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Through the Golden Door:

**Bringing Jewish
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*"Give me your tired,
 your poor,
 Your huddled masses
 yearning to breathe free,
 The wretched refuse of
 your teeming shore.
 Send these, the homeless,
 tempest-tossed to me,
 I lift my lamp beside
 the golden door!"*
 —Emma Lazarus

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Schedule of Services

Sunday,	April 1	8:45 AM Shacharit Service
April	3, 4, 5	3:55 PM Mincha Service (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Friday,	April 6	9:30 AM Pesach Morning Service w/Yizkor #
Friday,	April 6	7:00 PM Ruach Shabbat Service #
Saturday,	April 7	9:45 AM Shacharit Service
Saturday,	April 7	10:30 AM Torah Study Followed by Pot Luck Kiddush
Sunday,	April 8	8:45 AM Shacharit Service
April	10, 11	3:55 PM Mincha Service (Tuesday, Wednesday)
Wednesday,	April 11	7:00 PM Yom Hashoah Service
Thursday,	April 12	3:55 PM Mincha Service
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Saturday,	April 14	9:30 AM Shacharit Service
Saturday,	April 14	10:30 AM Torah Study Followed by Pot Luck Kiddush
Sunday,	April 15	8:45 AM Shacharit Service
April	17, 18, 19	3:55 PM Mincha Service (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Friday,	April 20	6:00 PM Tot Shabbat Service
Friday,	April 20	7:30 PM Shabbat Service #
Saturday,	April 21	9:30 AM Shacharit Service
Saturday,	April 21	10:30 AM Torah Study Followed by Pot Luck Kiddush
Sunday,	April 22	8:45 AM Shacharit Service
April	24, 25, 26	3:55 PM Mincha Service (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Friday,	April 27	7:30 PM Shabbat Service #—Shabbat Shirah
Saturday,	April 28	9:30 AM Shacharit Service
Saturday,	April 28	10:30 AM Torah Study Followed by Pot Luck Kiddush
Sunday,	April 29	8:45 AM Shacharit Service

- Denotes services conducted by both Rabbi and Cantor.

The View from the Bima

Rabbi Mike

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Any seder that you attended over Passover probably included the song Dayenu. Most people know at least the title word—and it lends itself nicely to spirited table-banging.

The words of the song, though, are a little strange. If God had taken us out of Egypt, but not split the sea, would that really have been enough? The Israelites certainly don't sing *dayenu* when the Egyptians are closing in on them?

In our results-oriented culture, we are trained to notice only the ending or the goal of a process. And, to be sure, the transformation recounted in Exodus is wondrous. But it is also gradual. Each step in the process was vital in reaching the goal. Dayenu trains

us to notice the small steps along the way. Whether our struggles are personal, spiritual, political or otherwise, Dayenu invites us step back and survey our progress. We may not have reached the final goal, but the progress we have made demands our attention.

Those small steps call us to express gratitude for the ability to come as far as we have. To recognize our own power. To recognize God's power.

We are currently in the period of the Jewish calendar called the Omer. It is the period from Passover to Shavuot, the holiday that traditionally commemorates the revelation of Torah. From the second night of Pesach, every night for seven weeks, we count the days that have passed on this spiritual journey from Egypt to Sinai. There is no lavish family

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The View from the Bima (continued)

gathering, as at Passover. There is no dairy feast, no study marathon, as on Shavuot. The Omer seems like one of those weird quirks of Jewish practice. A tradition, sure, but is it really all that meaningful? The same question we ask about Dayenu.

And the same answer. Don't forget the steps along the way. For in counting the Omer each day, every day, we affirm that great transformation do not occur overnight.

In working with our *b'nai mitzvah* students, I get to see our kids change little by little, experience tiny miracles every day. The "big moment" happens at the Shabbat service that they lead. But to work with kids is to see the little miracles.

In celebration of all our miracles, little and big, Cantor Sarra and I invite you to join us for a celebration of our prospective *b'nai mitzvah* kids as they help lead the service Shabbat morning, May 5, at 9:30 AM. They've been working hard with their teachers to take yet another small step toward being awesome adult Jews.

For the adults among us, we think of where we

Tot Shabbat Services

Friday Evening, April 20 at 6:00

All of our youngest children and their families are warmly invited to sing, dance, pray, and learn with Cantor Sarra at our Tot Shabbat services. Children with a birthday during the month of March will receive a special birthday song. During "Torah Time," we'll sing songs, hear stories, and march in the sanctuary with our own Torah scrolls. After services, we will all come together for Oneg Shabbat, a sweet nosh and conversation in the Social Hall. This is a wonderful way to meet new friends in the community!



Tot Shabbat services take place on the third or fourth week of each month. Look on CBE's online calendar to find out all of the dates for services this year!

If you'd like, bring your own (dairy) dinner and join us at 5:15 as we eat together in the Social Hall before the service. All are welcome. Please contact Cantor Sarra at cantorsarra@bethelohim.org with any questions or for more information.

Ruach Shabbat!

Friday Evening, April 6 at 7:00

Celebrate Shabbat with blessings, stories, and song! Our Ruach (Spirit) Shabbat services are especially geared toward families with children, but everyone is welcome.

Each month, children and their grown-ups also have the opportunity to lead a Shabbat prayer during our Ruach service. This is a wonderful way to feel the special sense of joy and pride that comes with leading a community in prayer. Please let Cantor Sarra know if you or your child would like to help lead (cantorsarra@bethelohim.org). Jews and non-Jews, community members and guests—all are welcome!

are now, and where we would like to be, and the tasks we face sometimes seem insurmountable. Bad habits keep us from realizing our full, sweet potential. The struggles of daily living corrupt our best intentions. Our adversaries organize to deny us and our neighbors basic and fundamental rights. And as for us... are we up to the task? Everything seems so difficult, and our goals, miles away.

At such a time, I take inspiration from our kids, and see the deep sensibility of our quirky traditions.

So this Omer, take a step back. See where you've been. Take note of the progress made each day. Today. Give yourself credit. And having expressed gratitude for that progress, look forward to the work that, with God's help, we can all accomplish in the days to come. ☆

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Sisterhood News

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Children aren't the only ones who look forward to Purim each year, so do the many CBE congregants who enjoy giving and receiving Sisterhood's Mishloach Manot Purim Gift Bags.

We'd like to thank Sue Gruskay for coordinating our efforts again this year! Sue, along with many volunteers, baked hamantaschen, assembled the bags with lots of treats, and delivered them throughout our CBE community, a total of 135 bags in all!

Thanks go to our bakers—pictured here (clockwise from lower left) are Fern Wolff, Sue Gruskay, Laura Kelmar, Ellen Krueger, and Aliza Lamdan. And to additional bakers Jodi Krampf, Barbara Green, Sara Levine, and Lauren Pollak. We also want to thank Karen Collins of Bisousweet

Confections for providing the wonderful dough circles.



Finally, we'd like to thank the sisters who assembled the gift bags: Pam Laufer, Barbara Hirsch, Marcy Hoban, Sara Misch, Julie McCall, and Laura Kelmar; and the sisters who made our deliveries: Beth Rozek, Michelle Jacob, Vanessa Volinsky and Julie McCall.

Later in the month, Sisterhood hosted a Mah Jongg Drop In event at CBE. Experienced players and



Emily Blumberg, Debbi Heller (wins the award for coming the farthest), Julie McCall, Sandy Roschelle, Jodi Zwirn

newbies alike enjoyed an afternoon playing and laughing together! Thanks go to Sharon Jelinsky and Julie McCall for organizing the day.



Lindsay Rosenman, Pam Ryba, Sharon, Rachelle Horwitz-Martin

Next month, Sisterhood will sponsor the Oneg for Shabbat Shirah on April 27. We hope to see many of you there! And, we'll be recruiting a group of volunteers to meet at CBE the night before to bake goodies to serve at the Oneg. Please look for an email in the weeks ahead to sign up to help bake on Thursday night, April 26, or to help set up and/or clean up on Friday night, April 27. ☆

**Through the Golden Door
Bringing Jewish Voices to America**

The Beth Elohim Choir, along with Rabbi Rothbaum and Cantor Spierer, invites everyone to its annual music Shabbat on Friday, April 27, at 7:30 PM. Each year the choir prepares a service filled with beautiful and wide-ranging settings of the various parts of the Friday evening liturgy. This year's service is inspired by a topic much in the news—immigration, or more specifically the waves of Jewish immigration that have taken place over the last 100 years. All of the pieces to be sung by the choir in this service were written by composers who were born in other countries but came to America and found expanded opportunity to pursue their art. Whether seeking refuge from the pogroms of Russia, horrors of the Nazis, the repressive regime of the Soviet Union, or just a better life, composers such as Robert Starer, Simon Sargon, Max Janowski, Ernest Bloch, Flory Jagoda, Sholom Secunda, Irving Berlin and others found their voices in America. Our service will include liturgical pieces such as Janowski's Ahavat Olam and Meir Finkelstein's lively Mi Chamocha. A Sermon in Song will include music in four languages—Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino and English, reflecting the diverse nature of this immigrant community of composers.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this always popular annual choir event!

**Yiddish & Contemporary Israeli Music:
WERS, 88.9 FM, broadcasts Chagigah,
Sunday mornings 8:00–11:00.**

Brotherhood News**Matt Liebman**m.liebman@comcast.net

The brothers had a fun month. During the reading of the Megillah, they made frozen groggerita. It was Rabbi Mike's idea, and of course, if the Rabbi suggests it, you go with it. Because as the good book says... every mention of Haman during the reading of the Megillah, a little bit of tequila should be sipped.

After Alexander Hamantaschen, this year's amazing and funny Purim shpiel, the Brotherhood served lots of hamantaschen and corn beef sandwiches and gave away unnecessary plastic items at our annual Purim carnival and frenetic fun festival. Thanks again to Eric Rosenman for organizing this annual fun-raising event for the brotherhood. The kids love it!

At the March breakfast, we were entertained and informed by Doctor Mache Seibel, who spoke about the estrogen window. Although this was a Brotherhood breakfast, many sisters were also present, because although it is called menopause, it's not just for men. Of course, every brother has a woman in his family—a mother, a sister, a wife, a daughter. Dr. Seibel talked about his medical work in the context of his personal family story, growing up in Galveston Texas and eventually making his way to medical school. (We learned, by the way, that Galveston was a major port of entry to the United States in the early part of the 20th century, and was the jumping off point for many of the Jewish communities in the western US.)

Anyway, fast forward many years, after a successful medical career focusing on in vitro fertilization, Dr. Seibel turned to medical education for the last 20 years. He focuses on the "estrogen window" and he was concerned about misinformation about estrogen. It was thought that taking estrogen after menopause was associated with certain kinds of breast cancer. Dr. Seibel described how the research that was done in the 1990s was flawed, and that with certain dosages and at a certain period of time, estrogen has positive benefits for women. His presentation was humorous, thought provoking, and he was able to provide the personal touch we usually appreciate at brotherhood breakfasts. Speaking of personal touches, we really enjoyed his song about colonoscopies.

Our next breakfast is scheduled for April 8. Dr. Steve Michelson, a psychologist and Brotherhood member who will talk about a recent journey to

Israel and how this has transformed his work and life.

We are also planning a Brotherhood Shabbat on May 11. Look for more information about that soon.

You know what they say about March. It comes in like a hamantaschen and goes out like a matzo.

Chag Pesach sameach! ☆

Auction Tops \$35,000 in Funds Raised

The final numbers are in. CBE's Seeds of Change auction on February 10, followed by an online Second Chance auction, raised over \$35,000 to help fund CBE's operations—marking CBE's most successful auction ever! Included in that total were donations for "Fund A Need" to purchase 450 chairs for High Holidays and other major events, saving CBE at least \$1,300 in chair rental costs year after year.



The live and silent auction on February 10 was a night to remember with 124 congregants joining for a fun, lively community gathering with lots of socializing, food, wine, beer, and of course shopping!

After browsing over 200 auction items, congregants were able to bid on and go home with some cool—and often significantly discounted—artwork, restaurant gift cards, camp certificates, catered dinners, vacation weekends, fitness club memberships, theatre tickets, museum passes, Judaica, kitchen appliances and more!

We greatly appreciate the generosity of so many congregants who supported the auction with donations, purchases, and hard work to make this event such a success. We also thank the many local organizations from the community that donated so generously to the auction and CBE.

Donations

The congregation thanks our members, their relatives and friends,
and the larger community for donations recently received...

To the General Fund from:

Bob & Kathie Becker in memory of Charlie Namias.

Beth Schragger & Jeff Handler in memory of Gussie Segal, mother of Diane Yasgur.

Jon & Wendy Linden in memory of Art Shane.

David & Chips Naparstek in memory of Art Shane.

Ellen Valade in memory of Art Shane.

Beth Schragger & Jeff Handler in honor of Rabbi Mike.

Ina & Malcolm Burdine in memory of Charlie Namias.

Beth Schragger & Jeff Handler in honor of Ellen & Allan Krueger's grandson, Lucas.

Denis & Linda Friedman: "To an extraordinary person, George Schaffer, and his 90 years of good living with love and admiration."

Denis & Linda Friedman in loving memory of Charlie Namias.

Susan & Rodney Hass in memory of Cindi Meister.

Denis & Linda Friedman in honor of Alan Weiss' retirement.

Ina & Malcolm Burdine in memory of Lila Wachter, mother of Stuart Wachter.

Ina & Malcolm Burdine in memory of Idelle Stein, mother of Suzanne Kabakoff.

Karen & Michael Brandstein in honor of Marty Krasnick—a true neighbor who went above and beyond the call of duty.

Security Update

You may have noticed that a new keypad has been installed by the front doors (on the right). This is one more step towards having a more secure building for our congregation. Starting on April 2, new entry procedures will be put in place.

Religious School

During religious school hours the doors will be locked and students/parents entering the building will need to use the keypad with the keycode to enter. The keycode will be sent in a separate notice.

After Hours (5:00 PM - 9:00 PM/10:00 PM)

During the week, the doors are normally locked after 5:00 PM even though there are

typically meetings, rehearsals, tutoring, etc. that go on until 9:00 or 10:00 PM. Adults or children involved in these activities may use the keypad to enter the building.

After 9:00 or 10:00 PM

This is when the building is closed, locked, and the alarm is armed. There will be a sign on the door indicating that the building is closed and the lights will be off. Using the keypad to enter the building at this time will set off the security alarm and the police may be called! Note that there are surveillance cameras recording your every move! Don't enter the building at this time unless you are trained to disable the security alarm!

Questions? Comments? ops@bethelohim.org

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To the Ritual Fund from:

Allan & Ellen Krueger in loving memory of Max Krueger, Seymour Krueger and Helen Krueger Schneider.

To the Alex Young Social Action Fund from:

Mara Falk & Alan Feibelman in memory of Dr. Owen L. Falk, father of Mara Falk, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

To the High Holiday Appeal from:

Beth Schrager & Jeff Handler

To the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund from:

Joanna & Ron Honig in honor of Davita's Bat Mitzvah.

Mara Falk & Alan Feibelman in memory of Dr. Owen L. Falk, father of Mara Falk, on the occasion of his *yahrzeit*.

Marjorie Cahn: "Thank you, Rabbi Mike."

To the Cantoral Fund from:

Joanna & Ron Honig in honor of Davita's Bat Mitzvah.

Beth Schrager & Jeff Handler in memory of Lila Wachter, mother of Stuart Wachter.

To the School Fund from:

Joanna & Ron Honig in honor of Davita's Bat Mitzvah.

To the Hineni Capital Campaign Fund Raiser from:

Mara Falk & Alan Feibelman in memory of Art Shane and in memory of Dr. Owen L. Falk.

To the Library Fund from:

Sandy, Shaina, Jaime & Meryl Haber in honor of Jeff Haber's birthday.

To the Choir Fund from:

Leslie & Bill Schroeder in honor of George Schaffer's 90th birthday.

Freddy & Doris Goldstein: "With love to George Schaffer in honor of his 90th birthday. We are enriched by his ageless positive spirit, his wisdom and his beautiful singing voice."

Sandy & Jeff Haber in honor of George Schaffer's very big birthday!

David & Chips Naparstek in honor of George Schaffer.

Martha Shane in honor of George Schaffer's 90th birthday.

To the Amy Naparstek Fund from:

David & Chips Naparstek in memory of Charlie Namias.

Mara Falk & Alan Feibelman in memory of Bernice Samiljan, mother of Bud Samiljan.

David & Chips Naparstek in honor of Alan Weiss' retirement.

Spring Clean-up Day Sunday April 29 - 9:30AM - noonish

A volunteer's work is never done, especially in a synagogue as busy as ours. Please mark your calendar and join in April 29. Bagels and coffee served.



This could be you,
serenely tending trees
and grass.

So come on out and
help out in this satisfying work.

Young and Old
Parents and Children

Planting and Mulching,
Clearing, Fixing, Arranging, Repairing

Let's get our synagogue in great shape!

Many hands make light work



RSVP if you can to
Bob & Deena Ferrara at
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