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We Welcome Our New Members

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Young Families

at the Center of CBB's Mission

By Rabbi Steve Cohen

I F I EVER FEEL TIRED or discouraged, there is one thing that never fails to lift my spirits: a visit to our Beit HaYeladim (BHY) preschool.

Seeing those little children playing in the sand and the water, furiously driving their big wheel tricycles around the playground, or quietly sitting in a circle and listening to a story, reminds me that the world is still wonderful and beautiful, and that the future is full of infinite possibility.

For those of us who spend our days thinking about and planning for the future (of our community, of the Jewish people, of the planet), those children and their families are our very highest priority. We feel the weight of our responsibility to help our families raise their children as loving, ethical human beings. And we also understand that if we go the extra mile for our young families, then those families will participate joyfully and enthusiastically in the life of our community.

At CBB, a family with young children finds a full menu of opportunities for joining together with other families to live Jewishly together:

Our Beit HaYeladim (House of the Children) Preschool is widely recognized as one of the finest Early Education programs in Santa Barbara, with a student population at full capacity and a long wait list. Our preschoolers and their families form a vibrant community within the broader community of CBB.

Once a month, all families with preschool-age children

(whether or not they attend BHY) are invited to a Friday night **Tot Shabbat** led by Cantor Mark and either Rabbi Brenner or me, geared directly to our littlest kids, followed by a simple BYOB Shabbat dinner where parents get a chance to relax and chat and meet each other.

Every year in the fall, our community of young families goes off together for **Family Camp weekend**, usually at Camp Ramah in Ojai. It does not take long for the fresh

air, the freedom, and the relaxed camp setting to work their magic and start creating new and life-long friendships.

The **Library Minyan** meets every Saturday morning, out on the BHY playground, for a very informal, very abbreviated but deeply spiritual traditional-style Shabbat morning service. The morning includes a Torah procession and story for the kids, and gives this group of children a regular, weekly experience of Shabbat day in a loving community.

Last but not least, our **celebrations of the Jewish Festivals** are at the heart of our work to create lasting Jewish memories for our young children, including: the creative and hilarious Purim shpiel and carnival; the Young Family services on the High Holy Days, donuts and hot chocolate on the beach at sunrise on Shavuot (as we read the Ten Commandments after an icy dip into the ocean); a magical Hanukkah candle-lighting; casting breadcrumbs into the ocean with hundreds of SB Jews and the seagulls at tashlikh on Rosh Hashanah afternoon; frenzied dancing with the Torah on Simchat Torah....and more.



Above: Rabbi Steve Cohen with his granddaughter.

Raising a child has always been a huge and sometimes overwhelming responsibility. Today more than ever, the challenges can be daunting: staying physically and emotionally healthy through the surreal experience of the Covid pandemic; knowing how to balance our concerns for our kids' safety with their need for freedom and independence; navigating the constantly changing landscape of screentime, smartphones and social media. These are just a few of the novel challenges facing our young families.

As a rabbi, parent, and now as a grandfather, I feel more strongly than ever that our Jewish community is a powerful source of strength and encouragement and wisdom for our young families...both for the kids and their parents. We all need the wisdom of our elders, and the love of our friends, and the emotional grounding that comes with community and tradition.

If you let them, those little kids out on the playground, on the beach, in their classrooms and in the CBB sanctuary will lift your spirits and give you great hope for the future. I am so proud of the crucial part that we play in helping their parents raise their children to be happy, healthy, ethical, proud Jewish human beings. ■

Top-bottom: At the weekly Library minyan, Zion Rose listens as the Torah is read; Leah Cain and Max, Miles, and Norah Edelheit listen to Rabbi Cohen tell the weekly Torah story.



Growing with CBB: The Library Minyan

By Rich Cain

THE LIBRARY MINYAN got its start shortly before the beginning of the pandemic, and though CBB's current library will be demolished by the time you read this, our minyan is growing. We'll even have the special blessing of watching the construction of the new Center for Jewish Learning from the BHY Playground each week.



Every Shabbat Morning, with the adults singing and praying and our kids playing just a few feet away, the playground becomes a sacred space. When the Torah comes out, the kids take a break from their play and join the parade, some still on their tricycles.

A volunteer (often Rabbi Cohen) sits on the ground to share a story with the kids. Then the kids run off, and we hear the chanting of the Torah. Once, when I asked the kids to keep their voices down as the Torah was chanted, the reader corrected me: "Don't tell them to be quiet. We love hearing their voices!"

Recently, I had signed up to lead the week's Torah discussion, when my older daughter Leah chose that moment to sit on my lap, while her younger sister, Dinah, soon joined her. As I struggled to keep my focus, another parent swooped in and took Dinah in her arms.

The kids in our minyan are a communal responsibility. Babies are passed around, and the older kids watch over the little ones. The same can be said of the adults, whether it's bringing another member a meal after a baby is born, offering support when a member is going through a hard time, or even offering medical advice (we have a lot of doctors!).

After a few concluding prayers, we gather for kiddush, challah, and a bagel brunch (thanks CBB!) where we catch up, plan our next camping trip, and maybe a little "L'Chaim." Our family is blessed to be part of this tight-knit community, and I hope you will come check us out. ■

Rich Cain is the "Minyan Librarian" and CBB member. Reach him at richcain@gmail.com.

Letter From CBB's Co-Presidents

Moving Beyond Our Walls

By Nancy Sheldon and Marcy Wimbish



Nancy Sheldon



Marcy Wimbish

IT HAS BEEN AN EXCITING YEAR AT CBB and we are just getting used to our new (well not so new) job of chairing CBB's Board of Trustees. We have met so many new

people and have enjoyed all (ok, most) of the challenges that have come with the position.

As a community we have strengthened our relationships with each other and learned new ways to interact. Much of our focus has been on Building our Dreams and we are overjoyed that the renovation project has finally begun, especially as this has been so many years in the making. Even though we are off campus, we have a full calendar year ahead with many opportunities for member engagement.

Before we look ahead, we want to acknowledge the tremendous effort that went into physically moving our offices and services to our temporary spaces. Our staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that the move was as seamless as possible, and we are grateful for their dedication and hard work.

We are now settled into our temporary spaces and have been successfully running our congregation during the renovation process. Please stop by to say hello or join an event and do not miss Shabbat services at Trinity Lutheran Church.

We are thrilled to see CBB's dream of renovation come to life, and we're grateful for the support of our congregation and community in making it happen. We believe that these improvements will not only enhance the experience of our current members, but will also make our synagogue more welcoming to new members and visitors, and help us to continue to grow and thrive in the years to come.



Rabbi Daniel Brenner, Rabbi Steve Cohen, and Cantor Mark Childs at our Building Dreams Groundbreaking event.



Netivot kindergarteners and teachers at our Building Dreams Groundbreaking event.



Elizabeth Gaynes, Steven Amerikaner, and Diane Zipperstein during the Building Dreams Groundbreaking event..

As a reminder, the highlights of this renovation will undoubtedly be the new spaces we are creating for learning, congregating, eating and celebrating. In the new Center for Jewish Learning there will be teaching studios where we will cook together, create beautiful art projects, make music and learn together.

The sacred space within will provide opportunities to meet in more intimate settings for prayer and education. Our library will also be the perfect spot for smaller discussions or quiet meditation during the day. And there will be space everywhere for some good old-fashioned schmoozing.

We'll improve accessibility and security across our campus with paths down to the outdoor chapel and an elevator to take members from the Center for Jewish Learning to the preschool playground. One of the most exciting new features will be the enhanced outdoor spaces.

Our reimagined central plaza will open

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Reflections from the Building Dreams Campus Renewal Committee

By Judi Koper and Martie Levy, Committee Co-Chairs



Judi Koper



Martie Levy

As we look back and think about the last seven years, during which priorities and needs became a dream and the dream is becoming a reality, we express deep gratitude for having the opportunity to be a part of this journey.

It has taken an incredible team of people to move this mammoth project along in order to achieve something very special at CBB. Our work has been filled with excitement, with a sense of awe, with its challenges, and at last, **Building Dreams is under construction!**

At its April monthly meeting, our CBB board took a historic vote setting a Building Dreams project cost and campaign goal that enabled the reimagined vision of our campus to commence.

Despite the many presentations, votes, and discussions we have had with the Board about the project over the years, this April night felt different. One by one, each board member spoke honestly and intelligently with insightful questions along with expressions from the deepest places of their hearts of confidence, optimism, hope and dreams.

One of the last to speak was our youngest board member. She offered a quiet yet profound comment about the gratitude that she personally felt knowing that so many of us in the Congregation would perhaps enjoy the fruits of this undertaking for a bit less time than families like hers, with young children, or like the generation of young adults at the beginning of their full independent Jewish lives.

It was a poignant and intense reminder that this project and labor of love for both of us is far more than a multi-million dollar construction project. It is about enduring core Jewish values and ensuring that this campus will be our Jewish home and living house of Judaism for many decades and generations to come.

We are honored to stand on the shoulders of those that came before us and can't wait to experience with you the richness, beauty and wonder of what is about to unfold here. ■

Building Dreams Capital Campaign Update

By Steven Amerikaner and Diane Zipperstein



Steven Amerikaner Diane Zipperstein

The Building Dreams Capital Campaign has always had two goals. One is to raise sufficient funds to build our dreams; the second is to solidify this as a community effort where everyone participates.

We are close to raising the funds that we need, but only 53% of our congregational households have made a gift. Moving forward, **we hope everyone will participate in building our shared Jewish home...together.**

To help increase participation and funding, **the Zegar Family Foundation has offered a generous match, with the potential of up to \$1 million for Building Dreams.**

New gifts of \$18 or more will move us closer to our goal of 100% participation. The amount you give is confidential, but your participation in Building Dreams is important to maximize the match and *to be able to announce that this truly was a community project.* **Turn to the inside back cover of this publication for more details.** Information is also available at cbbsb.org/capital-campaign.

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has participated in bringing this project to fruition!

Steven Amerikaner and Diane Zipperstein are co-chairs of the Building Dreams Capital Campaign.

A special thank you to our lead campaign supporters:

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T-B: Diane Zipperstein, Tessa Kaganoff, Jeffrey Kupperman, Daniel Hochman, and Julia George; Etty Yenni and Rabbi Steve Cohen.

Finding Sanctuary Away From Home

By Cantor Mark Childs



A MEMBER OF our congregation recently reminded me of the melancholy song sung by Steve Lawrence “Where Can I Go? *Vi Ahin Zol Ich Geyn?*” It’s a song of expulsion, wandering, and ultimately hope in the Land of Israel.

I’m not going to make any kind of comparison between our current CBB diaspora and the song topic, but one of the lyrics in the song goes: “Where to go, where to go?” and it hits home for me pretty regularly these days as my daily schedule often has me ping-ponging between our CBB campus, our Fairview offices, and Trinity Lutheran Church.

My car has slowly filled with items, notebooks, music files, jellybeans, and guitar as I try to anticipate what I’ll need at each location. I no longer take for granted my office at CBB where everything I needed was within arms reach whenever I needed it.

In Exodus 25:8, Moses is instructed by G-d to tell the people “And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.” The word for “sanctuary” is *mikdash*, a holy place. It’s a place where we can open our hearts for an encounter with the divine. CBB is such a place, but it’s not the only place by any stretch.

When we first visited Trinity Lutheran Church with the possibility that it would be available to us as our new and temporary *mikdash*. I was very excited. The physical campus is lovely, inspiring and accommodating to our needs. But more than the building, it’s the Trinity community that makes me feel most at home. They embraced us from the outset and continue to do so. Opportunities for our two congregations to interact and learn and collaborate are arising steadily as the months go by. This current diaspora

will reap untold rewards that will enrich us all.

Our temporary offices on Fairview are a *mikdash* as well. This pristine office suite has given us a communal feeling amongst the staff that we’ve never been able to achieve in our previously segregated work spaces. Spontaneous collaborations, last minute lunches, walks together, and baby-holding opportunities are all more frequent.

Thanks to the ubiquitous glass walls, we’ve made wondrous discoveries... who works standing up, who listens to Heavy Metal music at their desk, who has the smallest bladder (the bathroom is in the corridor outside), who takes a mid-day nap, and who ate that Three Pickles tuna fish sandwich three days ago that we can still smell.

We know who’s meeting with whom, what committee is deep in decision making, and which adult ed class is diving deep into the waters of learning.

On the few occasions when Trinity cannot accommodate our Festival worship schedule, the Fairview office is serving nicely as an alternative worship space for our minyan. When you come to visit, you’ll note just how appropriately natural it is to have the small elegant ark in place, facing east, which was recently acquired from Rabbi Elihu Gevirtz.

I’ve been painting a delightful picture of our current diaspora, no? It’s all true but not without its challenges. You may get a different picture painted if you spoke with Jen Lewis, who is running both our preschool and Jewish Learning Program in an ever-changing construction landscape.

Jackhammers and dump trucks during BHY nap time are a real game changer. Making sure, with her smile and “can-do” attitude, that each class has a space to meet and a teacher to teach is more than daunting and she deserves every bit

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Creating New Opportunities for Jews in their 20s & 30s

By Rabbi Daniel Brenner



Deep into the evening at the Passover Seder, having told the story of our exodus from Egypt and eaten our fill of matzah

and maror, brisket and potatoes, we open the door for the prophet Elijah.

This act is based on a traditional teaching that Elijah will return to us on the first night of Passover foretelling the messianic age.

The act of opening the door is one of optimism. Having just completed a meal that celebrates our freedom, we leave our table of comfort and reclining to open the door just in case there is an even better world on the way.

CBB's young adult community OpenDor takes inspiration from this story. We chose the name intentionally to express our openness to anyone wanting to join. The single 'o' in dor—which means “generation” in Hebrew—also acknowledges the fluidity of identity between our millennial and Gen Z participants. But the story of Elijah illustrates a core value of CBB, our optimistic commitment to the Jewish future of Santa Barbara.

OpenDor serves as an incredibly valuable gateway for engagement at

CBB. Many of the couples without children in the first year of OpenDor are about to become preschool parents, entering BHY already connected to friends made years ago. Additionally, two of the original leaders of OpenDor now sit on CBB's board of trustees, and others have helped chair programs like Mitzvah Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut, and more.

OpenDor is our overt, intentional, and philanthropic commitment to, and investment in, Jewish Peoplehood. I say philanthropic because, truth be told, we do not always derive the benefit of future support from this investment. After all, many members of OpenDor move away from the area, either for a job opportunity or because they can no longer afford to live in town.

But the future synagogues and communities which these young people join will benefit from our support. The Jewish people benefit from another young family choosing to live a Jewish life. And in turn we too reap those same rewards from those who move to our city after being given the gift of Jewish connection elsewhere.

Kol Yisrael aravim zen bazeh. All of Israel is responsible for one another.

I often receive emails from Jewish parents from elsewhere, who have children moving to Santa Barbara. They want their young adult children

to connect with a Jewish community. OpenDor offers these parents real comfort, knowing their children have a community.

Is that not what we all want for our children? Synagogues across the country have taken note of successful 20s and 30s engagement programs and are now stepping up to the plate as we have. They see now what we know, a vibrant Jewish future requires seeds to be planted with no strings or expectations attached.

Looking to the future, it is my hope that the Jewish Young Adult community in Santa Barbara continues to thrive through our commitment to the creation of more intentional community.

One goal is to blaze a new partnership between our synagogue and Moishe House. This partnership will finally bring this world-beloved organization to the city where it was founded. A Santa Barbara Moishe House will serve as another point of contact between our community and young Jews coming to the area, and a model nationwide for synagogue-Moishe House partnerships. OpenDor's program calendar will expand through peer-led initiatives, highlighting the diversity and passion of

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Rebuilding a Culture of In-person Connections

By Lynn Altschul

RECENTLY, the Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Vivek Murthy, spoke out about an epidemic of loneliness overtaking this country, with one in every two Americans experiencing loneliness at any given moment.

“[I]ts invisibility is part of what makes it so insidious. We need to acknowledge the loneliness and isolation that millions are experiencing and the grave consequences for our mental health, physical health and collective well-being,” Dr. Murthy wrote in a *New York Times* Op-Ed.

Given the magnitude of the problem—especially in the wake of the pandemic—the Mental Wellness Committee of CBB launched a “Coffee and Community” program that has been meeting bimonthly in the mornings this spring at the Fairview campus.

Realizing a need for congregants to connect with one another and to share the day-to-day issues of their lives, Coffee and Community offers a casual, supportive environment where participants can feel less isolated, enjoy snacks and stories and feel part of a community.

At a recent Coffee and Connection meeting, we asked participants what drew them to these meetings, and we discovered some common themes.

“I thought it would be a place where people could come when they had a problem, that maybe they can’t go to their family, and they want to hear people’s opinions about how to help. I thought maybe we could all help each other,” said Daryl West.

“I don’t have any family here, so this is my family,” added Helene Glassman.

“I don’t go to services, but I like to volunteer,” said Lauren Saltman. “As I always say: I put my hand on the door of our synagogue and I feel immediately at home. So this is sort of an extension of that.”

“I also felt drawn to this for a deeper connection,” reported Amy Katz. “I’ve been through so much in the last three months. I was evacuated from my home in January due to the storms, and I just found a place and got settled. So I wanted to be here with people to celebrate.”

Facilitated by members of our Mental Wellness Committee and CBB staff, groups can share issues and concerns as well as celebrations. In this relaxed, “drop in” atmosphere, we hope participants can enjoy a

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An Aging Well breakfast presentation by Dr. Michael Bordofsky last summer.

Our Jewish Learning Program Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

Story and Photos by Jen Lewis



FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, CBB's Jewish Learning Programs (JLP) has learned to pivot at every turn. We've continued to grow, change, shift and learn, all the while, holding tight to our mission—continuing to keep our focus on developing competent, knowledgeable

Jewish children who have strong, positive Jewish identities and strong Jewish relationships with peers, teachers, clergy and the community.

But that's not all. We insist on teaching a collection of meaningful Jewish values and mitzvot, which are married to our complex curriculum of Torah stories, used to dive deeply into the characters, lessons and modern day meaning that come from our rich and ancient history.

And, all of that is explored quite mindfully, within our belief that religious education should feel 'more like camp'. So, we take the kids outdoors as often as possible, let them get their hands dirty with projects that connect the stories with their Jewish identities, we create learning that is disguised as play and we offer the most experiential education possible.

The pandemic forced some unexpected changes, such as very small group or private Hebrew learning, classes moving exclusively outdoors, and the need for constant outreach and communication with our families who were more distant from us than ever before. Many of these changes had silver linings. It turns out that private or semi-private Hebrew learning is less stressful, more productive, and more enjoyable for most children.

Outdoor programming in Santa Barbara isn't awful at all and children are happier being outdoors most of the

time. Coming together (distantly) to learn, in spite of the pandemic, brought us together as a community and now, parents, kids and staff are so grateful for the opportunities when we get to be together. As we roll out of the pandemic and into a massive building project, we are committed to continuing the urgent pivot if needed, as we change, grow and learn together, no matter where we are.

In the fall of 2022, we returned to a new 'normal' routine. Back in the classrooms, but still outdoors much of the time. Back to large group classes for the community's sake, but continued private Hebrew lessons as our preference. We returned to high fives and hugs, holding hands to learn an Israeli Dance,



Left to right: Hannah George earns her Golden Alef dog tag for mastery of the alef bet; Ethan Kohn shows off face paint; Lazar George & Leo Sulzberg.



Left to right: Danielle, Henry and Louie Drossel celebrate Henry's Torah Portion at the Parsha Ceremony; Hazel Swedlove models "Joseph's Coat;" Rabbi Cohen hiking with Netivot students; Jen Lewis and friends at Family Camp.

beautiful smiles as we removed our masks, eating indoors and reminding ourselves how much we love to be close together.

Since the start of 2023, we've been preparing our classrooms for demolition and it is only recently that the physical construction is finally beginning. With a great deal of communication, we have kept our families ready for change at any moment. There is an overwhelming understanding that we've done this before and we can do it again. Until now, we've been able to use the shell of the building to continue our class meetings on Sundays, weekday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

It has been an ongoing conversation about what to expect, and students regularly take a trip down memory lane, reflecting on great times had on the playground, in the classrooms, the library, the kitchen and the sanctuary. To help with the emotions that are stirred about moving away from the building, we have let the kids draw, paint and learn on the walls of the education building.

For months, the kids have met in classrooms with no desks or chairs and they enjoy the space to spread out, make a mess on the floor, and 'remember when'. Though we are still meeting there, we are beginning to miss the building and memories that live there.

Though some of our future is unknown, we know that we will thrive. Our staff, students and parents are prepared to be on the go, gather for celebrations and events in new places, and come together in the outdoors often. The kids will feel comfortable in our routines and programming, no matter where we meet.

Rabbi Steve will continue his annual 'class hikes' with each of our K-12 grades, we will continue to connect spiritually and experientially with nature in the outdoors, through art, prayer, stories and music. Our deep dive programming will progress as we work to create new projects necessary to adapt to our new surroundings—though still based in the same ancient stories and teachings of the Torah which are at the heart of our Jewish programming.

Our mid-week Hebrew students will meet next door to CBB, at the Community of Christ Church (COC) in their social hall, across from the CBB campus, where our 6th-

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Our Jewish Learning Program Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow *continued*

12th grade students will also meet. Our traditional CBB and JLP (K-12) events and programs for kids and families, such as HIP (Hebrew Immersion Program), Golden Alef, Netivot, Geshet, Mechina, SBORTY, Camp Retreats, Purim Carnival, Hanukkah Cabaret, Kindergarten Consecration, High School Senior Confirmation, Parsha Ceremony, Community Service Projects, Camp Fair, and B'Mitzvah prep, will occur without interruption in the coming years.

From wherever we are, we will dream about returning to the CBB space when it's complete. Over the course of the next two years, we will begin to develop new programming, which will lend itself to our new communal studio spaces (educational kitchen, art, library/prayer space and tech) at CBB when we reopen.

We are excited to bring our experiential and interactive learning programs to a space that will cultivate creativity, foster exploration, inspire the development of proud Jewish identity and give rise to rich Jewish community where everyone feels a part of something special for decades to come.

In the coming school year, we will also be turning our attention to involving parents after so many years of feeling

separated by the pandemic. We look forward to creating workshops and events which brings our families together to support their unique and diverse backgrounds, to discover and share their variety of Jewish practices, and create proud Jewish living at home and with each other as a community.

The 70 students enrolled at Beit HaYeladim Preschool will remain on campus throughout the construction project. They are the youngest members of our Jewish Learning Programs and will be the first to spend their young childhood in the new building when it is complete.

We recently created a backyard playground for BHY during the construction period and the kids are excited to watch the 'big trucks' come and go from campus throughout the coming year. We continue to use the changing campus for learning and fun.

I am forever grateful for the opportunity to lead this amazing group of Jewish children and families on their Jewish journeys, as well as appreciative for the tremendous staff who share the burden of passing Judaism from generation to generation with wisdom, love and joy. ■



Lindsay and Todd Pellegrino pass a 'first Torah' to their son, Reece, at Kindergarten Consecration.



Noa Margalith and Fanny Horowitz enjoy the 3rd-8th grade retreat in Ojai.

CBB Teens Visit D.C.

By Mira Brynjegard-Bialik



L'Taken.

L'Taken is a social justice seminar organized by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, a weekend-long intensive program where participants from synagogues all over the US learn about the workings of American government, about social justice issues that align with our values as Jews, and write/present a speech on an issue that matters to them, which they give in the offices of Senators and Representatives.

Our CBB group split into four teams, each one with their own social justice topic: one speaking on mental health, one on LGBT+ equality, one on environmental justice, and one on combating Antisemitism in America. They delivered these speeches to staff members in the offices of Senator Feinstein and Congressman Carbajal, and I was as proud as could be watching them speak so passionately about these subjects.

This was after a long, intense weekend of learning, of running simulations about the government and daily life, of

THIS LAST February, I had the honor and pleasure of escorting a group of 14 CBB teens to Washington, D.C. for a program called observing Shabbat services together, of traveling the city, and visiting the Holocaust museum. One of my favorite moments was celebrating Havdalah on the steps of the Jefferson memorial.

Everyone sat together, huddled against the cold, our voices joining together in song and each one of us holding a candle until the whole group glowed. The only way I can describe it was that it was truly magical.

When I was an 11th grader myself, I participated in L'Taken, traveling with my temple from LA. I know to this day that experience made a lasting impact on my perception of the world, and improved my confidence in both my Jewish values and myself, to know that I'd made a difference in something I believed in.

To return again, with a wonderful group of focused, dedicated, fun-loving high schoolers, was a powerful experience that I am so grateful to have been a part of. I watched our teens work hard as members of a community, and I saw the value that they got out of this experience, stretching their skills and trying something new.

If I could, I'd recommend the experience



Top to bottom: As part of the L'Taken program, CBB teens visit the U.S. Capitol; the group visits the office of Rep. Salud Carbajal.

to every single teen that comes through CBB programming in any way, from being a madrich on Sundays, to participating at SBORTY, to attending Wednesday night Hebrew school. It's so worth it to come on these trips with your class, and to see the world while engaging meaningfully with Judaism!

This year we went to Washington, D.C., but as they say, next year in Jerusalem! Maybe we'll see you there. ■

Mira Brynjegard-Bialik was CBB's Youth Engagement Coordinator.

Reflections on Visiting Israel for the First Time

By Jacqueline Anker

Photos by Vicky Ballmes

AT THE AGE OF 68, I decided it was time to visit Israel, the center of many religions, to see it first-hand and to learn more about its history. Despite my fears of potential violence that might ensue given all of Israel's adversaries, my experience was quite peaceful. This was aided, in part, by Rabbi Daniel Brenner's creative itinerary.

In addition to visiting traditional sites such as Jerusalem, the Western Wall, the Jewish Quarter, Tel Aviv, Masada, Yad Vashem, the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee, we also traveled to other venues. These raised my awareness of the existence of a variety of methods to resolve differences in ideologies and attain peace. The goal, we can hope, is the elimination of hate



and the attainment of peace not only in Israel but worldwide.

Our first stop was to learn about the Palmach, a group created during World War II to prevent invasion and take over by the Axis powers and later Vichy France. As time went on, it was expanded to assist in preventing attacks by Israel's Arab neighbors. Ultimately, it formed the basis for the Israeli Defense Force.

Next, we went to the Ayalon Institute and learned of the creation, in the late 1930s, of a secret underground factory where armaments and ammunition were manufactured and later used between 1945 and 1948 as Jews fought the British and Arabs to gain Israel's independence.

Afterwards, we drove by Jericho on our way to visit Masada and the Dead Sea. Many of us then got into our swimsuits for the traditional float in the Dead Sea. We then traveled to a cemetery where we saw the graves of Michael Levin (an American who fought with the IDF and was killed in the Second Lebanon War in 2006), Yitzhak Rabin and Golda Meir.

Later, visited the Israeli Supreme Court where we had an audience with an Israeli



Supreme Court Justice. Afterwards, we happened on and attended a peaceful prayer vigil, held just outside the Court. The prayer vigil's goal was to bring the two opposing and protesting political ideologies together.

The next item, for some of us early risers (about 5-6 of us), was to attend a Women of the Wall service at the Western Wall. As we arrived, the sounds were deafening as we heard yelling and whistling from men (more than usual in attendance).

This, to me, was very offensive and hypocritical as it was not the Judaism that I believed in or wanted to believe in. It appeared that their goal was to discourage and drown out the women as they attempted to conduct a service and read from a Torah that was snuck inside the Western Wall. I cannot and could not believe that G-d would not want all His people to pray and to read Torah however and wherever they wanted.

Over the next few days, we traveled up to the Sea of Galilee, stayed in a Kibbutz, and listened to a lecture about farming and expanding the agriculture in the Jordan Valley, which lies in both Israel and Jordan. This expansion, we were told, would benefit both Jordanians and Israelis and ultimately pave a way to peace between two normally opposing factions. Afterwards, we traveled to Ben Gurion University and saw some of Ben Gurion's notes/letters as he, and others, continued their historical plan to create a Jewish State, i.e. the State of Israel.

The highlight, for me, was our visit to Givat Haviva International School near Tel Aviv, one of CBB's two major Tikkun Olam projects. We arrived in time for lunch and as we entered the lunchroom, I immediately recognized the two students I have been tutoring for over a year through the CBB-GHIS collaboration.

After the students joined us for lunch, one of them participated in a panel

presentation which explained the International Baccalaureate program and the ideal behind this school of conflict resolution. As the presentation ended, I was able to get a photo with one of my Israeli students and her Palestinian roommate. We then gathered with more students to plant the tree that CBB donated to the school to memorialize CBB's binding relationship with GHIS.

The trip ended, more or less, with our visit to a program that obtains left over vegetables and fruits and packages them

up for donation to the needy. Nothing in Israel goes to waste! We spent a couple of hours helping to package the food for distribution.

All in all it was a great trip and I'm glad I went. I learned a lot and plan to hit the books to refresh my knowledge of Israeli as well as Jewish history now that I've seen first-hand many of those historical sites. ■

Jacqueline Anker is a retired lawyer and a longtime member of CBB.



Opposite: A suq in Tel Aviv; **Top (L-R):** Vicky Ballmes at the Kotel in Jerusalem; CBB's plaque honoring our partnership with the Givat Haviva International School. **Above (L-R):** Havdalah at Kibbutz Ha'on with Rabbi Brenner; a group photo in Jerusalem.

My *Aha!* Moment at GHIS

By Sissy Taran

NOT LONG AGO WE CELEBRATED PASSOVER, with the question we ask each year: “Why is this night different from all others”? Since I was on my ninth trip to Israel just a short while before, I found myself reflecting: “Why was this trip to Israel different from all others?”

I came up with several answers:

1. I took my 15-1/2-year-old granddaughter;
2. I participated in a historic demonstration against Netanyahu’s proposed changes to the country’s Supreme Court;
3. I went on a Graffiti tour;
4. I spent three days visiting my passion – the Givat Haviva International School (GHIS).

The last one was definitely my trip’s highlight. In case you don’t know, GHIS is a high school where Jewish and Arab students are living and studying together with students from around the world, and coming to know and understand each other. It’s also one of CBB’s two major Tikkun Olam initiatives.

I was so impressed that they knew about CBB and Santa Barbara! I met the children who we tutor and they hugged and thanked me. I saw their art projects in person. I heard their music rehearsals in person.

This was nothing like Zoom!

For three years we have Zoomed with GHIS students. But to actually be in their presence, and to see how they listen, hear and support one another warmed my heart. It recommitted me to work even harder to support this magical school.

What was my *Aha!* moment? The Annual Commemoration



Above (L-R): Sissy Taran holds a plaque commemorating the partnership between CBB and Givat Haviva; Sissy joins one of this spring’s historic demonstrations.

Of Loss Ceremony, conceived and lead by students. Each year, students come together to talk about the losses suffered by their people—not just Jews, but students from many countries embroiled in conflict.

To witness 150 students sit together in an assembly, as they listened to their peers express emotional, gut-wrenching stories, light a candle, and be embraced by one another in small groups ...I was awed by their ability to listen and feel one another’s losses.

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I can’t help but feel the courage of these 16-18 year olds—not to mention my admiration for the staff and faculty who teach them. My hat is off to Nurit Gery, the executive director, and her dedicated team! ■

Sissy Taran has been a proud and active member of CBB since her family moved to Santa Barbara in 1994.

The Leo Baeck Summer Exchange Program

By Laura Habecker



IN EARLY 2012 I RECEIVED A CALL from Ellen Raede asking me if I was interested in hosting an exceptional high school student

from the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa. The student, Ben Ben Ami, was coming to Santa Barbara to spend time at Congregation B'nai B'rith.

I ran the idea by my family, and we immediately said yes. At the time, Ellen's son, Jason, was a volunteer soldier in the Israeli Defense Force. When Ellen would tell people of her son's life in Israel, volunteering in the IDF, and his day-to-day experiences, she was surprised at how little others knew

about Israel, its culture and the diversity of its people.

Out of this need, CBB's partnership with the Leo Baeck Education Center was born.

The program has evolved since, but the goal remains: "to immerse the Santa Barbara community and its families with Israeli teens and their culture." Israeli teens are like teens all over the globe. They have dreams and wishes for the future, both personally and for the state of Israel.

Countless adults and children have been touched by these incredible young students from the Leo Baeck Education Center. Each student lives with a host family and immerse themselves into our Santa Barbara lifestyle for two weeks at a time.

Since 2012, CBB has hosted four students every year, except for two years during the pandemic. This equals 36 Israeli students—and over 72 host families that have generously opened their hearts and homes.

During the daytime, students are counselors at Camp Haverim, Santa Barbara's Jewish Summer Day Camp. There they provide support as counselors and experts on Israeli song, dance and culture as they interact with the campers.

This has proven to be such a sweet, mutually beneficial connection as our Santa Barbara teen counselors are able to develop lifelong friendships with Israeli residents. Many host families have visited Israel and reconnected with their student that they hosted or met while in Santa Barbara.

This exchange program is funded by a very generous anonymous donor, allowing these friendships to continue to develop. Jenny Mintz and her family have hosted students and are an integral part of this partnership.

Jenny and I organized host families for this 2023 summer. Please reach out to me if you are interested in hosting a student next summer for one week. ■

Laura Habecker has been an enthusiastic and devoted member of CBB for 30 years. Reach her at laurahabecker918@gmail.com.



Left to right: The 2022 LBEC counselors meet Laura Habecker at the SB airport; Emily Mintz, Tamir Levenberg, Nave Franks, Jacob Mintz, Abbie Mintz; 2022 counselors Amit Attal, Tamuz Cohen, Yarden Biran and Emily Shkabatur.



A Melton School Update

By Judy Karin



SEVEN IS a special number in Judaism—seven days of creation, seven wedding blessings, seven weeks from Pesach to

Shavuot—so it feels momentous and worth noting that we’ve just completed our seventh year of our Santa Barbara Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning.

A quick review yields some impressive numbers: over the last seven years, 197 individuals have enrolled in at least one of our Melton courses or summer classes, with over 400 total enrollments. All those adult learners have benefited from the wisdom of our faculty, which includes Rabbi Cohen, Rabbi Brenner, Cantor Childs, and a dozen other talented teachers.

As of May 2023, six cohorts have taken year one of our Core Melton program, which includes 25 weeks of Rhythms and Purposes of Jewish Living; four groups have completed the year two courses, Crossroads of Jewish History and Jewish Ethics, and we look forward to groups 5 & 6 completing year two in 2024.

We’ve also run thirteen 10-week Melton Scholars classes in subjects like Jewish humor and Jewish mysticism.

Melton learning is text-based, including sources ranging from the Torah all the way to contemporary voices. We read the texts in class, so that the voices of our ancient prophets and rabbis, medieval scholars, and modern thinkers all mingle around the table (and the zoom room) with the voices of our learners. Building

skills with Jewish texts and increasing knowledge, Melton learners also build community—by sharing ideas and interests, and by sharing a nosh together. Our tradition maintains that when Jews are engaged in study, many blessings are

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Above (T-B): A Melton cohort celebrates its final session (and first post-pandemic get-together); another cohort at the annual hamantaschen bakeoff; Rabbi Brenner teaches a class outdoors and over Zoom; Rabbi Cohen leads a discussion in Judy Karin’s backyard.



Introducing Leah Savage: CBB's New Assistant Director of Jewish Learning Programs (JLP)

Can you tell us a bit more about your recent journey and what's led you (back) to CBB?

For several years, I spent my summers working at Camp Haverim and the academic year working on a PhD in history at Stony Brook University in New York.

In 2021, however, I decided to leave my PhD program for a full-time job as a Jewish educator. I began working as the Education Director at Congregation Beth Shalom, a small reform synagogue in Napa. They had not previously had a full-time education director, and their education program needed rebuilding because of the disruptions of the pandemic.

Jen Lewis's advice helped me rebuild and expand their program, which is now flourishing! My husband and I always hoped to move back to Santa Barbara, so although I've loved being part of the community in Napa, I leapt at the opportunity to work for CBB.

What are you most looking forward to in your new job?

I'm so excited to get to know all the kids and teens! I met many of CBB's kids and teens during my years at Camp Haverim, but as I haven't spent the summer at Camp Haverim since 2018, many of the children I knew as young campers are now learning to drive or even heading off to college.

I can't wait to see how much the children I already know have grown and changed since my last summer with them, and I'm looking forward to meeting the kids and teens whom I never met at camp!

You've recently moved and CBB has begun its Building Dreams campus renovation. That's a lot of changes! How do you manage big transitions?

I've had several big transitions in my life, such as two cross-country moves in just a Prius as well as the switch from working in academia to working in a synagogue still reeling from the pandemic. I handle big transitions by being very organized, as well as flexible, characteristics that are valuable when working with kids as well!

I know you grew up here in Santa Barbara and at CBB. What is a favorite memory of CBB growing up?

Goodness, so many to choose from! Conversations with friends during religious school, memorable Purim spiels, fascinating discussions during our Confirmation class, and spinning around on the tire swing during preschool all come to mind. Now that I have a two-year-old niece, though, I'd have to say singing with Aaron Ettenberg in preschool. "There's a Dinosaur Knocking at my Door" was one of my favorites. ■

possible. In this spirit, at the beginning of each class we dedicate that day's learning, asking that our study merit healing, safe passage, the blessing of memory, or celebration of friends and family; these moments of dedication further serve to turn a roomful of curious individuals into a connected community of learners.

In addition to our classes, we hold a few outside events each year, including a very tasty and fun annual hamantaschen-baking extravaganza; and each year a few "alumni" come join

the current core students for dough-rolling and much laughter—another way Melton builds community.

It's been an honor, a pleasure, and the best kind of challenge to be the director of Melton Santa Barbara for the past seven years. I have loved my forays into teaching Melton classes, and there is nothing so satisfying as seeing Melton learners go from being uninvolved to holding leadership positions at CBB, from feeling disconnected to having regular shabbat dinner companions. I

look forward to seeing you in a Melton class soon! ■

Judy Karin is the director of the Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning.

Interested in supporting lifelong adult learning at CBB? We're seeking a sponsor for the Melton School in 2023-24. Please contact Julia George at julia@cbsb.org or (805) 964-7869.

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up with steps to the park, amphitheater, and outdoor “classrooms.” Right now, we can only imagine the incredible events we will bring to our outdoor spaces as this will be the hub of activity for CBB.

Our congregational life is not on hold while construction takes place. The preschool will be in full operation as will all of our youth programming. Our popular adult education programs will expand this year as we will begin to experiment with new offerings. We want to begin experimenting creatively with different types of activities.

This will be a creative year of bringing people together for different things. We are looking for opportunities to cook together, participate in art projects, offer yoga/dance classes and so much more. We would love to have women’s and men’s gatherings, camping trips, hikes, and progressive dinners—all of these things that can be done outside of our CBB walls, including our fundraiser for Education at the Santa Barbara Polo Grounds.

If you have ideas and want to help us create these programs please reach out and let us know. It is our hope that our members find new ways to engage with each other during this time away, while at the same time, prepare for all of the opportunities that our new space will create for us. We hope to spend the next year reimagining membership in our community so that we can welcome a strong, cohesive congregation to our new space.

Finally, we want to express our gratitude to the congregation for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. We understand that change can be difficult, but we are excited about the opportunities this year brings

and believe that these changes will bring our community closer together and help us better serve all of you. We are very excited about the year ahead and about the future of CBB. ■

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of appreciation and praise that we can offer.

“Let them build for Me a mikdash that I may dwell amongst them.” CBB is a *mikdash*. Trinity is a *mikdash*. Fairview is a *mikdash*. The Torah speaks of a portable sanctuary that followed our ancestors through the desert wanderings. Yes, we CBB members are wandering as our physical home is getting the attention it so needs in order to serve us into the future.

Our current diaspora is a journey of discovery for us. We carry the holiness of our congregation with us. The sanctity of any physical space is kindled by the flame of sanctity we carry in our hearts. It’s a fire that we must nurture wherever we find ourselves. Just wait to hear what is planned for the High Holy Days. ■

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our participants.

The future is also dependent on you, the Santa Barbara Jewish community that meets these young Jews in the workplace, school, or even the supermarket. You are the best source of connection we have. Any time you learn of a Jewish young adult moving to your place of work, or a friend tells you their child is relocating to town, please encourage them to reach out to me. I am always looking to keep the doors of Judaism wide open ■

Rabbi Daniel Brenner is CBB’s Associate Rabbi. Reach him at rabbibrenner@cbbsb.org.

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morning together and feel connected.

Although not a support group in the traditional sense, Coffee and Community was created to be a source of support by building relationships and establishing connections with new people.

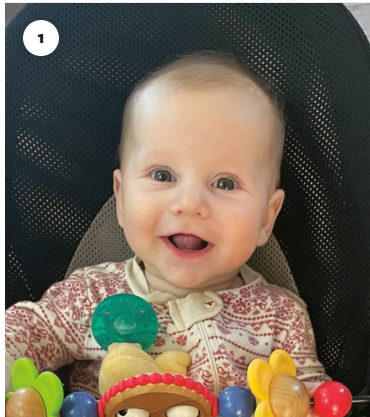
The Mental Wellness Committee of CBB supports the mental health of our community through education, relevant programming and connection to community resources. Being mentally well means that one is able to think, feel and act in ways that creates a positive impact on one’s physical and emotional well-being.

During this past year the members of the Mental Wellness Committee have been busy connecting to local mental health professionals, educating and developing programs that address the many issues that affect our mental wellness.

Some examples of recent programs topics included, “Aging Parents,” “Transition around the Pandemic,” “Grief” and “Supporting Parents of Teens”. We welcome suggestions and input about needs arising from our community. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch! ■

Lynn Altschul is the Chair of the Mental Wellness Committee of CBB, and a member of The Board of Trustees. Reach her at altschullynn@yahoo.com.

Mazel Tov! *In Our Lives*



1 To Ellie Glazer and Ivor Miskulin and older siblings Ian and Mia on the birth of their son Beau Miskulin, born on July 17, 2022.

2 To Dr. Lindsay Katona and Kyle Ratner and older siblings Riley and Stella on the birth of their son, Leo Katona Ratner, born on July 31, 2022.



3 To Steffanie and Russell Tinsley on the birth of their daughter, Shira Aviva Tinsley, born on August 6, 2022.



5 To Nathalie and Aчитuv Cohen and older brother Or on the birth of their son, Lev Rom Natan Cohen, born on September 2, 2022.



4 To Jennifer and Tom Milford and older sister Penelope on the birth of their son, Elias Isadore Chen Milford, born on August 9, 2022.

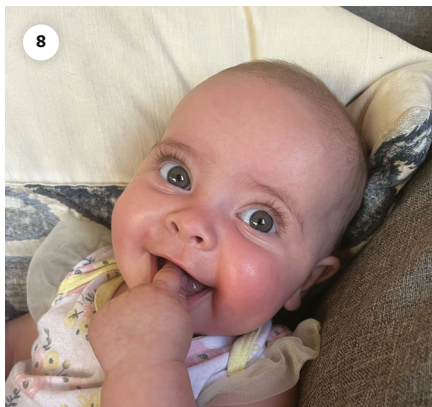


6 To Lena Sclove and Mahip Rathore on the birth of their son, Aashray Sclove-Rathore, born on September 29, 2022.



7 To Michelle and Jeff Kubran, and big brother Caleb, on the birth of their daughter, Adelyn Chloe Kubran, born on November 5, 2022.

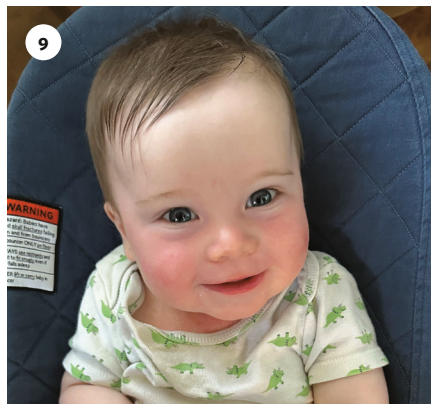
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⑧ To Shaina and Anjuli Semiatin on the birth of their daughter, Adriel Elise Semiatin, born on November 9, 2022.

⑨ To Allison & Austin French on the birth of their son Arlo French, born on November 11, 2022.



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⑩ To Mariela Socolovsky on the birth of her daughter, Mica Guili Socolovsky, born on November 13, 2022.



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⑪ To Rachel Cohen and Zach Elion on the birth of their daughter, Laila Jules Eilon-Cohen, born on November 13, 2022.



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⑫ To Rebecca Plotkin and Jaime Segundo on the birth of their son, Ethan Plotkin Segundo, born on November 15, 2022.



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⑬ To Emily and Will Stone and older sister Madison on the birth of their daughter, Willow Borbon Charlene Stone, born on November 27, 2022.



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⑭ To Ashley Marx and Scott Myers on the birth of their daughter, Mollie Sage Myers, born on February 23, 2023.

⑮ To Michelle Berkowitz and Shane Holt on the birth of their daughter, Ora Jean Holt, born on April 15, 2023.



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⑯ To Kimberly and Steve Weixel on the birth of their daughter, Emerald Anna Weixel, born on May 16, 2023.



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

Jewish tradition offers many rituals to comfort the mourner. If you have experienced a loss in your family, please contact Audrey at (805) 964-7869 ext 113, or at audrey@cbbsb.org. Our clergy, staff, and community are here to support you during this difficult time.



“I did not find this world desolate when I entered it. My ancestors had planted for me before I was born. So do I plant for those who will come after me.”
 —The Talmud

The members of the Children of the Covenant, CBB’s legacy giving society, have all made a promise for tomorrow. A legacy gift is an important act of tzedakah and a way to pass down traditions and values to future generations. We appreciate these commitments as they serve our community in perpetuity.

For more information about the Children of the Covenant, visit cbbsb.org/cotc. If you have questions, or would like to make a legacy gift, contact Julia George, Director of Development, at julia@cbbsb.org or (805) 964-7869.

Above, right: Steven and Marnie Pinsker receive their ketubah from Rabbi Cohen. **Opposite (L-R):** Michael Tantleff signs his ketubah with Rabbi Cohen; and Steve Hartzman, Adele Rosen (former Children of the Covenant chair), Debbie Hartzman (current Children of the Covenant Chair), and Rabbi Cohen at the Building Dreams Groundbreaking Celebration in January.



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