



MOUNTAINS OF WISDOM WEEKEND

**Celebrating 40 Years of
Rabbi Cohen's Leadership**



Honoring

our Beloved Rabbi Steve Cohen
40 Years of Santa Barbara Jewish Leadership

Congregation B'nai B'rith
May 2- 4, 2025

I shall lift my eyes to the mountains. Whence shall my help come?
My help is from יהוה, maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip. Your Keeper will not sleep.
Behold, He will not slumber and He will not sleep, the Keeper of Israel.
יהוה is your Keeper. יהוה is your shade on your right hand.
The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon at night.
יהוה will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul.
יהוה will guard your going out and your coming in from now and forever.

–Psalm 121, translated by Rabbi Stephen Cohen



For more than two decades, Rabbi Steve Cohen has been the heart and soul of Congregation B'nai B'rith

With unwavering dedication and deep compassion, he has guided our community through seasons of joy and sorrow, growth and uncertainty.

His vision—to build a diverse, inclusive congregation where individuals and families come together to create a vibrant house of living Judaism—has shaped every aspect of our communal life.

Rabbi Cohen has been with us in our most intimate moments: celebrating new life, mourning profound loss, and marking the milestones in between. He has stood beside us during times of crisis—through fire and mudslide, the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the heartbreak of conflict in Israel—always offering wisdom, strength, and hope.

As a teacher, he has inspired us to think deeply and act boldly. As a friend, he has shown us kindness, humility, and humor. As the “hiking rabbi,” he has reminded us of the sacredness of nature and the joy of shared journeys. And through it all, he has continually challenged us to do better, to be better—as individuals, and as a community.



His latest achievement, the Building Dreams project, will stand as a lasting legacy of his leadership. The renewal of our CBB campus is not just a physical transformation—it is the embodiment of Rabbi Cohen's belief in the enduring power of Jewish community, learning, and love.

Beloved by all, Rabbi Cohen has given us more than we can ever fully express. His impact will be felt for generations to come.

Jewish Learning Programs at Congregation B'nai B'rith
In tribute to Rabbi Steve Cohen

At Congregation B'nai B'rith, Jewish learning is a lifelong journey that begins in early childhood and continues through the teenage years and beyond. Rabbi Steve Cohen has always been a passionate advocate for the power of education to shape identity, nurture curiosity, and instill a deep love of Jewish tradition and community. Under his leadership, our learning programs have flourished and grown into a vibrant, inclusive, and nurturing environment for students of all ages.



Our Beit HaYeladim (BHY) Preschool—meaning “House of the Children”—beautifully reflects Rabbi Cohen’s vision. As



he often says, “Jewish tradition has long held that there is no greater miracle, nothing more important or more holy, than a young child.” At BHY, we live by this belief every day. With a focus on Jewish values, joyful learning, and community connection, BHY provides each child with a strong foundation in both Jewish identity and ethical relationships with others. Our devoted team of educators embraces students from all backgrounds, ensuring that every child is seen, loved, and supported as they begin their educational journey.

Beyond BHY, our K–12 Jewish Learning Programs (JLP) bring the synagogue to life each week. Our curriculum is engaging, relevant, and rooted in Jewish values, offering students opportunities to explore their

heritage through art, music, text, social justice projects, and personal reflection. From the youngest learners in kindergarten to our thoughtful and inquisitive high school teens, students are invited to ask big questions, form lasting friendships, and discover what it means to be part of a Jewish community.



Through his unwavering support of Jewish education, Rabbi Cohen has inspired generations of learners to see themselves as part of a sacred story that spans centuries. His legacy lives on in every classroom, every question asked, and every moment of discovery at Congregation B'nai B'rith.



Lifelong Learning Programs at Congregation B'nai B'rith

Over his 20 years at CBB, Rabbi Cohen has shaped not only the education of our congregation's youth but also its lifelong learners. Some of our current programs include:

Book Club Discussions: Interested in stimulating discussions of Jewish and Israeli stories and books? Our Jewish Book Club (led by facilitator Stephen Stone) and Israel Between the Pages (led by Rabbi Daniel Brenner) offer quarterly meetings.

The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning at CBB is a text- and discussion-based pluralistic adult Jewish education program. Classes encourage community and camaraderie – and there is no homework!

Introduction to Judaism: Cantor Mark Childs and guest teachers Rabbi Steve Cohen and Rabbi Daniel Brenner lead this introductory class to the incredible breadth of Judaism. Our cohort dives into many aspects of Jewish life including the holidays, life cycle observances, theology, history, and home practices.

Sunday Morning Live: For more than a decade, SML has been our largest regular gathering for community learning, debate, and eating. Join us for the official relaunch of SML and the Kenny Gaynes Memorial Best Darn Breakfast at the Mountains of Wisdom Weekend on May 4th!

Weekly Torah Study: Every Saturday morning at 9 AM, you can join us for this ever-popular opportunity to closely study selected rabbinic texts from Talmud, midrash, and medieval commentators.

Weekly Daf Yomi: Daf Yomi is the worldwide practice of reading the entire Babylonian Talmud — the main text of rabbinic Judaism — one page a day over seven and a half years.

To learn about these and other lifelong learning opportunities, visit <https://cbbsb.org/learn/lifelong-learning>



Get Involved this Year at CBB

Whether you have been a part of our community for years, or are just getting to know us, there's a place for everyone to contribute and connect.

Caring Community: Support fellow members through meals, rides, or a listening ear.

Mental Wellness: Help create programs that uplift and support mental health.

Greeters & Ushers: Be a welcoming presence at Shabbat, holidays, festivals and special programs.

Tikkun Olam: Join efforts like Our Family in Israel to make a global impact.

Mitzvah Day 2025: Join the planning committee for a day of community service projects.

Leadership: Bring your skills to a committee—Membership, Finance, Development, and more. Interested in Board service? Let us know!

Ready to make a difference?

Contact Laura Habecker (laura@cbbsb.org), or Charles Newman (canman8@gmail.com).

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Cantor Mark and Shari Childs and David and Adam are each grateful for Rabbi Cohen’s wisdom and friendship and guidance. Let the learning continue as the years pass!



Dear Steve and Marian,
Thank you for the years of friendship, mentorship, and deep love and dedication to this community we call home. We both have very large hiking boots to fill. See you on the trail...
From,
Rabbi Daniel Brenner and Felicia Palmer

Mountains of Wisdom Weekend

With gratitude to our entire CBB staff and community of CBB volunteer leaders whose generosity and efforts made this celebration weekend possible

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I want to express a most heartfelt “thank you” to my fellow travelers on this journey:

The phenomenally dedicated and talented staff members of Congregation B’nai B’rith, 2004-2025;

The devoted volunteer leaders of Congregation B’nai B’rith: Presidents, officers and members of the Board of Trustees;

All of our students of Torah: preschoolers and their teachers, religious school students and teachers, teens, college students and adult learners of all ages;

The visionary and generous donors to Congregation B’nai B’rith, to SB Hillel and to our entire Santa Barbara Jewish Community;

The extraordinary team of leaders, donors, architects and builders who have made the Building Dreams project a reality;

Fellow builders of a better world: clergy colleagues of all faiths, educators, political leaders and community builders, with a special thanks to my friends Zacharie Dusingizimana of the Ubumwe Center and Nurit Gery of Younted School who came from Rwanda and from Israel to be here tonight;

To my old friends from Hillel days, students and co-workers; we created a magical Jewish community together in Isla Vista. Many of them have gone on to become leaders in the Jewish world--rabbis, educators and institution builders—and I am happy and grateful to have many of them with me here tonight;

My friends and fellow worshippers: the Friday night Shabbat crowd, the students of SB Hillel 1985-2004, the Isla Vista Minyan, the Shabbat morning Sanctuary Minyan and our still new and evolving Library Minyan;

My beloved family: my parents Dr. Jules Cohen z”l and Doris Cohen, my brother David and sister-in-law Liz and my sister Sharon and her husband Shimi and their families, my daughter Rachel and son-in-law Zach (and Laila!), my son Ari and daughter-in-law Malia, and most of all....my wise and loving soulmate and life partner Marian.

Stephen E. Cohen

“Who is honored? One who honors others.”

Pirkei Avot 4:1

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for people to dwell together in unity!”

Psalms 133:1

“Provide yourself with a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend, and judge every person favorably.”

Pirkei Avot 1:6

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Leviticus 19:18

“I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear it alone.”

Numbers 11:17



The Essence of Steve Cohen, the Man.

By Gwyn Lurie

Rabbi. The dictionary defines the word as: “a spiritual leader and religious teacher.” And Steve Cohen is certainly a fine example of both. But I’d like to address Steve Cohen the man.



When our eldest daughter was 12, after years of Sunday and Hebrew school and on the

precipice of her Bat Mitzvah, she announced to us that she didn’t want to go through with it. Presents and party and her moment-in-the-sun be-damned, she would forgo this important Jewish and family tradition. I was crushed.

Not ones to force our children into things they are strongly against (with some notable exceptions), and not wanting to shove religion down our daughter’s throat in the hopes she will come to it in her own time and in her own way, we made a deal with her. She could decide to forgo her Bat Mitzvah after she sat down to discuss this with Rabbi Steve. Whatever they agree upon, we would support. Surely Rabbi would talk some sense into our strong-willed pre-teen, in his gentle, understanding way, with a dash of Rabbinical jujitsu.

I remember sitting in Rabbi Steve’s office at his round meeting table – my daughter to my right, Rabbi to my left.

“Tell me what’s going on,” he said.

“I don’t want to have a Bat Mitzvah, my daughter said. “Not now.”

“Why?” Rabbi asked.

She explained that she didn’t feel connected enough to her Jewish education to take this step. Plus, she added, “I’m not sure I believe in God. Sometimes I question whether there really is such a thing.”

“Me, too,” said Rabbi Steve.

I’ll never forget the look on my daughter’s face when he said that – a mix of disbelief

and relief. “Really?” she said. “But you’re a Rabbi.”

“Yes. And I’m a human being. And one of the things I appreciate most about my religion is that it gives me the space to question even the biggest concepts. And God’s existence is one of the big concepts I wrestle with.”

“You know,” he went on, “when you turn 13 you become a Bat Mitzvah whether you have a Bat Mitzvah or not. You become an adult in the eyes of the Jewish community. And part of being an adult is making important decisions.”



It occurred to me in that moment that Rabbi Steve never intended to talk my daughter into going through with her Bat Mitzvah. That is not his way. Instead, he counseled her in



the most beautiful, generous, rabbinical way. And I suspect nothing has ever made her feel closer to her Judaism or adulthood than the gift he gave her that day – the freedom to wrestle with life’s most profound questions. In her own time, in her own way.

I can think of no story that, for me, better describes Steve Cohen the Rabbi; but also, Steve Cohan the man. For me they are one-and-the-same.

When I first met Steve in his capacity as B’nai Brith’s Rabbi I wondered how someone so mild-mannered and humble and shy, could possibly lead a large congregation of Jewish people with different temperaments, expectations, political persuasions and strong opinions. Soon I understood that it was his quiet brilliance and gentle demeanor that allowed for the bigger personalities



around him to feel seen and lead and taught, sometimes even without knowing it.

At a certain point I came to consider Steve Cohen one of my most treasured friends. And it became impossible for me to separate out

“Steve the Rabbi” from “Steve the friend.” In both cases he is someone who always shows up authentically and with integrity. He is someone with whom I can have deep conversations, and fun ones too. He’s always game to explore an interesting idea or plan. He is someone with whom I can wrestle with life’s complicated issues. He shows up in good times and bad; he is someone who will not judge me when I’m not my best self, but instead try to help me reconnect with her. He is someone for whom Tikun Olam is a way of life.

Steve is a quiet, sensitive leader. But don’t confuse quiet or sensitivity with weakness; nor humility with insecurity; nor open-mindedness with lack of clarity; nor shyness with shrinking; nor independent-minded with middling.



The most successful leaders know when to lead from in front and when to lead from

behind. And they often do so without us even remembering they’re there. Steve is one of those leaders.



As Steve Cohen the Rabbi steps down as B’nai Brith’s Senior Congregational Rabbi after 21 years of service, Steve Cohen the man will continue his journey as a cherished friend and community leader to so many. For leadership is not a job or a title, it’s how one chooses to show up in the world. Steve Cohen will continue to be a leader in whatever ways he chooses. And I trust he will do so with the same quiet strength, the brilliant wisdom, the open mind, the courage, and the twinkle in his eye that have been the hallmark of his stellar rabbinical career.

Gwyn Lurie is the CEO and Executive Editor of the Montecito Journal.



Dear Steve,

I am very lucky to have you in my life. You have helped me many times when I needed it most. I am glad you decided to retire early. Enjoy the rest of your life with your grandchildren and family. Don't forget your promise to me 🧡.

- Etty Yenni



Like the rest of the CBB Congregation, we thank you Rabbi Steve for your many dedicated years of service. And, in addition, we especially thank you for making us and our family feel so warmly welcomed and bringing us into the fold of the CBB community while accepting our different levels of Jewish commitment and participation. Above all, we appreciate and thank you for being You and the total MENSCH whom you are!

- Merryl & Chuck Zegar



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Mazel Tov, Steve, from Six Generations of the Girsh and Hochman Families



To Steve/Abba/Saba,

Explorer, dreamer, and groundbreaker - from the Jewish Festival to
the Fells of the Lake District; the Hillel building to the High Sierras;
Building Dreams to the Dolomites.

Planter of seeds, nurturer of community, and student of the local
landscape - from the Minyan to Manzana Creek; CBB to Cold
Spring; Netivot to Rattlesnake Canyon.

We are so proud to be your trail mates on this wonderful journey.
Yasher Koach!

Love,
Marian, Rachel, Ari, Zach, Malia, and Laila



Rabbi Cohen,

Our family is grateful for the guidance, thoughtful teaching, and compassion that you have shared with us over many decades. You have our heartfelt best wishes for success in the adventures that await you.

- The Bothman Family



Dear Rabbi Steve,

Your wisdom, kindness, and unwavering support have shaped the lives of four generations of my family, with each of us experiencing our spirituality in different ways. You helped my children embrace their Judaism and made our interfaith family feel truly at home. Your guidance has been a gift and your legacy will continue to inspire. Wishing you joy and fulfillment in your well-earned retirement. Happy trails!

- Carrie Towbes & John Lewis



To our friend, our teacher, our rabbi,

The past 40 years have flown by. Thank you for inspiring our family to be better people and to be excited and passionate about Judaism.

Thank you for giving so much of yourself. We hope you are able to reap the rewards as you enjoy your retirement.

With love and gratitude,

Natalie and Ken z"l
David and Elizabeth
Melanie and Adin
Sophia, Max, Deia, and Seri

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On the Retirement of Rabbi Steve Cohen

Forty years has gone by so quickly.

We have been fortunate to know you as: Rabbi, Executive Director, Teacher, Dreamer, Builder and Friend. We thank you for the wisdom you have conveyed, the solace you have provided, the adventures shared, and all you have done to make our world a better place. Through the lives you have touched and the homes you have built for our Jewish community, you leave us with an enduring legacy.

As you enter this next phase of your life's journey, we wish you the time to pursue your passions, to enjoy your family, years of happiness, and new adventures.

With deep gratitude,

Rich Parisse and Martie Levy

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On behalf of the Sanders and Reece Families we would like to congratulate you, Rabbi Steve on your many years of service to the Santa Barbara Jewish Community and as the inspiring Rabbi of the CBB. Under your leadership, the Temple has flourished and evolved into a rich and inclusive congregation. As we wish you well in your future endeavors, we join you in celebrating the Building Dreams Project as it nears completion. Our grandparents, Leo and Frances Sanders, who were among the founders of Congregation B'nai B'rith, and parents Maxwell and Beverly, longtime members, would all be so incredibly proud of your leadership into the next era.

We send our best wishes to you and your family.

Mazel tov!

Rick and Ro Sanders



Rabbi Steve, you have been more than a leader—you are a soul whisperer, a teacher, and a builder of sacred community. We have learned so much while laughing, crying, studying, praying, and hiking. Your patience, wisdom, and devoted care for every detail of CBB have left an indelible mark and your legacy is written in the many lives you have touched.

As you step into your emeritus role, we look forward to what's next for you—and to the continued blessings of your presence by our sides.

"THANK YOU" hardly captures our gratitude for your 40 years spent strengthening and enlightening our small but mighty Jewish community in Santa Barbara.

- Mike, Nancy, Max, Kate, Charlie, and Eve Sheldon



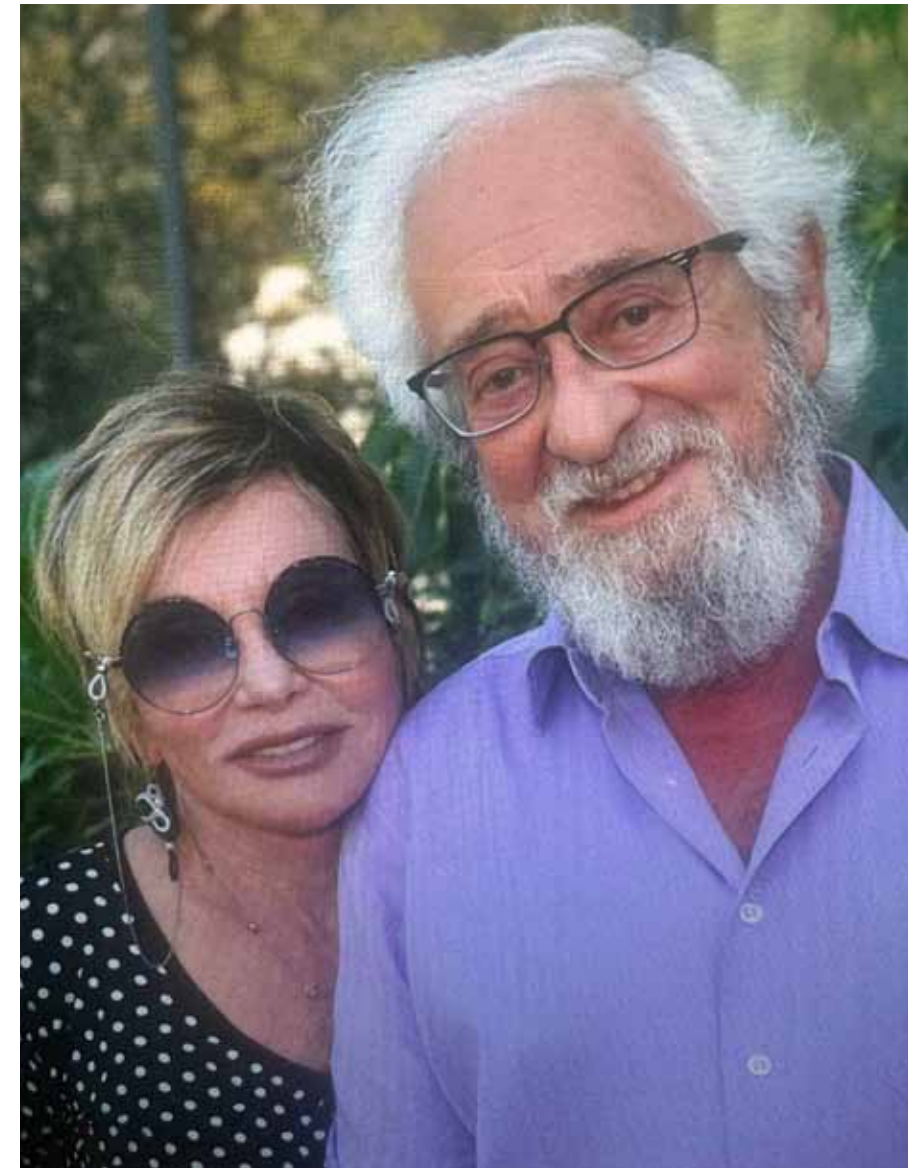


Were we ever that young?
What a pleasure to walk the journey with you.

- Sissy Taran



Naomi and Ben Bollag are honored to celebrate Rabbi Steve Cohen's years of guidance and leadership at CBB and his tireless work building a thriving Jewish culture and community for all of us here in Santa Barbara. We are proud to be a part of this community.



Rabbi Steve,

Thank you for your many years of service to CBB and to our community. You have been an incredible gift to each and every one of us. We are grateful for you both as a leader and as a friend. We wish you the very best going forward on the next part of your journey.

- Steve Lyons & Cindy Lyons



When Rabbi Cohen first came to UCSB Hillel, I had recently graduated from Brandeis University with a BA in Music. I offered to be a cantorial soloist for his High Holy Day Services. He graciously accepted my participation and we had a nice collaboration for a couple of years. He was always thoughtful and knowledgeable. Truly an asset in this community!!!

- Maia Lowenshuss Palmer



As you jump into the next adventure on your path we celebrate you with much gratitude, love and appreciation! You have planted treasured seeds of wisdom and love, that we will continue to nurture and grow! Wishing you continued joy, peace, calm, and collective effervescence on your journey!

- Himovitz Family



You have done a remarkable job as Rabbi for CBB as you had for Hillel. Your amazing leadership has insured that these institutions will continue to thrive for generations to come. Thank you for your dedication and your unwavering support of our families and community.

With love,
Julianna Dain



Rabbi Steve, you have had such an enduring impact on our family over the past 20+ years. You have celebrated many of the most significant moments of our lives starting with a conversion, a baby naming, a bris, and most recently Jake's Bar Mitzvah. The Bar Mitzvah was one of our most fulfilling moments as a family and as Jews.

It is our pleasure to celebrate this important event in your life as we thank you for decades of leadership in our community. We look forward to continuing our friendship for decades more to come. Mazel Tov!

With gratitude and affection,
Cliff, Crystal, Jake, and Siena Wyatt



Thank you, Rabbi Steve, for years of inspiring us with your sermons, hosting me for coffee and conversations, officiating at Michael's and my wedding, eulogizing Michael at his Shiva service, and welcoming my Israeli daughter-in-law, Nati, into Congregation B'nai B'rith. You have been a Rabbi For all Seasons and what you have done to make the Congregation and the new campus grow has been more than miraculous! Enjoy the next chapter of your life with your lovely Marian and know how grateful we all are for the amazing years you have shared with all of us.

In gratitude and love,
Anne Smith Towbes

What do you get when you combine a sweet tooth, hiking boots, a love of torah, expert construction management skills, and an astounding ability to remember thousands of names? Rabbi Cohen! We love you and Marian and cannot wait to see what your next set of adventures bring!

Love,
Aaron, Valerie, Nora, Max, and Miles Edelheit



Rabbi Steve,

You're a treasure! Thank you especially for the uniquely enriching learning programs you've offered, including Torah study, Avivah Zornberg lectures, early morning Psalms and prayer classes. Your deep dedication and thoughtful insights have thrilled and inspired us. And now we wish you a thrilling retirement!

- Sara & Nick Woolf



Dear Rabbi,

We appreciate how you welcomed us into the CBB family when we moved back to Santa Barbara. It meant so much at a very difficult time in our lives to have you and CBB as a spiritual home. We wish you many happy adventures in your retirement and look forward to spending time with you in new ways.

With love and gratitude,
Tessa and Rachel Kaganoff



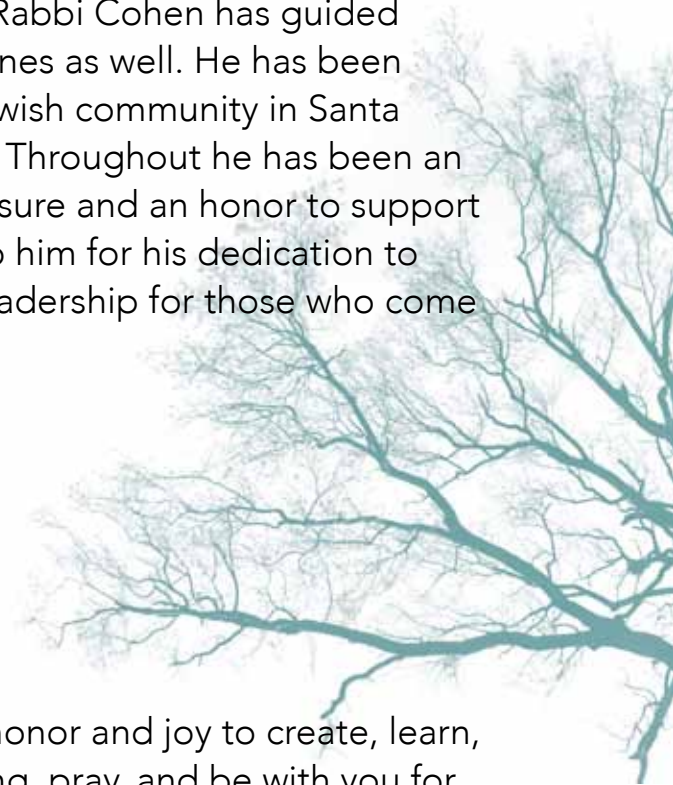
Thank you, Rabbi Cohen, for your 40 years of dedication in strengthening our Jewish community, and welcoming our family into it. We have so much gratitude and wish you all the best!

- Ari, Rebecca, and Danika Ryan

I originally met a younger Rabbi Cohen at Hillel before he moved to CBB, and for three decades I have watched him grow. Rabbi Cohen has guided our community through good times, and tough ones as well. He has been a shoulder to lean on, a stalwart leader for the Jewish community in Santa Barbara, and a proponent for inter-faith relations. Throughout he has been an activist for growth and change. It has been a pleasure and an honor to support Rabbi Cohen on his journey. We are so grateful to him for his dedication to our congregation, and he will remain a pillar of leadership for those who come after him, starting with Rabbi Daniel Brenner! Wishing you all the best in your retirement.

Mazel Tov!

Sara Miller McCune



It's been an honor and joy to create, learn, laugh, cry, sing, pray, and be with you for the past 21 years. We look forward to an abundance of more times together.

Thank you for being a gift to the CBB and broader community. We are all so blessed!

May the change in your day to day, be the beginning of many unexpected and delightful experiences.

With deep love and appreciation,
Deborah Naish, Howard and Isaac Babus



Thank you and Marian for being such a meaningful part of my family's lives. In particular, I will always remember our very special trip to Israel in 2018. I hope you have many enjoyable travels and adventures in the near future.

- Louise Blumberg Wyner



Dear Steve,

For us, you have been a quarter century of inspiration and love.

- Dale and Mike Nissenson



Thank you! Thank you for leaving us in such good hands. Thank you for spearheading our new and improved home. Thank you for your strong voice and soft touch. Thank you for your compassion and ability to listen. And thank you for being a voice of reason in difficult times. Todah rabah!
- Geof and Laura Wyatt

Thank you for being The Mensch who led by example to create a warm and welcoming place to pray without inhibition.

Forever grateful.

- Lawrence Bines

With deep gratitude and appreciation for all the years of leadership, wisdom, compassion, and steadfast dedication to our community. Your presence in our lives has been a blessing.

- Alex Weinstein, MD
and Betty Helton, MD



Rabbi Steve, your unwavering dedication, wisdom, and compassion have profoundly shaped our community, leaving a lasting legacy of kindness and spiritual guidance. May your next chapter be filled with the same joy and fulfillment you have so generously shared with us.

- The Cerf Family

The Whispering Heights (*Author Unknown*)

The heights whisper tales of old,
Of journeys brave and journeys bold,
Upon their slopes, we hear the past,
In echoes deep, our roots are cast.

To climb their trails, a quest for truth,
In every rock, resides the youth,
Wisdom flows through stones and air,
In heights, we find our purpose fair.

Dear Rabbi,
Like a mountain that weathers nature's
seasons, you have supported us with sound
guidance, wisdom, and steadfastness.

- Michael, Liat, Sarina, and
Leora Wasserman

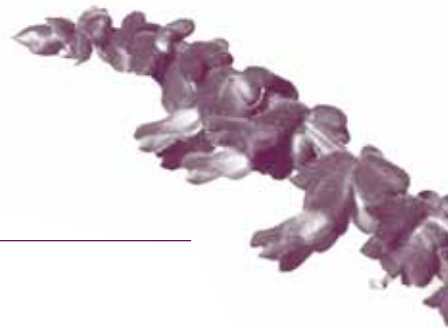


Thank you Rabbi Steve for your
dedication and service to our family
and the entire community. With
gratitude and admiration, we wish
you a wonderful retirement!

- Lauren, Steve z"l, Sydney, David,
and Alexis Katz

Although I am relatively new to the
congregation, your legacy of ethical
leadership, enduring kindness, and
energetic collaboration has been a
guiding force for all of us. We are
all so very grateful for your selfless
contributions.

- John P. Margolis



By John Muir with Rabbi Cohen
in mind:

"The sun shines not on us but in us.
The rivers flow not past, but through
us. The trees wave and the flowers
bloom in our bodies as well as our
souls."

- Charles & Betsy Newman

I've been privileged to have as
my rabbi a religious leader whose
kindness, wisdom, leadership, and
poetry have helped to illuminate my
Jewish path. Rabbi Steve Cohen has
offered guidance as I've sought to
make the world a more just place,
to make my life a meaningful one.
He has surely made this Jewish
community a blessing.

May you go from strength to
strength!

- Evelyn Laser Shlensky

It has been an honor and privilege
knowing you for 40 years. Your
enlightening teachings have always
been centered on morality and ethics
and your "Seven Circles" reminds us
of what it means to be Jewish. You
have been our spiritual leader and
friend and we are thrilled to celebrate
your well-deserved retirement.

- Janet & Havey Wolf



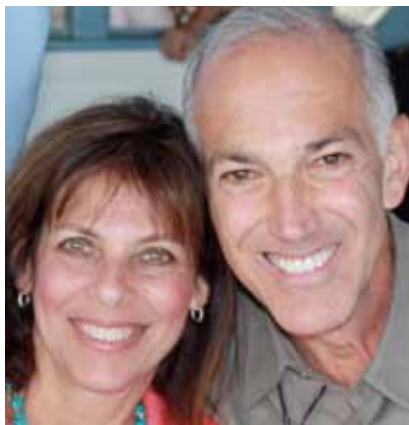
Thanks for leading us through the
wilderness of Torah for the last 40
years. Studying with you has always
been the Promised Land. We hope
you'll continue to lead us, and
regardless will always love you as one
of the Tribe.

- Lovers of Torah

Rabbi Cohen,
From the moment we arrived over 17 years ago, you welcomed us with warmth and kindness, making this community our home. Your support through our interfaith journey and your guidance in our children's Jewish learning has meant the world to us. We are deeply grateful for your wisdom, compassion, and the lasting impact you've had on our family.

Wishing you joy and fulfillment in this next chapter!

With appreciation,
The Wimbish Family



We are so blessed to have you as our spiritual leader and friend for 3 generations!

- Kupperman Family



Rabbi Steve,
Of all the wonderful things you do and have done for the congregation, the most important for me is your blessing of Emily as a Bat Mitzvah at Camp Hess Kramer. May you be happy, may you be healthy, and may you have peace.

Love,
Nancy Barasch

Dear Steve,
Our rabbi, our teacher, our friend-
-Congratulations and gratitude for all that you are and have done for our community. With much love and appreciation,

Laurie Harris and Richard Hecht and our family, Matthew Harris Ornstein, Mariam and Noah Harris Ornstein, and Rebecca Hecht



Rabbi Cohen,
Thank you for welcoming and bringing our family into the CBB community.

- Gidding-Boswell Family



As Rabbi Cohen enters retirement, we express our deepest gratitude for his unwavering dedication and thoughtfulness throughout his tenure. His reflective nature, paired with a kaleidoscope of ideas, has brought depth and insight to our community. He has fearlessly and compassionately addressed even the most challenging topics, guiding us through difficult moments with wisdom and care. Rabbi Cohen's legacy will continue to inspire and enrich our congregation for years to come.

- Kelsey & Deborah Samuel



Rabbi Cohen,
Thank you for embracing our interfaith family and truly building an inclusive community at CBB. Your wisdom, inspired teaching, and compassion have had a profound influence on each of our lives, and provided us with a strong Jewish foundation. Your legacy lives on in the countless lives you've touched and we are honored to have been a part of your journey.

With deepest gratitude and love,
Dante, Ann, Arin & Lily Pieramici

Rabbi Steve,
We have been so blessed to have you as our rabbi for so many years. You've set a high mark. Thank you for being there for our family and our community. All the best to you on these next steps in your journey of life. The best is yet to come.

- Jeffrey and Jana z"l Young Family



Rabbi Cohen,

We will always be grateful for your warmth and generosity of spirit; from inviting us to dinner at the beginning of your tenure as senior rabbi (in order to get to know us), to your consistent, comforting smile with each greeting (always remembering our names!). You made CBB a community in which we wanted to learn and belong, not just be obliged to belong. Thank you for being the kind, inclusive, Jewish role model and human being we all hope to be. Best wishes to you and your family going forward in your retirement...

Happy Trails!

- Jeff and Monica Fried



Rabbi Cohen,

Our journey began in college when you were the UCSB Hillel Rabbi—a time that shaped my life in more ways than I could have imagined, including meeting my wonderful husband David. Years later, when we returned to Santa Barbara to raise our children, reconnecting with you felt like coming home.

Working together on Mitzvah Day, The Year of Living Torah, and eventually serving as CBB's first Membership Director—and then Executive Director—has been an honor. Together, we've helped build a community rooted in care, resilience, and connection. From navigating COVID to realizing the Building Dreams vision, your leadership has left a legacy of love, strength, humility, and gratitude.

I look forward to many more conversations and continued guidance as you become Rabbi Emeritus. Wishing you joy, peace, and every blessing in this next chapter.

With deep gratitude,
Elizabeth Gaynes

Dear Rabbi Steve,

Words can't adequately express the admiration and affection I have for you. You have been my teacher, confidant, counselor, colleague, and friend. You welcomed me into the Santa Barbara Jewish community, taught me how to read and write Hebrew, and helped me, through your actions and your wise words, to become a better person. Like so many others, I thank you for all you have done for me and our community.

As I reflected on what to write to properly honor you and wish you all the best in the future, I searched for a quote that would capture what I hope to express. Having failed at that effort, I have resorted to piecing together various quotes.

One quote I found is from Ben Zoma, who said: "Who is wise? He who learns from every man [person]." I like that quote because it captures your extraordinary ability to listen to, and learn from, everyone who is fortunate to interact with you. That ability has made you wise indeed, and we have benefitted tremendously from our interactions with you.

Perhaps it was Pablo Picasso, perhaps it was an unknown author before him, who wrote: "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." I know that before you became a Rabbi, you weren't sure that you wanted to take that path. How fortunate the world in general, and our community in particular, has been that you found your gift and generously gave it away by sharing your wisdom and leading our community for so many years. Similarly, Aristotle said "What is the meaning of life? To serve others and to do good." You certainly have served others very well and done a lot of good.

Although I and our entire community will miss you a lot as our Senior Rabbi, we will cheer you on as you begin your next chapter in the book of your life. Another wise man, Mr. (Fred) Rogers said: "Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." You surely will have a fantastic future filled with exciting experiences, awesome adventures, good old-fashioned quality time with your friends and family, and time to read, relax, travel, hike, camp, and enjoy life.

"Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself. Go forward and make your dreams come true." (Ralph Waldo Emerson) As you retire and begin your remarkable retirement I wish you all the best, especially great health, happiness, joy, awe, wonder, and a lot of love. I look forward to hearing some sensational stories and sharing more hikes and other great times with you.

Take care and stay well,

Richard Silver

Six years ago,

two extraordinary things happened – we started Younited, and I met Rabbi Steve. That encounter completely transformed my life and the future of Younited.



From the very beginning, Rabbi Steve was there as a visionary, a loving friend, and an unwavering supporter. Younited could not have flourished without him. He recognized the potential of our dream to unite future potential Jewish and Arab leaders from Israel, alongside international friends, to create a community rooted in listening, kindness, and the shared commitment to building a better tomorrow.

With his leadership and compassionate heart, Rabbi Steve introduced Younited to the CBB community. He helped build a dedicated advisory team, mentors who guide our students, and countless supporters who helped grow our school. More than that, he introduced me to a network of incredible people who made Santa Barbara feel like home.



The time and love Rabbi Steve invested in Younited are immeasurable. Over the last six years, I've met many rabbis and communities across the U.S., but there's only one Rabbi Steve, and only one CBB community, that stands out.

Much love to you, Rabbi Steve, and you will always hold a special place in my heart.

–Nurit Gery, Executive Director, Younited



Dear Rabbi Steve,

We all know how the **Ubumwe Preschool Project** started....that infamous SB Middle School bike trip through Rwanda and an unexpected meetup with a genocide survivor named Frederick. One thing led to another and before we knew it, CBB had committed to build a preschool in Rwanda! I don't think



any of us knew exactly what we had gotten ourselves into.

After several years of fundraising events, community outreach and even many visits

from Frederick and Zacharie, the Ubumwe Preschool was completed in 2013. This



simplified version of events doesn't begin to tell the true story of how we did it. The truth is, Rabbi Steve, this project would have never happened without your constant leadership, support and guidance.

Your drive to make a difference not only in our CBB community, but also around the world, is what kept us going towards completion of the Ubumwe Preschool. Our entire community soon knew the impact we had made once we received photos of Rwandan children learning and playing in a beautiful new school that we had fundraised to build.

Thank you for being the leader you are and providing the opportunity for us to be part of something much bigger in the world than we could have ever imagined.

With gratitude,

Pam Gunther and Ellen Hunter
Ubumwe Preschool Project



For more than 25 years

we have dedicated our Saturday mornings to Torah study. You may ask yourself why we would devote a precious weekend morning to such an activity?

The answer is quite simple. Other than



parents and close friends, our engagement in Torah under the brilliant leadership that Rabbi Cohen has provided serves as a rich opportunity for enhancing our knowledge and understanding of what it means to live an authentic and meaningful life as a Jew.

We are known as the people of the book. That book is the Torah. Each parsha (weekly portion) has important meaning and Rabbi

Steve always brings important voices in from the Talmud and Midrash. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Midrash these are the writings of our ancestors who for over 2,000 years have taken the words of the Torah and expanded its meaning.

Each week powerful themes on human nature, lessons for living and dilemmas that we humans face are discussed. Because our community is blessed with intelligent and divergent thinking Jews many points of view are expressed. While we rarely (or never) find THE ANSWER, the dialogue is always rich and deep.

We have been blessed with a 35+ year friendship with Rabbi Steve and while he has brought our family many gifts, his commitment to Torah and to his students stand out as a highlight in our life. We really don't know what our life would look like without him and our fellow Torah students, but we do know that being in this circle all these years has meant the world to us. Thank



you, Rabbi Steve, thank you B'nai B'rith, and thank you to our fellow lovers of learning who we have studied with all these years.

—Vicky and Gary Linker

Rabbi Steve introduced our family

to the library minyan in the devastation following my brother's death in 2019. He seemed to sense that no one person – even a rabbi – was enough to stem the suffering.

Raised secular and knowing little about a service, the minyan's traditional liturgy was



not a logical entry point for our family. Yet I believe Steve was following a calling with his suggestion. The early group was small,

and the minyan's intimacy felt embracing. The welcome of children and their antics was a validation of life, and the nascency of the



group meant each person's participation, however incremental, was vital.

We built a mishkan of bodies and voices. Our rabbi, held within the fold, reflects our collective-led ethos, and echoes the minyans of the past that helped our tradition endure. I love the moments I see Steve in private prayer, when he sings in reverie with closed eyes, contributes his personal reflection to our discussion, or his pleasant surprise when someone tells the kids' story in his place. He's in it with the rest of us, Baruch Hashem.

—Asha Wilkus-Stone

Mazal tov to Rabbi Steve Cohen on your retirement!

After 20 years of tireless, wisdom-filled leadership, may your next chapter be filled with many rugged, beautiful, and joyful trails.

With love, admiration, and deep appreciation,

Your Jewish Federation Family



"Make for yourself a teacher; acquire for yourself a friend;
and judge every person on the positive side."
- Pirkei Avot 1:6

To Rabbi Steve Cohen:

Thank you for all that you've taught us.

Thank you for the warmth of your friendship.

Thank you for helping us see the divine sparks in each other.

With love and admiration,

The Students, Alumni, Board, and Staff of Santa Barbara Hillel

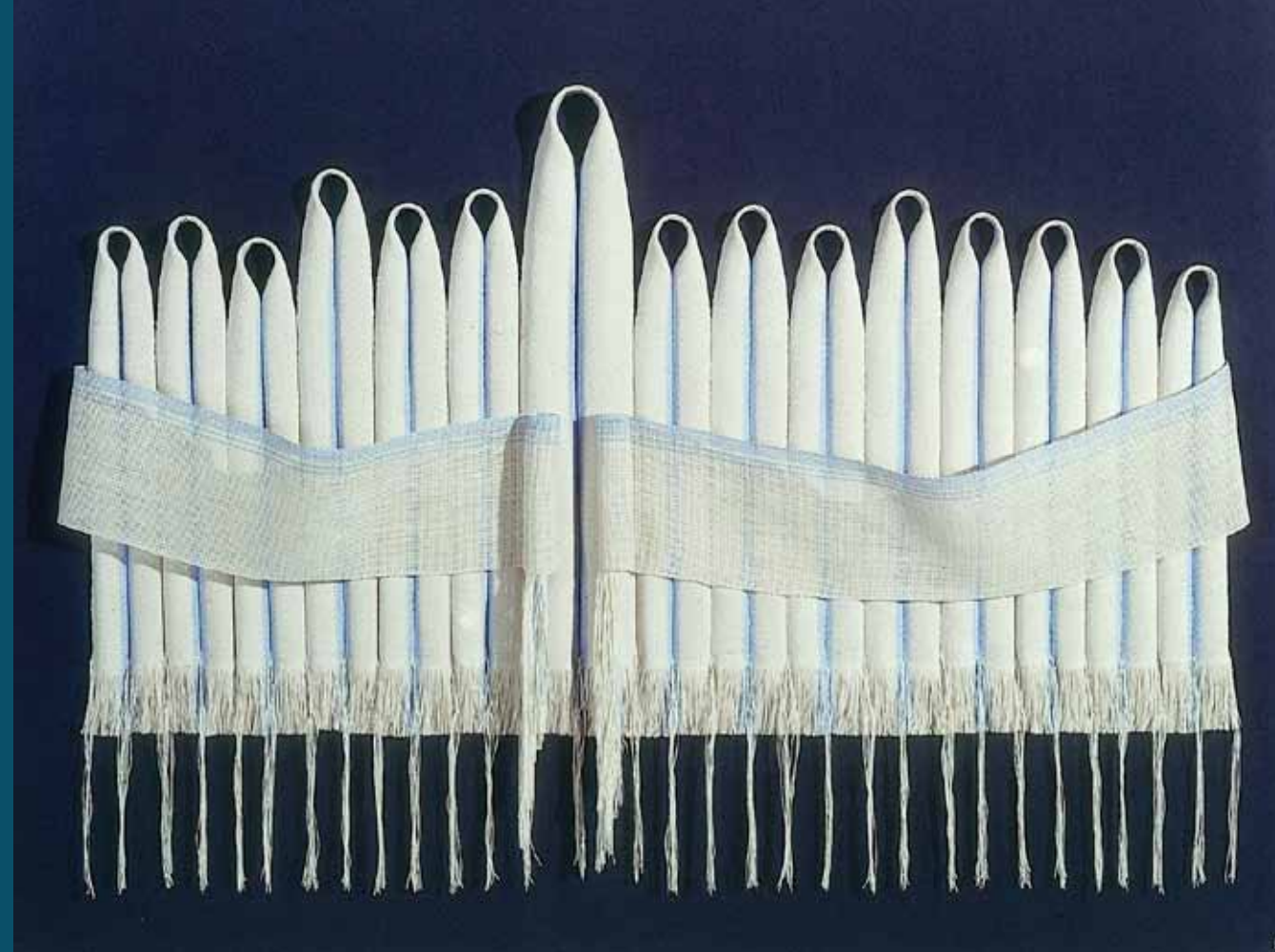




It is an honor to reflect and write about Rabbi Cohen as a friend, mentor of spiritual wisdom, and true gift to the community. My childhood was linked to Jewish friends and families, I married a Jewish man, and then learned so much more about all the diversity of gifts, teaching and traditions of Judaism through Rabbi Cohen as a neighbor to Community of Christ Church.

We have created a lot of blessed memories as servants of God. Sharing with him in the planning and implementing of worship services and educational events with the Greater Santa Barbara Clergy Association was the best way to be introduced to the community that he loved and served. My first steps many years ago were by crossing the bridge to his sanctuary and office, and the friendship and collegial relationship began that is deep with admiration, gratitude and respect for the “mensch of a man” and a Rabbi of passionate and transformative ministries. My prayers are for Steve’s retirement with added rest, time with nature, and new imagination that he and Marian can enjoy together with their family. May they be newly energized as storytellers of wisdom, experience God’s unconditional love, joy, hope, and peace for them, and our world, as their presence in the community will always call them beloved.

Denise Leichter, Pastor



Scholar and Students
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Thank you for all the years and all the gifts
of your friendship;
of your teachings;
of your guidance;
and of your generous spirit.

With love and admiration,
Rabbi Arthur and Laurie Gross Schaefer
and family

Congratulations on your retirement.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work over the past 25 years. You have definitely made our temple a better place. We hope you have fun reinventing yourself and writing the next chapter in your book of life.

- Amy and Lee Silverman



In a Truman Capote beautiful short story he tells us "There's never two of anything." For sure there are not two of dear Rabbi Steve Cohen. You will be so so missed. Thank you for your years of care.

With love,
Patty Zucherman



Back in 2003, the CBB rabbi selection committee was interviewing Rabbi Cohen. There was a long list of questions which the committee presented to Rabbi Cohen. In his usual state of aplomb, Rabbi Cohen responded to all the questions in a meaningful and informative fashion. His approach to handling a congregation definitely appeared to have a sort of laissez-faire bent to it. Finally, we came to this question, "Do you have any rules regarding how you expect your congregation to behave?" Rabbi Cohen cleared his throat and responded, "I only have two rules." Everyone on the committee looked at each other, and was preparing for some sort of uncharacteristic pronouncement of expectations of behavior. Rabbi Cohen set us straight, "My two rules are, one, you come when you want, and two, you leave when you want." The rest is history and we have been blessed to have Rabbi Cohen leading our flock over these past two decades. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

- Marc Winnikoff on behalf of the Winnikoff Family

Rabbi Steve,

Thank you for your extraordinary vision, dedication, and leadership that strengthen us all. Your legacy is everlasting, and we are deeply inspired by your passionate devotion to our Jewish community and beyond. We feel so fortunate to call you our friend, and we extend our warmest Mazel Tov to you and your beautiful family on this momentous occasion.

You will continue to be a Mountain of Wisdom for us all!

With love,

The Motley Mishpocha Havurah

Feldman-Brier Family

Glick Family

Johnson Family

Katz Family

Koper Family

Nordstrand-Black Family

Pulverman Family

Simons Family

Teton-Landis Family

Wilson Family

Zimmerman Family

Zola Family



עֵץ־חַיִּים הִיא לַמַּחֲזִיקִים בָּהּ וְתִמְכֶּיהָ מְאֹד:

“She is a tree of life to those who grasp her,
And whoever holds on to her is happy.” (Proverbs 3:18)

Thank you, Rabbi Steve, for the heartfelt, inspiring ways that you have encouraged our young B’Mitzvah members when they have demonstrated, at the Shabbat morning service, their increased skill and confidence wrestling with the profound teachings that are highlighted in their Torah portions!

With Love and Gratitude,

The Shabbat Morning Minyan of Congregation B’nai B’rith



Dear Rabbi Cohen,

We, the residents listed below, wish to thank you for your dedication and participation in our wonderful Shabbat evening dinner and services. It is truly an amazing evening when we are all together singing, praying, and of course, eating! We look forward to seeing you in the future, helping us and joining us in celebrating Shabbat! Wishing you good health and we congratulate you on your retirement. You have made your CBB family, Maravilla family, and the world a better place to live and enjoy!

Yetta & Alvin Harris
Carolyn Greenbaum
Myrna Bernard
Gail & George White
Halina W. Silverman
Anne Mitzenmacher
Annette & Bob Glade
Linda Perlin
Al Smith
Eileen Rayden
Lurania Topakas

May & Bert Karin
Marlyn & Ken Schwartz
Betty Goldwater
Lotte Weinstein
Rita Abbott
Ellen & Harvey Silverberg
Joan Marks
Burt Chortkoff
Cheryll Welkowsky
Linda Phillips





Thank you so much, Rabbi Steve, for all you have done for the Santa Barbara Jewish community and larger community. And we are very grateful for all you did for our parents, Natalie and Raymond Myerson. Mazel tov and all best wishes.

- Bette and Toby Myerson and family

Dear Steve,

Wow...how time flies! Can it really be 20 years? We hope you know how much good you have done and how much you are appreciated by our community both at and beyond CBB. Thank you for your wisdom, integrity, compassion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Jewish values. On a more personal level, we also appreciate your friendship over the years and wish you and Marian only the best of health and happiness as you start this new phase of life's journey.

Sincerely,
Aaron & Ina Ettenberg



Congratulations Steve
from the Isla Vista Minyan.

With thanks for teaching
us how to build loving
Jewish communities.

Dear Rabbi Steve and Marian,
We're grateful to you beyond words for
enriching our lives with your wisdom,
kindness and grace, and for welcoming
us into this very special community.

Love,
Mina Miller and David Sabritt





To Rabbi Steve....

We are so appreciative of all the times you have been there...through sorrows and joy, you have led our family with warmth, caring, and understanding. Your compassion is unmatched!

With love and admiration,
Susan Silver and Sid Krumholz

Dear Rabbi Steve,

Thank you for your extraordinary commitment and dedication to our community. We are so grateful to you for welcoming us to the Santa Barbara Jewish community so many years ago, and for encouraging both of us to become involved. We have watched in admiration as you have grown this synagogue in both membership, and square footage, inspiring our community at every turn!! Your wisdom and brilliant teaching have led so many of us to expand and enrich our understanding of Judaism and our deep commitment to our religious heritage and to our people. It has been an honor, a great pleasure, and a privilege to have worked so closely with you. We wish you and Marian many years of health and happiness as you embark on this new chapter in your lives.

With gratitude and affection,
Diane and Steve Zipperstein

Thank you for your many years of menchlikite and warm thoughtful leadership, ushering a new generation into our growing, dynamic community.

- Richard Heimberg and Karen Schloss Heimberg





Congregation B'nai B'rith
Campus Renovation



FRANK SCHIPPER
CONSTRUCTION
CO.

On behalf of Frank Schipper Construction, we sincerely thank you for your exceptional leadership and guidance over the years. Your pivotal role in the Hillel Student Jewish Learning Center and Congregation B'nai B'rith projects has made a lasting impact on the Santa Barbara Jewish community, providing spaces for learning, connection, and growth. We are honored to have been part of bringing these important spaces to life and wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement.



Hillel Foundation
Jewish Student Center

Thank you for your leadership,
kindness, & wisdom.

- Hartzman Family

Rabbi Steve,

We appreciate your decades of devotion to the families of CBB and Santa Barbara. You are leaving a lasting legacy. We wish you and Marian a retirement full of nature and family.

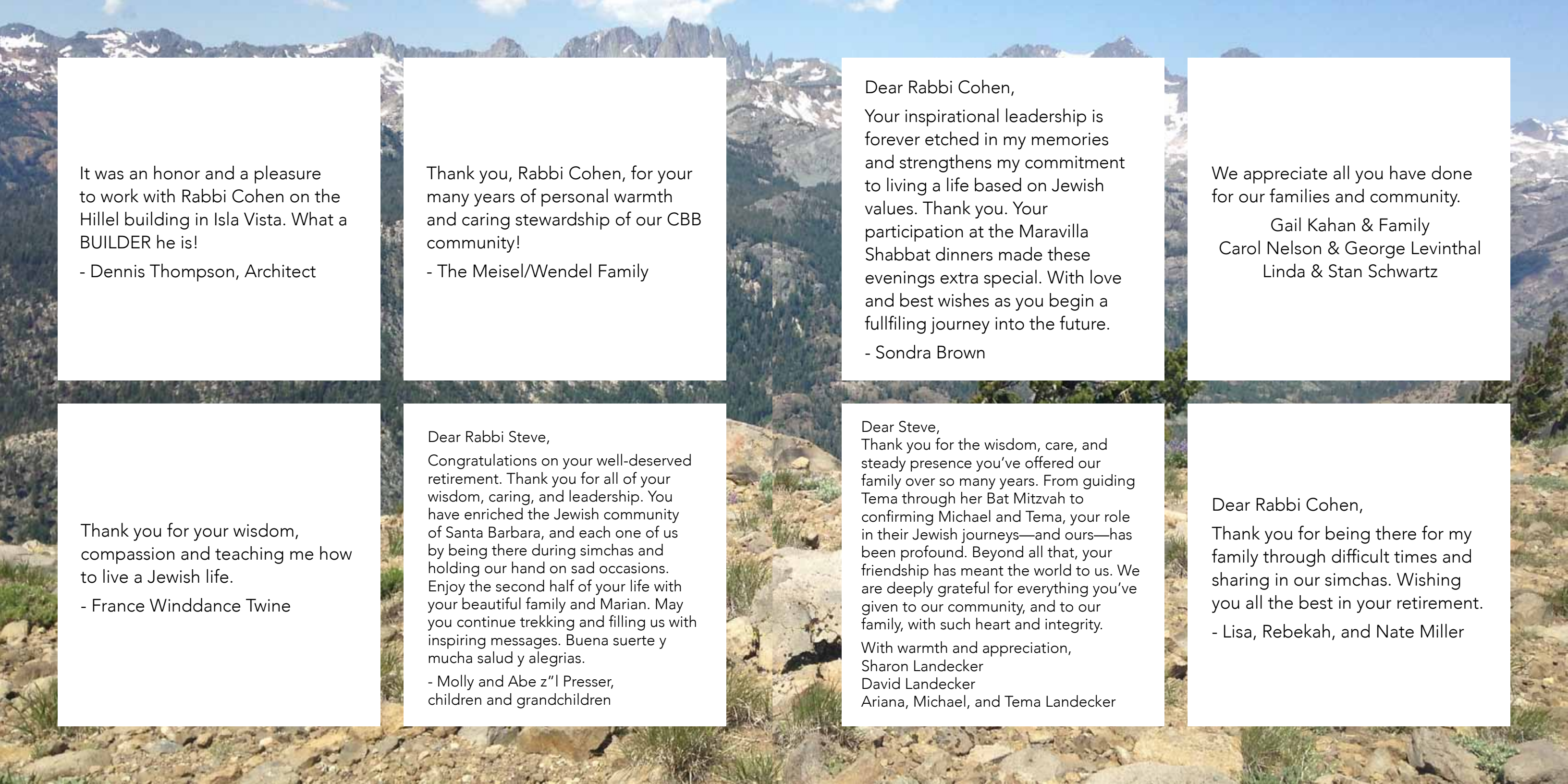
- Asher, Elizabeth, Lev, and Sylvie Kupperman

MAZEL TOV!! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

- Steven, Marnie & Lauren Pinsker

Much gratitude for your wisdom, friendship and inspiration—let's go for a hike!

With love, Gail & David T-L



It was an honor and a pleasure to work with Rabbi Cohen on the Hillel building in Isla Vista. What a BUILDER he is!

- Dennis Thompson, Architect

Thank you, Rabbi Cohen, for your many years of personal warmth and caring stewardship of our CBB community!

- The Meisel/Wendel Family

Dear Rabbi Cohen,

Your inspirational leadership is forever etched in my memories and strengthens my commitment to living a life based on Jewish values. Thank you. Your participation at the Maravilla Shabbat dinners made these evenings extra special. With love and best wishes as you begin a fulfilling journey into the future.

- Sondra Brown

We appreciate all you have done for our families and community.

Gail Kahan & Family
Carol Nelson & George Levinthal
Linda & Stan Schwartz

Thank you for your wisdom, compassion and teaching me how to live a Jewish life.

- France Winddance Twine

Dear Rabbi Steve,
Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement. Thank you for all of your wisdom, caring, and leadership. You have enriched the Jewish community of Santa Barbara, and each one of us by being there during simchas and holding our hand on sad occasions. Enjoy the second half of your life with your beautiful family and Marian. May you continue trekking and filling us with inspiring messages. Buena suerte y mucha salud y alegrías.

- Molly and Abe z”l Presser,
children and grandchildren


Dear Steve,
Thank you for the wisdom, care, and steady presence you’ve offered our family over so many years. From guiding Tema through her Bat Mitzvah to confirming Michael and Tema, your role in their Jewish journeys—and ours—has been profound. Beyond all that, your friendship has meant the world to us. We are deeply grateful for everything you’ve given to our community, and to our family, with such heart and integrity.

With warmth and appreciation,
Sharon Landecker
David Landecker
Ariana, Michael, and Tema Landecker

Dear Rabbi Cohen,

Thank you for being there for my family through difficult times and sharing in our simchas. Wishing you all the best in your retirement.

- Lisa, Rebekah, and Nate Miller



The Effron family thanks Rabbi Steve and Marian for the many years of outstanding leadership and service to our community.

Thank you for your caring support, wonderful sermons, Torah classes and especially for your warmth and welcoming smile. You will be missed.

- Lois Kaplan, Paula, Ronnie and Lee

Steve,

I've had the honor and pleasure to know you, work with you, be your friend, from your early days at UCSB Hillel. I saw then your brilliance, passion, and commitment to Jewish life. While we may not have seen one another regularly over the years, your influence and teaching continued to be an inspiration to me throughout my Jewish communal career.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and long retirement filled with family, community, quiet time for yourself, and the great outdoors.

With much love,
Lesley & Roni Plachta

Rabbi Cohen,

Thank you for your friendship and warm hospitality. Mazel tov and wishing you lots of luck on your newest chapter.

In Gratitude,
Raquel and Bryan Berkett

Rabbi Steve,
Our family is filled with so much gratitude for your dedication, leadership, teachings and friendship over the years. You will never fully know how great your positive impact has been on our family, our congregation, and our community. Thank you for all you have given! We wish you the very best in your retirement!

Much Love,
The Zola Family

With gratitude for your warmth and wisdom, for your open arms and caring presence, and for your vision and dedication. Your legacy will continue to guide and inspire us.

- Diane and Larry Blau

Thank you for your thoughtful leadership and your great sermons.

- Paula Rudolph

Dearest Rabbi Steve,

With gratitude for your lifetime of learning and service. All the best for your next phase in life.

- The Gartner Family

In appreciation for all the wonderful years we have enjoyed your teaching and your leadership, and with best wishes for a wonderful future.

- Betty and Judy Goldwater

Thank you Rabbi Steve for your years of dedication to our community, for your vision, and your leadership.

With our gratitude,
Laini, Daniel, and
Domonique Melnick



Dear Rabbi Steve,

Thank you for all the memories. The

celebrations of life, community and connection. Your loving heart and wise soul have been a blessing to us.

With love, gratitude and warm hugs on your retirement. May you have the blessing of a long life with more joy than you can imagine!

- Harry and Judi Weisbart

כִּי־בְשִׂמְחָה תֵּצְאוּ וּבְשָׁלוֹם תּוֹבְלִין
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וְכָל־עֵצֵי הַשָּׂדֶה יִמְחֲאוּ־כָף:

“For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: before you, the mountains and the hills shall break into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.” - (Isaiah 55:12)

As you go out into your next chapter, we wish you joy and peace, and lots of heart-filling song.

With love and gratitude for 40 years of leadership, teaching, and friendship, the Karin/Cohen family

Dear Rabbi Steve,

Your wisdom, kindness, and dedication have made such a meaningful impact on our community. Thank you for the Mitzvah project, BHY story-telling, Netivot hikes, Rabbi Steve's Favorite Book Club for kids during the pandemic, your moving and thought-provoking Friday night sermons, and for your beautiful words at Ronan's Bar Mitzvah in 2024. Thank you for always taking the time to check in with us. You are so special to our family and we wish you a wonderful retirement. Enjoy this next chapter in life.

With love,

The Greene Family
(Collin, Odeliah, Ronan, Mia, and River)

Thank you for your leadership and life lessons we carry with us forever!

The Jacobs Family ♥
Marcy, Jason, Charlie, & Ally

Thank you for 20 golden years of spiritual leadership.

- Josie & Ed Martin

Thanks for being a great friend, rabbi, and a big part of our family's simchas.

Yasher koach and bhatzlacha!!
Labreut!!

Love,
The Raphael Family
David, Lisa, Hannah, Mark, & Max




Rich & Karen Appelbaum
Michelle Berkowitz & Shane Holt
David, Teresa, Aron & Sean Bothman
Casselman Family:
Mark, Beth, Gabriel & Benjamin
Bonnie R. Corman
Susan LeVine & Kelly Brotman
Rev Laura Mancuso
Linda Perlin
Julia & Naomi Rabe
Derek Rosen
Shafritz Family
Barbara Siegel
Dale Tetelman
Cynthia Thurber
Daryl Anna West
Julie Alpert Wood
Lynn Altschul
Joanne Bobes
Gail Tennen
Abbey, Doug & Mitch Landers
& Charlene Daly
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Fran & Mike Lewbel
Elissa & Jeff Ross
Dora & Misha Zilberman
Paul & Joni Meisel & Family
Amy Locke
Lois Phillips, PhD
Lilyan Cuttler & Bernad Seder
Wendy Fox & Sara Weiner
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Richard Belkin Daniel & Anita Greenwald
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Laura Dewey
Tuli & Lynne Glasman
Malka Drucker
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& Brian Emery
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“Provide yourself with a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend, and judge every person favorably.”

Pirkei Avot 1:6





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