of fear and anxiety, but I'm so thankful for

my role at CBB which kept me grounded and connected to our Jewish community.

Despite the obvious challenges, we have accomplished amazing things this year. Our superb staff, our incredible clergy, and our dedicated volunteers make CBB so special. Our leaders are among the most precious assets of our congregation. Let me share some highlights of what we've accomplished together this year.

The Board of Trustees

I am in awe of the tremendous work this Board has accomplished – especially during the pandemic. Our Building Dreams Project, with inspiring leadership from stars like **Steve Amerikaner, Nancy Sheldon, Craig Zimmerman and Daniel Hochman**, is well underway and moving forward with great energy.

Our Task Force on Board Governance, led by **Jill Feldman**, worked for fifteen months examining our Board structure and drafting the bylaw changes that the congregation will be voting on at the Annual Meeting in June.

Our Task Force on Reopening, chaired by **Dan Cerf and Laura Habecker**, has met at least monthly for almost a year assessing the risks, establishing protocols, and steering us to a safe reopening.

Our new Communications Committee, chaired by **Liat Wasserman**, has been introducing new ways for us to reach out to our community during this uncertain time.

With **Annie Kempe** at the helm, Social Action has been

transformed into Tikkun Olam, with a focus on major initiatives for Congregation-wide participation.

Our lay Education leaders (**Summer Foster**, Education VP, **Danielle Drossel**, Jewish Learning Programs Trustee and **Elizabeth Kupperman**, Preschool Trustee) have closely worked with the professional staff to assist and advise on providing a school environment to allow our youth to interact and absorb Jewish values in the midst of the pandemic.

Ann Pieramici spearheads our programming efforts, bringing important and diverse perspectives to our congregants.

Our Finance team has strong leaders in **Ellen Chase**, Finance VP and **Jonathan Gartner**, Treasurer, and a robust committee working with our Executive Director and Bookkeeper.

Our outreach to those in need have included calls to the entire congregation again this year, continued care packages, disbursement of Covid emergency funds, and the re-establishing of the Mental Wellness program through the hard work of **Nick Woolf** and **Lynn Altshul**.

Thanks to **Josh Narva** and the Contract Committee, we are excited to have confirmed the promotion of **Daniel Brenner** to Associate Rabbi.

Our Development Committee, led by **Marcy Wimbish**, Development VP and **Lisa Raphael**, Fundraising Trustee,

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Mazal Tov to 2020-21 Irving and Marlyn Bernstein Leadership Institute Participants

Danielle Drossel	Phoebe Light
Deborah Fygenon	Janet Malki
Ari Goldstein	Jarrod Rifkind
Stephanie Kupperman	Monica Steiner

TRAVELING A LAYERED PATH

By Cantor Mark Childs



IT IS HARD ENOUGH TO ACCOMPANY a loved one through a medical crisis, death and mourning under normal circumstances. Before Covid-19, making a choice to go into the hospital was relatively routine.

During the pandemic, this changed. Being admitted to the hospital or nursing home meant automatic isolation from our family and support network. Pandemic restrictions became the great equalizer in death.

What I mean by that is whether you enjoyed a huge family with wide circle of friends or you died with few who mourn your passing, the cemetery limited funerals to ten attendees. Kings and paupers return to the earth in the same manner (this is actually a very Jewish concept).

The Rabbis and I are always ready and willing to provide whatever modicum of support, comfort, and links to our deep and wise Jewish teachings around times of crisis, mourning, and celebration. We are used to sitting nearby, holding hands, giving hugs, and singing together to lift the spirit and create connection with each other and the Divine.

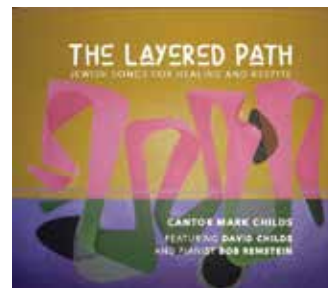
During the course of this past year, we have learned to guide these moments from a distance. Barred from the hospital except in extraordinary circumstances, connecting to an ailing congregant via phone, email, or written notes has had to suffice. The cemetery has asked that our funeral services be brief, forcing us to curtail liturgy and eulogies. Mourners could not accept condolence calls or food to eat together from the community. Can we seriously live a fully Jewish life without a shared kugel or deli platter?

On the plus side, coming together for a memorial/shiva service on Zoom provided opportunities of deep connection with friends and family who would not otherwise have been able to attend in person. This is also true for other life-cycle events such as *B'mitzvah* services and weddings where dispersed folks can be part of the *simcha* without the need to travel.

Operating within the guidelines established by our CBB Task Force

The journey from illness to end of life is not always a straight line. We often walk a path that leads from health to infirmity and to passing. But many wander a road that twists and turns, skirting the final moments before veering in another direction. While the ultimate destination is inescapable, the journey can be multi-layered.

These thoughts occurred to me when a member of our congregation approached me with a generous offer to underwrite a new album of Jewish music. No conditions were placed upon the content, but it was suggested that I might want to collaborate with my son, David, who has a particularly beautiful and healing voice, sparking the concept of this album. The one condition, however, was that each household of CBB should receive a copy as a gift. It is a particular joy to fulfill that condition.



*The songs on my new album, **The Layered Path**, were assembled according to their messages of hope, strength,*

recovery, resolution, and oneness with our Creator. My hope is that they will provide a sonic backdrop for a room where one is on that "layered path". Many of these songs are original commissions composed at my request which I am proud to spotlight. Collaborating with David has been an intergenerational joy. My mother-in-law, Edie Ostern, created the artwork for the album which inspired its title. Sound Engineer Mark Casselman was my partner in the studio.

If these songs provide you or your loved ones with even a moment of respite and comfort as you travel your layered path, then we've achieved our goal. — Cantor Mark Childs

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A Different Kind of Exodus

By Rabbi Daniel Brenner



*We begin with degradation;
we end with glory.*

THESE WORDS ARE FOUND IN most modern Haggadot at the beginning of the section telling the story of Passover at the seder. First we tell of our experience as slaves in Egypt, and the subsequent redemp-

tion from slavery to freedom. As Jews we remind ourselves every year, we have the ability to overcome our “slaveries” and move towards a fuller and more redeemed life.

The very first synagogue-wide program we had to cancel last year due to the pandemic was the congregational seder. There was no way we would be able to safely be together to eat the festive meal. So we adapted. Within a few short weeks, we had a seder-meal ready to be ordered and picked up from our parking lot, and an online seder that provided a sense of continuity and community.

OpenDor, CBB’s 20s and 30s group, also ended up moving the 2nd night seder online. We felt hugely disappointed. Passover 2019 was the very first OpenDor program, and in one year it grew from an idea shared by a few to an engaging and active community of nearly 100 individuals. Passover 2020 was going to be a celebration of a full year of engaging programming and friendship.

And yet the online seder for OpenDor was a success. Forty of us gathered on Zoom to go through the steps of the Seder, eat a meal while watching the *Rugrats* Passover special, and commiserate about our current condition of isolation. We imagined being back together in the summer at our normal monthly gatherings.



Above: Rabbi Brenner with Felicia Palmer and baby Liana.

As it became clear that we were in this for the long haul, CBB successfully migrated to online programming with highly attended Lunch and Learns, Shabbat gatherings, and even the annual meeting. Netivot and our new high school program, Mechina, adapted to outdoor classrooms and at-home projects. Meanwhile, our B’nai Mitzvah families graciously accepted whatever we could safely offer, and adult learning programs like Torah study, Daf Yomi, and Melton grew.

“I learned the most technologically-literate generation ever had little interest in connecting via tech...”

I assumed that it would have been the same with OpenDor. But I was wrong. I learned the most technologically-literate generation ever had little interest in connecting via tech. Attendance at our OpenDor Shabbat dropped from 40-50 a month to 10-15, and our lunch and learns and online happy-hours had just a few people. It was very disheartening to see this once vibrant community suddenly lifeless.

Despite the disappointment, it was also a validation of the importance of OpenDor and what it provides. It became clear that the reason OpenDor was so successful in its first year was because it brought people together in person, filling the need to feel part of a community of peers. The longer the pandemic kept us indoors, the more valuable the OpenDor community felt to me.

We begin with degradation; we end with glory.

Thanks to the blessing of the Taskforce on Reopening,

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BRIDGING THE

Perspectives on a Year of Remote Learning

From Appraiser to Teacher to Student

By Betsy Newman



For the past thirty years I have worked as a Fine Art appraiser, specializing in paintings, prints and sculpture. I've always thought of my career as a treasure hunt—I don't know who I will meet or what I will see.

But I'd written a master's degree thesis on Silver Baroque Judaica, a personal interest. So when, this past January, Diane Zipperstein asked if I would consider conducting an *Antiques Roadshow*-style program, using Judaica from family collections belonging to our congregants, I agreed.

We weren't sure what submissions we'd receive, but we knew that the family stories around their precious objects would be interesting to all of us. I researched the stories behind the objects. Cantor Mark Childs agreed to act as our MC. And people sent in photos of their Judaica, which we presented via Zoom. In the end, we had over thirty Judaica objects submitted for our noontime presentation. I was thrilled to learn the moving, personal stories behind each highlighted object.

As new members of CBB, both my husband and I are on another treasure hunt. This time, it is a deeper personal journey. I want to increase my scant knowledge of Judaism. This past fall, I took the Melton class on Judaism and Medical Ethics, and currently, I'm attending the Saturday morning Torah study.

In my mind, I have this image that I'm scooping up as much knowledge of Judaism as possible. The hunt has been wonderful. I am grateful to CBB for offering so many interesting programs this past year. Now I look forward to my next challenge, learning Hebrew. I feel so grateful that my husband and I have joined CBB, that my extended family and I have stayed healthy and safe in this trying time. I wish the same for our congregants.



How Melton Prepared Me for A Year of Zoom

By Seva Shipitcyn



Now and then I hear people outside of Judaism comment on how scholarly the Jewish approach to faith is. I admire it myself, too, but it was only recently that life made me realize how

useful, in a very immediate sense, this tradition can be in a crisis.

Everyone has their own story of the past year and a half. It was disheartening for all, and utterly heartbreaking for far too many. For pretty much everyone right now up is down, many things don't make sense, and well-worn habits no longer serve.

My Melton School class was a miniature representation of this weirdness. The classes started long before the March 2020 lockdowns, so they were familiar, but now we had to take them over a video call.

By their own nature, classes already were a safe environment to engage all the paradoxical stuff in life. But now, by watching my cohort figure out a way to keep the learning going over Zoom, I also got a better sense of how this new



quarantine existence worked. And afterwards, I felt more confident when facing it everywhere else.

I'd say Melton reminded me that this is exactly how Jewish people survive a crisis: when something gets in the way of learning, you broaden your scope and learn a new way to learn.

DISTANCE

Torah Study Comes Alive (even on Zoom!)

By Lori Meyers



I first met Rabbi Steve Cohen when I was in my early 20s and a student at UCSB. In my junior and senior year, I lived in a Jewish co-op called “The Bayit” (*The House*), where I met—among other incredible human beings whom would become my friends for life—fellow congregant David Gaynes.

In many ways, my ultimate feeling of home and belonging comes from the warm embrace of David and Elizabeth, as they are such loving and enormously generous people. On a visit to their home in Santa Barbara a couple of years ago, David woke up on Saturday morning and said: “Anyone want to go with me to Torah Study? Lori, I think you’d really like it!”

It was the first time I had seen Rabbi Cohen in person in over 25 years, and it was almost like nothing had changed. The sound and cadence of his voice was warm and calming, his genuine love for the study of Torah so clear, and the intellectual and personal quality of responses from the community so compelling and life changing. Between Rabbi Cohen and a group of amazing people from all walks of life, it opened my eyes as to what Torah study could really mean.

Flash forward to living in LA this year during a worldwide pandemic. For all of us, Covid-19 has been incredibly isolating, lonely and difficult. I am a single mom and have my younger daughter with me only every other week, with an older one off to college in Boston. With time on my hands, I developed a curriculum for a family formation law course in the unique surrogacy and egg donation work I practice in. During my research, I found myself wanting to take a deep dive into Jewish ethics and spiritual soul-searching.

How fortunate that the Saturday morning Torah Study became virtual! I receive the weekly scripture via email and eagerly print it out prior to Shabbat. I always chuckle and glance through it thinking, “Huh?! What does *THIS* mean?!”

Sometimes I feel initially disconnected from the Hebrew. Then, signing onto Zoom Saturday mornings, a square at a time, I instantly feel part of this vibrant community of maybe 80 participants. The Rabbis lead us in the traditional Jewish discourse of reading the text aloud.

With their added commentary, history and guidance, we listen to each other. Suddenly, the verses spring to life, brightening and filling with meditation and reflection on what it means for us today. It feels *alive*. We are questioning, connecting, relating – learning, together at such a high level. I look forward to it every week.

As a result of attending these Zoom Torah Study meetings, I decided to join B’nai B’rith. I hope when my daughter graduates next year I can relocate to Santa Barbara and call it home again. Until that time, I’d like to thank the entire community for the warm welcome and participation in the divine exchange of ideas, values and history during Torah Study on Shabbat.

I can’t wait to come up and meet everyone in person. But until then, the value of being able to connect to the community during Covid has been incredible. It has become part of my own Shabbat tradition, and I thank you for this newfound sense of belonging and connection.

A SBORTY Update

By Aoife Braverman



IF SBORTY is an unfamiliar name to you, here's the gist: SBORTY (Santa Barbara Organization of Reform Temple Youth)

is CBB's youth group, and its board provides programming to the Jewish teens of Santa Barbara.

Typically, there are events hosted by SBORTY twice a month; one being a lighthearted night with a goal to socialize, and the other appealing to the Jewish value Tikkun Olam (healing the world). For example, one month we may first host a Jeopardy night and then a few weeks later an informative session about voter suppression and how to take action.

The events that center around more serious subject matter, such as the voting session, are new to SBORTY and were implemented during the 2020-21 school year alongside a new board structure. The changes to our board structure were put in place to accommodate the large number of teens we have who are interested in pursuing a leadership role through SBORTY.

This restructuring is the epitome of SBORTY- we are a living, breathing organization that evolves with those who it serves. I have found that in the four years that I have been a part of SBORTY as both a participant and a

board member, each year holds new possibilities and interests, and this allows board members to acquire unique leadership experience each year that they may not have encountered in years prior.

SBORTY has been an integral part of my high school experience both in terms of personal leadership growth, but also in finding a group of likeminded Jewish teens who are passionate about fostering a Jewish high school community.

Since my freshmen year of high school, SBORTY has remained a pillar of the Jewish experience as a teen at CBB, but the inner workings of the board have drastically changed to allow the board members to have a great deal of influence over the organization.

For example, board meetings are led by members, as opposed to the youth advisor, and this drives time management and public speaking skills. In addition, the structure has allowed the board to create multiple events simultaneously because each committee can separately focus on an event instead of having a too-many-cooks-in-the-kitchen situation where all of the board works on one event together.

During my time on the board I have served as President since eleventh grade and previously served as the Programming VP and as the Ninth Grade Representative, and these positions most notably Ninth Grade Representative have changed drastically.

The most noticeable change is that we no longer offer Grade Representative positions, because our board found that the purpose of the Grade Reps — outreach to each grade level about our events — was more effective when done organically across grades. It's also as equally important for the President to have communication with a SBORTY member as it is for a Grade Rep.

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Above: SBORTY members preparing to feed the homeless.



My Pandemic Year:

How CBB—and My Family—Adapted to Educating Our Kids

By Summer Foster

I DIDN'T MIND SANITIZING my groceries and letting my mail sit for three days but I wasn't prepared to have my three boys — Crosby, 7 at the time; Rockwell, 5; Bixby, 2 — at home 24/7.

A year ago in March, the elementary school closed its doors for in-person instruction. Then, as much as I prayed it wouldn't happen, the preschool followed suit. The older boys were given three weeks worth of schoolwork and for all I knew (and wanted to believe at the time) they would be returning to school in less than a month.

It was nearly impossible to homeschool Crosby and Rockwell while Bixby was running around causing havoc. He was *that* child who would unlock the front door and take off down the street while I was working with his brothers.

The support from the Beit HaYeladim preschool came in the nick of time. Every Wednesday and Thursday at 11 AM the big boys would squeeze themselves onto one couch cushion next to Bixby for story time. They would crowd around the tiny iPad screen captivated by the magical bat world of *Stellaluna*.

The other days offered Havdalah with Rabbi, singing with Cantor, and weekly class and Shabbat Zooms. The beauty of Zoomtime was short-lived; Bixby would have a meltdown

when I denied his request for a third helping of Bamba (his favorite peanut flavored snack).

Another valuable offering: the preschool began handing out themed activity kits filled with arts and crafts projects and treats. Maguy McGuire, BHY Director, told me how she got the idea one day at the In-and-Out drive-thru.

"I realized how many people were waiting patiently in line to receive their food. It was a safe way to satiate their urge for a hamburger or fries while wearing a mask and keeping a safe distance. I had an epiphany that I too could do the same at BHY by handing out activity kits to families," Maguy says.

I remember the excitement of jumping in the car with the boys to pick up the Mother's Day kits. Under my mask I was grinning from ear to ear when I saw the beautiful bouquets of flowers awaiting our arrival. I drove away and glanced in the backseat to see Bixby covered in a white powder — that's how I learned that pancake mix was included in the Mother's Day brunch kit.

It was the end of May 2020, around the time when facemasks were the hottest fashion accessory and toilet paper was no longer scarce that I was asked to join CBB's Reopening Task Force. I jumped at the opportunity. Joining



Top to bottom: Alex Phillips (BHY) washes her hands more than ever before. Henry Drossel helps decorate the Netivot Hanukkah Hunt. BHY Director Maguy McGuire greets Alex.

the preschool subcommittee gave me a little sense of normalcy and control. As a task force we had a lot of learning to do. We had to familiarize ourselves and navigate the federal, state and CDC guidelines.

I was beyond grateful to learn that Maguy McGuire and Jen Lewis, CBB's Director of Jewish Learning Programs (JLP), were already in the process of developing safety protocols and guidelines for the preschool reopening.

"I never doubted for a minute that the reopening of BHY is what needed to happen in order to keep our children healthy and their families sane. Once in the classrooms with the children, I never felt unsafe or in danger," says Maguy.

Still, the structure of the preschool had to change. The smiles and conversations that I was used to would now be replaced with the need to wear masks, stay in your car, and drive through to drop off and pick up. The daily check-ins with teachers would be no more. It was going to be an adjustment but there was nothing that could get in the way of sending Bixby back to preschool.

The teachers were amazing; they put on their masks and brave faces to reopen the preschool. Stacie Raichelle, BHY's Administrative Specialist, felt especially ready to reconnect.

"Prior to our return to BHY, like most people when the world shut down, we were dying for human contact. To connect with someone outside of a Zoom screen. We came back excited, yet we also had to consider the nature of our jobs," Stacie tells me.

The teachers took on the challenge of reinventing teaching to meet the changes of the "outdoor" school that they created on the playground. The teachers were excited, yet nervous to return to school.

I remember that first day back at school, Jen, Maguy, and Stacie were there to greet us. Bixby literally jumped out of the car and said "bye mom" without looking back. Because of the detailed "What to Expect" video, he couldn't have been more prepared, excited, and ready to go back to school.

"After many hours of planning, many versions of the Covid protocols, and listening and calming each other's nerves on the matter, we were so excited to be back. The best thing though was last June 29th, when we welcomed our families back!" Stacie says.

"I blinked and Crosby and Rockwell's initial three weeks turned into a whole year."

As a preschool, we were prepared but still uneasy when we had our first Covid case. It was mid-July, only a few weeks after we reopened BHY. My heart skipped a beat when I got the call saying that the parent of a

student in Bixby's class tested positive for the virus. (The student never tested positive it turned out).

I felt this overwhelming sense of compassion for this family. I imagined what it would be like if it was my family. I probably didn't exhale until we received the news 5 days later that the teachers tested negative and none of the other students or families were experiencing any symptoms.

I blinked and Crosby and Rockwell's initial three weeks turned into a whole year. Back in March 2020 I thought, *I'm a teacher, I got this* as I made a daily schedule. I was on autopilot: make breakfast, get the boys started on their work, make lunch, argue with the boys about finishing their work, meltdown, put on a show, make dinner, clean up and make the schedule for the next day.

"We can be Jewish anywhere. We are Jewish anywhere," Jen Lewis says to me."

I even recruited my husband to use his lunch breaks as PE time so I could finally shower and get dressed, while the boys were running laps in our cul-de-sac. But each day was exactly like the day before.

Thankfully, Jen Lewis came to the rescue with her creative plan for Netivot; she was cautious yet motivated to begin in person come October.

She describes the way she planned this way: "Rules, ideas and timelines were changing throughout the entire pandemic which made it very difficult to plan, to remain positive, to connect and to communicate what would be coming," she says.

"For our K-12th grade students, we moved our entire program online or exclusively outdoors, day or night. We altered the sizes of our groups, rewrote the curriculum to adapt to our circumstances and moved forward!"

Although Crosby and Rockwell participated in the virtual offerings of JLP earlier that year, they were burnt out from Zoom and desperately needed face-to-face interaction. Jen sympathized, "The greatest challenge was trying to keep families engaged while we were apart from each other for so long. At first it felt impossible. We thought, 'There's no way people will stick with us this way, on Zoom.'"

Of course, we stuck with the Netivot virtual programming, but jumped at the opportunity for in person sessions. Crosby and Rockwell were bouncing off the walls when I told them that they were going to Netivot "in person"; the haziness in their eyes started

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Top to bottom: Netivot hikes with Rabbi Cohen continued during the 2020-21 school year. Pete Yartz and JLP Director Jen Lewis. Chloe Dream Goldberg. A Netivot bike ride at Goleta Beach with Esther Sostrin, Jake Thompson, Rockwell Foster, and Riley Ratner.

CARING COMMUNITY'S Pandemic Pivot

By Nick Woolf and Audrie Krause



THE CARING Community at CBB is a group of volunteers who provide support to community members who face short term difficulties of one kind or another. Before the pandemic, this assistance was quite varied, and included activities such as driving members to temple, delivering soup or cheer bags, visits at home, accompanying them to doctor's appointments, or preparing and delivering meals after a member returned home from surgery.

When life changed suddenly in March 2020, our Caring Community activities was forced to adapt overnight. We went from a small number of long-term volunteers serving a small number of members with a wide range of needs, to a large operation with a new cadre of volunteers eager to help many more members but with a narrower range of needs.

Since the pandemic began our active volunteers have grown in strength to about 70 and the number of members we serve has similarly grown. Over the past year we've reached out to more than 130 members with needs, and the Caring Community has provided over 770 acts of kindness.

One silver lining of the past difficult year is this new cadre of volunteers who came forward at the start of the

pandemic, and who have appreciated the opportunity to help other members in more difficult situations than themselves. Many of them are still happily volunteering.

Within weeks of the lockdown, we began offering different kinds of assistance than we were used to. Gone were the home visits, car rides, and accompaniment to the doctor. In their place we had younger members buying groceries for elder members, techie volunteers helping congregants connect to CBB by Zoom, and a series of check in calls to make sure that there were no isolated people with needs that no one was aware of.

In some cases, members were struggling to pay for groceries and other necessities, and due to the generosity of so many CBB donors to the Covid-19 fund, we were able to provide pre-paid gift cards so that our volunteer shoppers could purchase and deliver what the members needed. In a few cases we have been able to help with completely unanticipated kinds of assistance.

For example, during our first round of calls last year, we discovered a member who said her "heart was very heavy" because her husband was in a nursing home under lockdown, and she was unable to visit him.

We arranged for volunteers to call her regularly, and as a result learned that a major cause of her distress was being unable to speak with him by phone because her husband's hearing aids had been misplaced and she could not afford the co-pay required by their insurance to replace them.

CBB was able to help with this expense so that the couple could then speak by phone. Eventually, they visited each



other through a window at the facility, providing tremendous comfort to both until he passed some months later. Volunteers continue to check in with her regularly till this day.

Our other regular activities—such as delivering soup or cheer bags or organizing meal trains—continued, but in a new distanced and contactless way, with volunteers making drop-offs at the front stoop and leaving a phone or text message to let them our members know of the delivery, sadly without the usual personal contact they were used to.

After a couple of weeks of lockdown, we conducted the first all-member telephone check-in. All members of the Board and a dozen or more Caring Community volunteers made the calls, and we used an online form for the callers to complete after each call so that we could collate and keep track of the 800+ responses.

This information has been invaluable and let us identify those members needing assistance that we were unaware of. Fortunately, most members were doing well and continue to do well, and those with needs usually have family and friends to support them.

But some were isolated, with their family and friends similarly isolating themselves, so we began a new program of “friendly callers” to check in with and provide the much needed social interaction to those who expressed interest. This has now become our most frequently supplied service, with a small group of members continuing to receive weekly check in and social calls.

In summer 2020, we decided to make a second round of calls to all members over the age of 80, and again over three months this spring, a third round of calls to all our 800+ members. We checked in to make sure no new needs were falling between the cracks, but more than anything to remind all of our congregants that CBB is here to support

Above: Yael Brennan, Nancy Sheldon, Judi Koper, Richard Silver, and Lisa Raphael volunteer at the Cottage Health vaccine clinic this spring.

“Only Connect...”

By Stephen Stone



As a community, we plunged into the Zoomiverse without roadmaps. Before March 2020, the way to commune with other Jews and to find spiritual sustenance had

always been CBB's building. It was the place where we had expectations of satisfying our quest for belonging and communal prayer and celebration... and now, the doors of the synagogue were locked.

I did not contribute to the difficult decision to transform our in-person events into a wide range of vibrant online presentations. But I was asked to help members who had trouble figuring out how to connect with CBB via Zoom.

I'd helped younger and older users learn to use technology for four decades. Yet this time, my help looked quite different: because of Covid-19, I could not sit next to the people who I was guiding. Therefore, I needed to lead them through their interactions with their computers by phone. And I had to do this without being able to see what they saw on their screens, or knowing what immediate effect their actions had.

I cannot tell you how much I admired the valor of the people I helped under these most confounding circumstances. Everyone I tutored succeeded in their goal of gaining digital access to CBB. I acknowledged their efforts with praise and emotional support.

Their steadfast effort and deep desire to rejoin our CBB community though a digital window touched my heart. Looking backward, I feel that I have been blessed with a most meaningful reward in a sense of purpose for my volunteer efforts.

Stephen Stone is a long-time psychotherapist and technology maven.



*Caring Community in action. **Left:** Challah delivery for Marilyn Kandus. **Right:** Daryl West makes a delivery for Ronit Anolick (left)*



them through these challenging times.

One lesson we have learned from these check in calls is the tremendous value of connection. The primary mission of the Caring Community is to try and ensure that no member falls between the cracks with acute unmet needs that our volunteers may be able to fill.

But the new all-member calling campaigns have demonstrated that the whole of the CBB membership is already a giant Caring Community. The volunteers making all these calls, and their recipients, have universally reported how fulfilling and valuable it has been to make contact and connect with congregants who may already be friends or acquaintances, but more likely had previously never met.

One new Caring Community volunteer began with a list of 20 members to call, but enjoyed making contact with new members so much that she asked for more and eventually called 60 members!

Helping members during a pandemic has obviously been very challenging. The Caring Community was already well-organized before the pandemic, with a database updated with every act of kindness provided by our volunteers so we could keep track of all our members in need.

However, this straightforward system of matching volunteers to members in need transitioned quickly to a new “command center” consisting of Mariela Socolovsky, CBB’s Director of Community Engagement, along with both

of us. We met weekly by Zoom to plan our activities and share information so that nothing fell between the cracks – the general motto of the Caring Community!

As the months have passed, our community’s needs have continued to change. Many elder members who were acutely in need of help with grocery shopping have become accustomed to ordering online or have regular assistance already lined up, and no longer need the help of Caring Community volunteers.

When a new need emerged in the last few months, helping members with less tech savvy to navigate the complications of getting vaccine appointments. Marcy Wimbish and Laura Habecker spearheaded this effort, helping dozens of members get early vaccination appointments as soon as vaccines became available, and Yael Brennan helped us find the best ways to do it by providing invaluable information.

The response of the entire CBB community to the needs thrown up by lockdown and isolation has been tremendous. Those of us helping through the Caring Community have felt fortunate belong to a community that rises to the occasion, and shows we can support each other when it matters most. ■

Nick Woolf is semi-retired and works part-time as qualitative research consultant. He is Chair of the Caring Community committee.

Audrie Krause, a longtime nonprofit professional and activist, is coordinator of CBB’s Chesed Helpers.



The Human Family Podcast

By Allison Lewis-Towbes



In 2019, CBB organizers and others in the Santa Barbara faith community founded The Human Family Project. Formed in response to global hate acts, its goal is to illuminate the common humanity in everyone, embracing all identities of faith, race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, and more.

Through this initiative, members of different faith-based organizations were able to gather and celebrate our myriad of differences as well as that which we all shared.

During the pandemic, our team began to seek out other ways to connect as a community without putting each other at risk – and thus, The Human Family Podcast was born. Our purpose is to inspire local people to take interest in their neighbors that they might not know much about, and to promote relationships that dispel fear and hatred.


We're seeking mainly to amplify voices in the Santa Barbara community that are not as commonly heard in public discourse, so our guests are largely non-Christian, non-white, and we expect to have a pretty equal gender balance.

Recent guests have included Rabbi Steve Cohen, Board Member and Trustee of the Islamic Society Afaf Turjoman, New Covenant Worship Center's Rev. Dr. David Moore, and Chumash elder and firekeeper Art Cisneros. Find us on Apple Podcasts or Spotify. ■

CBB's New Social Media Outreach

CBB continues to reach its congregation and larger Santa Barbara community in new and exciting ways. In addition to our website and weekly emails, we've also launched two Instagram accounts: one focused on CBB's community and mission ([@cbb_sb](#)) and the other focused on Jewish learning programs ([@jlp_at_cbb](#)).

Want to check it out? If you're new to Instagram, follow these four easy steps

1. Download the Instagram app from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android).
2. Once the app is installed, tap  to open it.
3. Tap Sign Up with Email or Phone Number (Android) or Create New Account (iPhone), then enter your email address or phone number (which will require a confirmation code) and tap Next. You can also tap Log in with Facebook to sign up with your Facebook account.
4. If you register with your email or phone number, create a username and password, fill out your profile info and then tap Next. If you register with Facebook, you'll be prompted to log into your Facebook account if you're currently logged out.

CBB also has an official YouTube channel, Twitter account ([@CBBSantaBarbara](#)), and Facebook account ([@cbbbsb](#)). Be sure to follow us for news, cultural, and event updates! —Stephanie Kupperman

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succeeded in reaching its goal with the UnGala consisting of a series of virtual events.

With the help of **Serena Zahler**, Open Dor is moving into its 3rd year with a dynamic group of young adults leading the way.

Natalie Gaynes from Women of B'nai B'rith (WoBB) and **Aoife Braverman** from SBORTY bring their groups' important perspectives to the Board.

Geren Piltz and **Alan Levy** as Secretary and Parliamentarian help ensure our Board governance and processes operate at the highest level.

Rachel Wilson, Executive VP, has been a tremendous partner, advisor and valued friend providing candid and thoughtful advice.

I've highlighted briefly only some of the accomplishments of these stellar individuals. Please join me in thanking the entire Board for their exemplary service to CBB.

Leadership Pipeline

We place a great deal of importance on identifying and developing prospective new leaders who, we hope, will in time step forward and provide the vision and energy the Temple needs to continue our growth and excellence into the future.

The Irving and Marlyn Bernstein Leadership Institute, taught by **Deborah Naish and Aaron Ettenberg**, was held again this year in a series of monthly workshops exploring the concept of Jewish lay leadership and the nature of, and opportunities for, leadership at CBB. Eight individuals, nominated by CBB leadership, completed the course.

The Nominating Committee, led by **Josh Rabinowitz**, has brought forward an exceptionally strong slate of leaders for the 2021-22 Board. I was honored to be asked to serve a third and final year as President.

And most importantly, thank you to all the committee members, volunteers, staff and clergy who spend countless hours making CBB an amazing community. It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your President. Here's to another year of fun and good work. ■

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on Re-Opening in conjunction with State and CDC recommendations, we've managed to navigate protocols for small gatherings of attendees for specific events. I have to point out that, after the initial disappointment of shattered dreams for what "should have been," families seemed much more at ease and able to focus better on the life-cycle event at hand without the stress of entertaining large groups of family and friends.

As we emerge from the pandemic we will rejoice in our gatherings once again. Slowly we'll regain comfort in physical proximity and contact. Much has been written about the adaptations we've encountered this past year that I'm sure will endure even as we achieve normalcy. We shall see. But I do look forward to sitting at the bedside of an ill congregant, holding a hand, and creating a sanctified moment of holiness and healing. That will never go away. ■

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OpenDor hosted CBB's first official in-person program just a couple of months ago, a Passover Seder. The response was so positive we needed to have two seders back-to-back to ensure enough distancing between attendees.

It was a strangely familiar experience being in person together, almost like there was not a year of separation between our gatherings, and yet much had changed. Some of our community lost their jobs over the course of the year, some were planning to move out of Santa Barbara, and still others were pregnant and expecting a first child. The earth had taken a pause, but our personal lives had not. Life had to continue despite the pandemic.

I felt that most profoundly when our daughter was born in October. Being a father has been the most profound joy of my life, and it is a constant reminder of how little control I have. This year has taught me two things to help me in this new adventure of fatherhood. No matter what life (or Liana) throws at me, I have to be ready to adapt, and there is not always one right answer.

I don't know what being a father will look like post-pandemic... I've never tried it. CBB and OpenDor will be different too. What will remain unchanged is my and our need for community, however it looks. We will continue to adapt and move forward so that next year we might again sit around our seder table and read *We begin with degradation; we end with glory* and know exactly what our ancestors felt generations ago. ■

What I mean by this is that reaching out to a person who you are personally close to, regardless of what grade they are in, is oftentimes a more genuine act than contacting people who you solely know because you are in the same grade.

I think it says a great deal about SBORTY that many, like me, chose to involve themselves so heavily in the organization and run for positions on the SBORTY Board year after year. The SBORTY experience gives teens in Santa Barbara the opportunity to not be the only Jew in an activity, which may sound silly but I feel is in fact very empowering.

Having SBORTY serve high school students exclusively is absolutely crucial because for most, entering high school is an overwhelming period of time, and on top of dealing with this new change as a student, we face this as a Jewish student.

I vividly remember hearing “Jew” used as a derogatory word for the first time and holding in tears, and sadly this is absolutely not a unique story. Almost all of my Jewish peers have at the least felt uncomfortable revealing that they were Jewish at some point in high school, so having this community of people where you can freely be yourself is an extraordinary and much-needed resource.

I would not be the person I am today without SBORTY, and I feel indebted to all that I have received from the leadership opportunities to the phenomenal community it has provided. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as SBORTY President these past two years, and though I must now move on from high school I am thrilled to see how SBORTY will continue to evolve and serve its next set of leadership. ■

Aoife (pronounced Ee-fa) Braveman is a senior at Santa Barbara High School. She is President of SBORTY, and previously served as its Programming Vice President and the Ninth Grade Representative.

to clear.

On the first day of Netivot they slapped on their masks and were buckled in the car before I made it out of the house. By then they were used to following the Covid rules and had no problem wearing their masks and staying distanced from their peers.

The Elective Days were their favorite. They loved the freedom of hiking with Rabbi Cohen and always returned transfixed by the day’s story. Biking with Jen was always an adventure, the boys would come back truly exhausted with their cups filled for another week. Rabbi Cohen and Jen effortlessly made the connections between these outdoor activities and Judaism.

“We have learned, very deeply, that Judaism does not lie exclusively in the holy sanctuary of our building (though we *do* miss it!), or the classrooms or the curriculum, or the text books. It lies within our students, our families, our traditions that we were able to carry out, even in new and weird ways, and in our relationships with each other,” she says.

“We are strong. They are strong. We can be Jewish at home. We *should* be Jewish at home. We can be Jewish anywhere. We *are* Jewish anywhere.”

I don’t know who gained more from these adventures, the boys or myself. As I watched them walk or ride away I would take a deep breath and unclench my sweaty hands from the steering wheel, grateful for this time away from them.

Netivot gave us something to look forward to and lifted our spirits. Jen tells me her intention with Netivot was to be “the constant in the storm, adapting to the situation and not adding to the dozens and dozens of disappointments that each family was facing.”

The calendar says it’s been a year. Things finally feel more normal and safe (for the most part). The preschool and Jewish Learning Programs are still going strong and they are starting to plan for the next year.

Maguy is proud of this success. “When we returned to BHY last June, we had 32 families enrolled, now we are at capacity of 68 and increasing to 72 children in the fall. We have doubled our enrollment!” she says.

Although some things are still closed until further notice, most things have reopened with new precautions that have become part of our new normal. We are finally on the other side and I know that I couldn’t have done it without my Jewish community.

I am forever grateful for BHY and the Jewish Learning Programs at CBB. This experience has taught me that with dedication, collaboration and patience I can handle more than I ever thought possible, *I truly got this.* ■

Summer Foster currently works as a busy mom to 3 young boys. As an educator, she looks forward to pursuing her passion for education in the near future. She serves as CBB’s VP of Education.

Mazel Tov! *In Our Lives*



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1. To Natalie & Rob Chriqui on the birth of their son, Isaac Chriqui, born on August 25, 2020.



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2. To Shira Kronfeld & Jared Young on the birth of their daughter, Ariel Skylar Kronfeld Young, born on August 31.

3. To Alicia Boswell & Aaron Gidding on the birth of their son, Baz Wolf Gidding, on September 7, 2020.



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4. To Ravit & Yishai Silverstein on the birth of their son, Daniel Meir Silverstein, born on September 9, 2020.



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6. To Rachel & Andreas Simon on the birth of their daughter, Serai Ember Simon, born on October 14, 2020.



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5. To Felicia Palmer & Rabbi Daniel Brenner on the birth of their daughter, Liana Rose Brenner, born on October 8, 2020.

7. To Asha Wilkus-Stone & Clay Miner on the birth of their daughter, Zion Rose Wilkus Minerstone, born on December 20, 2020.



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8. To Allison & Austin French on the birth of their son, Atlas James French, born on February 10, 2021.



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10. To Kathryn & Brian Smith on the birth of their son, Elijah Benjamin Smith, born on April 13, 2021.



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9. To Zoe Liberman & Elan Shpigel on the birth of their daughter, Emma Rose Shpigel, born on April 8, 2021.

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



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