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SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS



Friday - May 5, 2017

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood

SHABBAT ALIVE DINNER at 6:00 PM

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE at 7:00 PM

Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - May 6, 2017 10:00am

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

Parashat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - פרשת אחרי-מות - קדושים - Leviticus 16:1-20:27 -

Haftarah - Amos 9:7-15

Kiddush following the Service



Friday - May 12, 2017

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood

TOT SHABBAT at 6:00 PM

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE at 7:00 PM

Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - May 13, 2017

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood

Parashat Emor - פרשת אמר - Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah - Ezekiel 44:15-31

Kiddush following the Service



CHOIR SHABBAT

Friday - May 19, 2017

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood & Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE at 7:00 PM

Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - May 20, 2017 - 10:00am

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood & Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

SHABBAT SCHOOL AND SERVICE

Members of Cantor Bern-Vogel's Trop Class will be chanting Torah

Parashat Behar-Bechukotai - פרשת בהר-בחקותי - Leviticus 25:1-27:34

Haftarah - Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

Kiddush following the Service



Friday - May 26, 2017

EREV SHABBAT SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood

Oneg Shabbat following the service

Saturday - May 27, 2017

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood

Parashat Bamidbar - פרשת במדבר - Numbers 1:1-4:2

Haftarah - Hosea 2:1-22

Kiddush Following the Service

SHAVUOT CELEBRATIONS

The festival of *Shavuot*, sometimes known as Pentecost (fiftieth day), or the Feast of Weeks, was originally celebrated as a thanksgiving for the wheat harvest. It falls seven weeks after the spring barley harvest, when an *omer* (measure of grain) of the new produce was offered. Because early crops – especially barley – ripened around the time of *Shavuot*, the Bible refers to *Shavuot* as “*Chag HaKatzir*”, the feast of the harvest, and *Yom HaBikkurim*, the day of the first fruits, observed by offerings of the best ripe produce of the fields. Beginning with the second day of passover, seven weeks (or forty-nine days) were carefully counted, and the fiftieth day was celebrated as the beginning of the wheat harvest or festival of the first fruits.

In the course of time, as a result of the transformation of the agricultural festivals into historical commemorations, the additional significance of *Shavuot* as the Festival of the Giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai completely overshadowed its original significance. Though the Bible does not identify *Shavuot* with the anniversary of the revelation atop Mount Sinai and the giving of the Ten Commandments, the tradition, undisputed in the Talmud, has been that the Torah was given on the sixth day of Sivan.

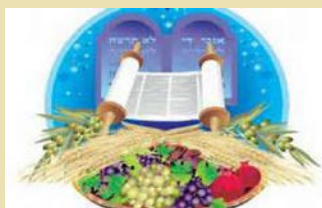
There is no doubt that the receiving of the Torah changed the course of Jewish history and have the Jew his/her most valid reason for living as a Jew... It was the Torah that gave life and substance to the Jew no matter where he/she lived and what he/she did, whether in his/her homeland Israel, or anywhere else in the world. Thus, the Torah for the Jew became a *Torat Chayim* – a Tree of Life.

The modern day observance of *Shavuot* reflects both the agricultural as well as the historical aspects of the festival. The Ten Commandments are read in the synagogue as part of the Torah reading. Plants and flowers often decorate the synagogue *bema*. The Book of Ruth is also read for its description of a summer harvest in Israel.

Milk dishes are the customary foods on *Shavuot*, symbolizing the Torah which is likened to milk...

In the past hundred years or so, it has been customary to hold confirmation exercises on *Shavuot* with the young people, usually finishing Grade 10 of their general education, “confirming” their Jewish identity as they have completed formal religious school studies.

Adapted from Every Person's Guide to Shavuot, Ronald H. Isaacs, ©1998 Jason Aronson Inc.



EVE OF SHAVUOT

Tuesday - May 30, 2017 - 7:00 PM

Service of Confirmation

CONFIRMANDS

Drew Holder

son of Debra and Philip Holder

Emma Lehmann

daughter of Karyn and Stephen Lehmann

Adeline Swedlove

daughter of Jeanette and David Swedlove

Sydney Weissman

daughter of Jill and Gregory Weissman

Service will be followed by a Dairy Dessert Oneg Chag

TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOT - 9:00 PM - 3 classes on “Writing Your Own Torah”

taught by Rabbi Jay Sherwood, Rabbi Hillel Cohn, Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

SHAVUOT MORNING

Wednesday - May 31, 2017 - 10:00 am

Service will include Yizkor/Memorial prayers

Service will be followed by a Shavuot Brunch including Cheese & Potato Blintzes

Rabbinic Reflections



For the second year in a row, we will recognize the month of May as Mental Health Awareness month at Congregation Emanu El. Throughout the month, we will seek to raise our consciousness as we work to end the stigma of mental illness. Each Friday night we will feature the co-chairs of our Mental Health Awareness In Action Committee (Heidi Nimmo and Nancy Sidhu) sharing thoughts and reflections on the importance of mental health awareness.

Jewish tradition has long recognized the importance of having a healthy body as well as a healthy mind. Our morning liturgy contains blessings giving thanks for our bodies, our souls and our minds. We recognize that to be a healthy individual, we must maintain the health of all three of these elements that make us the complete person that we are. When we ignore any one of these three aspects of self, complete health eludes us. Nevertheless, while discussions of physical and spiritual health are hot topics in today's society, somehow mental health has acquired a stigma that has rendered the topic off limits in polite conversation. Judaism teaches the exact opposite.

In Exodus 12:30, during the tenth plague – the death of the firstborn of Egypt – the Torah speaks of the great amount of crying that was heard across Egypt, for every household was affected by this horrible plague. In much the same way, every household in our land has been touched by mental illness. Those who suffer sit in their own *Mitzrayim*, which translates not only as Egypt, but as “narrow places.” God’s prescription for the Israelites was to get up and leave the narrow places. This only happened, however, when the entire community participated. Such is the situation with mental health awareness – it is only when the entire community joins together that we can take mental health out of the narrow places and remove the stigma that surrounds it.

An inspiration to act can be found in the rituals of *Sukkot*. We are commanded to bring together the *etrog* with the branches of three plants to create the *lulav*. In discussing the *lulav*, *chazal* (the rabbis of old) state that if any of the species are excluded, the *lulav* is unfit for use. They then explain in *Midrash Vayikra Rabba* 30:12, that this is really a metaphor for humanity, teaching that, “No human is expendable. If one is slighted or excluded, the whole of society is unfit.” May this lesson inspire us to work toward ending the stigma of mental illness.

As you walk into Congregation Emanu El this month, please take a green ribbon from the basket just inside the front door. This ribbon signifies mental health awareness and the commitment to end the stigma associated with mental illness. Please join us in this important task.

Kol tuv,
Rabbi Jay Sherwood

Cantorial Comments



Show your true colors in May!!

Mental Health Awareness & Mazal Tov, Cantillation Class!! Stigma is awful & Support is Vital!!

Another school year is almost over. Plans, deadlines and goals are coming to fruition and celebrations will be had. But for many who suffer silently with mental health disorders, this can be an especially daunting and lonely time. This month is Mental Health Awareness month and thanks to the tireless efforts and hard work of Heidi Nimmo and Nancy Sidhu, awareness within our congregation and beyond is growing, in the hopes that stigma will slowly retreat and eventually disappear. But it takes education, patience and working together. “*A mental health crisis is frightening to the person affected and all those who love them. Jewish values teach us to be helpful in any health crisis. Our help and support is more important than ever when depression, a suicide attempt, disabling anxiety, or mania affects someone we love.*” Please make sure to take a **lime green ribbon** at any service or event during May and offer encouragement and information if someone asks you about it!

One of the most rewarding things I do as a cantor is to teach Torah and Haftarah *trope* (cantillation). I have worked for nearly 25 years, preparing hundreds of students for their *B’nai Mitzvah* ceremonies as well as dozens of adults, who, for various reasons never became bar or bat mitzvah. Many converted to Judaism later in life, but many Jewish women who were raised in traditional homes were never given the chance as young girls...

Every Friday afternoon since last November, roughly twice a month, I’ve been meeting with a group of congregants who came together to learn and practice Torah cantillation. Each of the participants has a unique background of experience with regard to their musical ability, Hebrew skills and knowledge of Judaism. But the one thing they all share is a desire to learn and chant Torah! We hope you will honor Michelle Anctil, Susan Damron, Renee Kress, Ron Lubey, Marv Reiter and Mary Lynn Stough with your presence on Shabbat morning, May 20th, when they will enhance the Torah service with newly learned and refined chanting skills. The next class will begin again in November, following this year’s High Holiday season.

B’shalom,
Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

Presidential Perspectives



I hope you all experienced a joyous Passover holiday. At my house we are just polishing off the last few pieces of Matzah today. Our Congregation Emanu El Community Seder was attended by 100 celebrants and we also experienced something new for the season.

About 90 members of the local Mormon community joined us at our temple to experience the Passover Festival in a separate ceremony held during the Passover week. The visitors prepared the meal whilst members of the congregation prepared the ceremonial foods. In sum, it was a lovely coming together of two congregations in an interfaith experience. I hope it can become a regular occurrence.

As I write this, the final decision about our interim rabbi is still ahead, but it is my fervent hope that by the time you read this, the congregation's future will be certain. The Rabbinical Search Committee has worked hard to bring the best and most suitable interim rabbi to us for the coming year. The period after Rabbi Sherwood's departure on June 4th will be covered by our Rabbi Emeritus Hillel Cohn and Cantor Bern-Vogel. Thanks go to both of them for their flexibility in this time of transition. Upon completion of the Interim Rabbinical recruitment the search for a permanent or "settled" rabbi will commence. If you have an interest in participating in this process please call me or let any member of the temple leadership know.

I would like to call your attention to some upcoming May/June events. Wednesday, May 17 our Seniors for Seniors group will be meeting in the social hall at 11:45 AM. As noted elsewhere in this Bulletin the program will feature an outstanding comedienne. On Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 PM we will have our Annual Meeting. Come and visit with your leadership as we discuss the past, present and future of CEE. There will be plenty to eat at a picnic hosted by the temple Board of Directors before the meeting. On Tuesday, May 23rd the 31st annual Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Memorial Lecture will take place. We will celebrate *Erev Shavuot* and honor our confirmands on Tuesday, May 30th. If last year's service is any indication, it will be quite a celebration. On Friday, June 2nd, we will install our new officers and boards of Sisterhood and the congregation rectors and we will bid farewell to Rabbi Sherwood as he conducts his final Friday night service on our *bema*. Please make plans to attend to honor our leadership and give Rabbi Sherwood a rousing sendoff.

*L'hitraot,
Craig Beasley*

Sisterhood Speaks



I would like to begin by first thanking both Rabbi Sherwood, Cantor Bern-Vogel and Jerry Ripley for providing a lovely Seder experience for our community. In addition, much gratitude goes to both Lorraine and Catalina for overseeing and providing a delicious accompanying meal! "Shero" awards were also presented to both magnificent ladies at the Seder. Of course, appreciation goes out to the almost 100 people who so generously supported our Sisterhood by attending the Seder.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that our Evelyn Sandler plaque has been completed and is now proudly hanging at the entrance of the Raynes Family Learning Center. Please take a moment to view the newly updated plaque during your next visit to the Temple.

I encourage all Sisterhood members to RSVP and plan on attending our upcoming brunch on May 21. We will be ratifying our new by-laws as well as voting on our new 2017-2018 Sisterhood Board slate. In true charitable Sisterhood thoughtfulness the Board voted to contribute all of our *Tzedakah* collected throughout the year towards the Rabbi Hillel and Rita Cohn Campership Fund. During the brunch we will be having an additional opportunity to further add to the amount collected.

Our next meeting will be on May 7th at 10:00 am at the Temple.

In Sisterhood,

Francesca Sweet

מזל טוב - Mazal Tov

The congregation extends a hearty Mazal Tov to Julie Goler and Paul LaZebnik on their engagement. Julie is the daughter of Bonnie and Dr. Bernie Goler.

We extend a Mazal Tov to Leah Sukenik and Daniel Katz on their engagement. Leah is the daughter of Cheryl and Howard Sukenik and the granddaughter of Carole and Phil Wizer.



The drive-through
gates of the
Home of Eternity
Cemetery & Mausoleum
will be open on
Memorial Day

Monday - May 29th
from 9:00 am to 4:00pm

RABBI DARRYL P. CRYSTAL TO SERVE AS OUR INTERIM RABBI



At a special membership meeting held on Sunday, April 30th, Rabbi Darryl P. Crystal was elected to serve as our Interim Rabbi for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. As our “Interim” rabbi, he will perform all of the rabbinical functions as well as lead us through the process of redefining our values as we engage in a search for our permanent rabbi.

Rabbi Crystal visited our congregation on April 24-25 and met with a number of our members. He conducted a learning session which was attended by over 60 members. In that session his *D’var Torah* (teaching session) centered on the theme of “To Love Peace and Pursue Peace.” He led a lively discussion of classic texts from our tradition and also shared his valuable insights on the role of an interim rabbi.

Our new rabbi is a native of Connecticut. He received his undergraduate education at the University of Maryland where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. Rabbi Crystal attended the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the seminary of reform Judaism, in Cincinnati and was ordained as a rabbi in 1985 and also received his Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters degree. Over the years he has continued to study at such outstanding institutions as the PARDES Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and the Institute for Jewish Spirituality in Northampton, MA. In 2010 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from HUC-JIR in recognition of his 25 years in the rabbinate.

From 1985 to 2003 Rabbi Crystal served as Assistant Rabbi, Associate Rabbi and then Senior Rabbi of North Shore Synagogue in Syosset, New York. In 2004 he began serving as an interim rabbi after receiving specialized training, being one of the first reform rabbis to be trained for this role. He has served as the interim rabbi in Madison, WI, Chester, CT, Skokie, IL, Newburg, NY, Chicago, IL, Owings Mill, MD, Cherry Hill, NJ, Savannah, GA, San Antonio, TX, Durham, NC, Westwood, MA and is now completing his tenure as Interim Rabbi of Temple Israel in Omaha, NE. Typically interim rabbis serve congregations for a one-year period and provide guidance for Rabbinic Search committees and key temple leadership.

In the various congregations where Rabbi Crystal has served he has been acknowledged for the outstanding contributions he made to the wellbeing of those congregations. He has helped maintain existing programs, provided resources for the initiation of new programs, served as a consultant for organizational development and enabled the congregations to make their way through the transition process to a permanent rabbi.

We look forward to Rabbi Crystal being with us for one year and are confident that he will provide us with his outstanding rabbinic skills.

**Congregation Emanu El
Annual Meeting
of the Membership
May 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm
in the Social Hall**

The Annual Meeting agenda includes the following:

- Election of officers and directors
- President's Report
- Rabbi's Report
- Presentation of the President's Award
- Overview of the Budget & Financial Report
- "Good and Welfare"
- a time for congregants to voice their concerns and propose changes

The Annual Meeting will be preceded by a Bar-B-Que dinner on the patio hosted by the current officers and Board of Directors (no charge).

Slate of Officers and Board of Directors
Any member of the congregation with more than one year of membership in good standing may submit his or her name for congregational leadership. If you would like to submit your name, please contact the temple office.

Proposed slate of Officers and Board of Directors to be voted on at the annual meeting:

President - Greg Weissman
1st Vice President - Stuart Sweet
2nd VP (none)
Secretary - Richelle Ghazal
Treasurer - Marvin Reiter
Financial Secretary - Stacy Knox
Immediate Past President - Craig Beasley

Directors, term ending 2018

*Paula Kaye
*Melissa Ladenson
*Scott Willkie
*Kathy Rosenfeld

Directors, term ending 2019

*Joel Feinstein
*Margie Orland
*Susan Shimoff
Justin Swant

Directors, term ending 2020

Julie Strain
Harriet Briant
Steve Becker
Sheri Maltzman

*=continuing directors not requiring election

**Shabbat Alive Dinner & Service
Friday, May 5, 2017**



Shabbat Alive is a community dinner followed by a participatory, musical Shabbat service in the round.

Dinner is \$10/person, but children under 10 years old pay their age. The cost at the door is \$13.00 if food is available. Please make your payment at the temple office.

This month's menu: Mexican

Dinner begins at 6:00pm

Shabbat service begins at 7:00pm

RSVP at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shabbat-alive-may-5-2017-tickets-33772503467>



***Sisterhood Spring
Brunch***

***Sunday, May 21, 2017
Catered Brunch Buffet***

Check in at 9:30 a.m.

***Program featuring
"Celebrating Jewish Happiness"
Open to all women and men***

\$15 per person

Make your reservation now.

Call the office at 909-307-0400 or

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sisterhood-brunch-may-21-2017-tickets-33719037549>

Treasurer's Report



Dear Fellow Congregants,
I hope you all had a meaningful and enjoyable Passover. It is certainly a time to recall our redemption from slavery that has enabled us to celebrate in freedom.

We are embarking once again to a new time. The congregation is in the midst of a transfer of leadership, both in the Organization as well as the Pulpit and our most important School for Jewish Living. In addition, we are tasked with preparing our Budget for the year 2017-2018. With so much in flux, it is more of a challenge than usual. In addition, this is my first attempt at preparing the budget as I inherited the last budget which we fortunately have been able to live within.

I look forward to reporting to you at the Annual Meeting, our projections and expectations for the new year.

Warmest regards,

Marvin Reiter

SCHOOL FOR JEWISH LIVING

Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 7

SUNDAY - MAY 14th - NO CLASS (Mother's Day)

SATURDAY - MAY 20th - SHABBAT SCHOOL

SUNDAY - MAY 21st - NO CLASS (Shabbat School weekend)

SUNDAY - MAY 24th - NO CLASS (Memorial Day weekend)

WEDNESDAY - MAY 31st - NO CLASS (Shavuot)

SUNDAY - JUNE 4th - CLOSING DAY

Class Parties and BBQ Lunch

Grades 8-10

SUNDAY - MAY 14th - NO CLASS (Mother's Day)

SATURDAY - MAY 20th - SHABBAT SCHOOL

SUNDAY - MAY 21st - NO CLASS (Shabbat School weekend)

SUNDAY - MAY 24th - NO CLASS (Memorial Day weekend)

TUESDAY - MAY 30th - Eve of Shavuot Service -
Confirmation

SUNDAY - JUNE 4th - CLOSING DAY



Mental Health Awareness



Our social action program, **Mental Health Awareness In Action**, will once again lead the congregation in marking the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Watch

for splashes of lime green color throughout the synagogue. Pick up your own lime green Mental Health Awareness ribbon in the Spears Family Merkaz. Wear it to indicate your support of ending the stigma by talking openly about mental illness.

We are far from the only ones rallying around mental health concerns. In fact, mental illness issues are frequently discussed in popular magazines, newspapers and in television and radio spots.

Last month during an intermission on the telecast on ESPN of the NCAA college ice hockey tournament two college hockey players were interviewed. They had been awarded hockey's humanitarian award for their efforts to raise mental health awareness on their college campus. Sadly, it was the suicide of a friend that led them to initiate this and to ultimately achieve such national prominence.

It is a fact that 50% of us will experience a mental health challenge in our lifetime. Let's stand up this May for ourselves and our loved ones who battle mental illness!

Nancy Sidhu
Heidi Nimmo

*Co-chairs,
Mental Health Awareness in Action*

Seniors for Seniors
for seniors of the greater
San Bernardino-Redlands-Highland-
Banning-Mountains
and surrounding communities

Senior Havurah
of
Temple Beth El - Riverside

Join us for a Special Lunch and Program
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Jewish Seniors of the Inland Empire

Wednesday - May 17th at 11:45 am
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Delicious Catered Salad Buffet Luncheon
\$10.00 per person

Reservations must be made by Monday - May 15th
by calling

Congregation Emanu El
(909)307-0400 or emailing cee@emanuelsb.org
or

Temple Beth El
(951)684-4511 or emailing info@tberiv.org
CAR POOLING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TEMPLE BETH EL

Rabbi Hillel Cohn to receive Honorary Doctorate from California State University, San Bernardino

Our congregation is proud of the honor to be conferred on our Rabbi Emeritus by California State University, San Bernardino. This is the first time in the history of the 23 campus university system that a rabbi is being honored in this way. The following is a somewhat abbreviated version of the communication sent out by CSUSB to its faculty and students.



California State University, San Bernardino will award Rabbi Hillel Cohn, who has led the Jewish community in the greater San Bernardino area for more than 50 years and has been a leader in a number of civic and charitable organizations and committees, a doctorate of Humane Letters during the university's commencement ceremonies on June 17.

Cohn served as rabbi of Congregation Emanu El in San Bernardino from 1963 to 2001 and was named rabbi emeritus of the synagogue. From 2014 to 2015 he returned to lead the congregation, which is now located in Redlands. In his retirement he has served congregations in Las Vegas and Palm Desert, and currently serves as rabbi of the Sun City Jewish Congregation in Palm Desert. He will be honored at the university's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences commencement.

"It is a truly deep honor to be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by California State University, San Bernardino, an institution that I have watched grow from its very beginnings into the fine educational institution it is today," Cohn said. "It has been a true blessing of my life to have been able to provide support and leadership to many organizations and causes dedicated to the enhancement of life in our city and the entire Inland Empire region while at the same time serving as rabbi of an historic congregation."

CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales said Rabbi Cohn's dedication to the community was truly inspiring.

"We are delighted to recognize Rabbi Cohn for his remarkable commitment to not only to his congregation, but also to the city of San Bernardino, the inland region and Cal State San Bernardino," said Morales. "He has worked tirelessly to promote understanding, tolerance and diversity not just within the Jewish religion, but with all faiths. We are truly blessed and better people because of his dedication."

A native of Germany, Cohn was brought to the United States as an infant by his parents, who were refugees from Nazism. He grew up in the Pacific Northwest, as well as Southern California. Cohn came to Congregation Emanu El in 1963 to serve as assistant rabbi with Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim. In 1964, he was named co-rabbi and in 1971 he became the senior rabbi of the congregation. During his tenure, Cohn compiled numerous prayer books, oversaw the construction of the Norman F. Feldheim Religious Education Center, and wrote two national award-winning curriculums for the congregation's Jewish education program.

A frequent participant on radio and television programs, Cohn and the late Dr. William Loveless of the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network, co-hosted and produced "Options", a series of televised conversations on contemporary moral and spiritual issues on the International 7th Day Adventist Television Network. For a number of years he was a regular participant on "Religion on the Line", a popular radio show on KABC in Los Angeles. He produced and hosted "The Many Faces of San Bernardino: Dialogues on Diversity, a regular half-hour program on KCSB (Channel 3);

served as editor of the CCAR Newsletter, the monthly publication of all reform rabbis in the world; and currently edits Ohr L'Naorrr, the newsletter of the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis. Cohn continues to be called on frequently to speak to religious and civic groups locally and throughout the nation. He is also the author of Haggadah for Passover, and his sermons have been published regularly in various publications.

Some of the community board's that Cohn currently serves on include: the CSUSB College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Development Council; the Morrow-McCombs Memorial Lecture Advisory Board; the Brightest Star; Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties; the Inland and Desert Hillel Council, which serves Jewish students of the region; the Community Foundation of Riverside and San Bernardino; Making Hope Happen Foundation of the SBCUSD; Think Together; and the Diocesan Health Care Committee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino.

In 2010 he served as the chairperson of the San Bernardino Bicentennial Commission and is currently a member of the Citizens Volunteer Charter Review Committee of the City of San Bernardino. He also served on The Unforgettables Foundation, the San Bernardino City Library Foundation, St. Bernardine Medical Center Foundation and as the founding chairperson of the City of San Bernardino Human Relations Commission.

Cohn has also served as president or chairperson of the San Bernardino Area Mental Health Association, the Family Service Agency, the San Bernardino Clergy Association, Paradise Lodge #237 B'nai B'rith and the San Bernardino United Jewish Welfare Fund. He was also a founder of ICUC, Inland Congregations United for Change and for the past 30 years he has been a leading member of the Priest-Rabbi Dialogue, a project jointly sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Board of Rabbis of Southern California.

Some of the honors that Cohn has received include: the Time for Change Foundation Humanitarian Award, Community Honoree by the Western Inland Empire Coalition Against Hate;; the "Man in the Spirit of Martin Luther King" Award from the African-American Churches of the Inland Empire; the Dale Evans-Roy Rogers Award for a Lifetime of Commitment to the Spirituality of Children from the Loma Linda University Medical Center, the Black Rose Award of the San Bernardino Black Culture Foundation; the Our Lady of Guadalupe Award and "Amar Es Entregarse" Award of the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Additionally Cohn has served as treasurer and board member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, president of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis and as president of the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis. He also served as West Coast chairperson of the Rabbinic Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal and as a member of the national Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Cohn received a B.A. in political science from UCLA. His rabbinical training was at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and Cincinnati, where he was ordained as a rabbi in 1963 and received a master's degree. He earned a doctor of ministry degree from the Claremont School of Theology in 1984, specializing in ethics and communication and in 1988 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by the Hebrew Union College.

Rabbi Cohn and his wife Rita live in San Bernardino and have two children, Elana Cohn-Rozansky and Marc Cohn, and four grandchildren, Jeremy and Adam Rozansky and Sarah and Leah Cohn.

**Our Food Pantry is Bare!
Donations Desperately Needed**



Please bring **NON-PERISHABLE** dry or canned foods to the temple for the Cornerstone Chuch Food Pantry.

If you prefer, you may purchase Stater Bros. scrip cards, which will then be used by Cornerstone Church.



We will be beginning the rabbinic search process.

If you are interested in being a member of this committee or have thoughts to share regarding the committee, please contact the temple office at 909-307-0400.

This is your temple and your feedback is very important to us.

Thank you,
The Board of Congregation Emanu El

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**On the 2nd Friday of each month
join us for an Erev Shabbat experience
for children in Pre-K through 1st grade
(but all are welcome to join in!)**

**Join Rabbi Jay Sherwood for
a 30-minute service
with music, stories and a Hershey's kiss
to welcome the sweet Shabbat**

Upcoming Dates:

May 12 - 6:00pm-6:30 pm

Congregation Emanu El

presents the

31st Annual Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Memorial Lecture



The Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Memorial Lecture was established in 1985 at the time of his death by members of Congregation Emanu El as well as many friends in the wider community. Rabbi Feldheim served as rabbi of Congregation Emanu El in San Bernardino from 1937 to 1971 and as Rabbi Emeritus from 1971 until his death. He was called to serve as a chaplain in the United States Army twice - once in World War II (1942-46) where he served in the European Theatre and once in the Korean conflict (1950-52). He was awarded the Bronze Star and six battle medals. In recognition of his notable leadership San Bernardino's Central Library was named the "Norman F. Feldheim Central Library." Over the years the annual lecture has dealt with some of Rabbi Feldheim's major interests including Art, Dreams, Interfaith activities and Social Justice. This year, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Jewish Welfare Board which provides for the needs of Jewish military personnel, the Lecture will deal with Jews in the military and the special role of Jewish chaplains.

CHAPLAIN (Col.) BONNIE KOPPELL

will speak on

"ARMY CHAPLAIN: WHAT KIND OF JOB IS THAT FOR A NICE JEWISH GIRL?"

Tuesday - May 23, 2017 - 7:30pm

Congregation Emanu El - 1495 Ford Street - Redlands, CA

Rabbi Bonnie Koppell became the first female rabbi to serve as a Chaplain in the US Military. Upon her rabbinic ordination at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1981 she entered the chaplaincy. She is currently the Command Chaplain for the 870th Medical Command (Deployment Support) and also serves as a Chaplain (Colonel) in the United States Army Reserve. She has received numerous military awards including three Meritorious Service medals, two Army Achievement medals, Army Physical Fitness Excellence awards, Army Commendation medal, two Legion of Merit Awards and in 2013 received a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. She served a year of active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle and was awarded the Global War on Terrorism medal for her service in Iraq in 2005. In recent years she has served Jewish military personnel in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq. Rabbi Koppell retired in 2015 after 38 years of military service. Currently she serves as Associate Rabbi of Temple Chai in Phoenix, Arizona.



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Contributing to the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Memorial Lecture Fund

Much of the history of our congregation and community is bound up with the life of the late Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim. He served as rabbi of our congregation from 1937 to 1971 and then as rabbi emeritus from 1971 until his death in 1985. Rabbi Feldheim was born in New York on July 2, 1906 and was raised in Oakland. After being ordained at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1932 he served Congregation Kol Shearith Israel in Panama until coming to San Bernardino. During his years as our rabbi he served in the military chaplaincy twice, once in World War II and once during the Korean conflict.

At the time of Rabbi Feldheim's death an annual Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Memorial Lectureship was established through contributions made in his memory by members and friends of the congregation. Each year we have been able to bring noted speakers to our community to speak on areas that were of special interest to Rabbi Feldheim. The interest from the fund has generally been providing these annual programs which have been held each February since 1986, close to the time of his Yahrzeit. With the increasing costs of travel expenses and honorariums to the speakers it has been necessary to use some of the principal of the fund and it is obvious that the fund will be depleted within a few years.

We invite contributions in his memory to supplement the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Memorial Lecture Fund and to assure the continued ability of the fund to provide the lectures. It would be a most fitting way to honor the memory of our late beloved and revered rabbi and teacher. Please send your contribution to the temple and note that it is to the Feldheim Lecture Fund. A list of contributors will be published in the June bulletin. You might also wish to bring this special giving opportunity to the attention of former residents of our community who held Rabbi Feldheim in such high esteem.

**We join in celebrating
יום העצמאות
Yom Ha-Atzmaut
Israeli Independence Day**



**marking the
69th anniversary
of the establishment of the
State of Israel**

**which falls this year on
May 1, 2017**

A Prayer for Yom Ha-Atzmaut

Eternal God, Guardian of Israel and Redeemer of humanity, grant that Zion may be a safe shelter for its children, and a light to the nations. Give its people strength to build a land in which the vision of justice and mercy shall be fulfilled for the good of all its inhabitants. Then shall the brightness of truth, compassion and peace shine forth from Zion, as it is written:

**כִּי מִצִּיּוֹן תֵּצֵא תוֹרָה,
וְדִבַּר-יְהוָה מִירוּשָׁלַיִם.**

Out of Zion shall go forth God's Teaching, and the word of the Eternal One from Jerusalem.

From Siddur Lev Chadash,
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יום הולדת שמח!!! Happy Birthday!!!

We rejoice with those whose birthdays occur in May and wish them a *Mazal Tov*:

1-May	Sidra Knox (17 years old)	18-May	Bodhi Freimuth (6 years old)
2-May	Marjorie Henkin	19-May	Claudia Avalos
3-May	Michael Smith	20-May	Adrian Cardoza
3-May	Jeffrey Rosenfeld	21-May	Joan Selvin
4-May	Jacqueline Guzik	21-May	Elizabeth Cohen
7-May	Michael Reiter	21-May	Catherine Hiller
8-May	Shirley Pyrtle	23-May	Mara Winick
8-May	Damon Needelman	25-May	Anita Mishook
9-May	Donald Weissman	25-May	Mitchell Raynes
9-May	Jerry Mathews	28-May	Grace Harris
11-May	Geraldine Schwartz	28-May	Maxwell Raynes (10 years old)
11-May	Daniele Maltzman	28-May	Nina Brown (9 years old)
12-May	Roberta Gold	29-May	Esther Hodes
12-May	Daniel Trainor	29-May	Aleah Lang (8 years old)
12-May	Troy Freimuth	30-May	Noah Raynes (8 years old)
12-May	Peytra Becker-Kurily	31-May	Richard Kramer
13-May	Micah Snyder (6 years old)	31-May	Jeffrey Henkin
14-May	Bradley Hyman	31-May	Sheri Maltzman
15-May	David Swedlove		

Happy Anniversary מזל טוב!

We extend a hearty *Mazal Tov* to the following whose wedding anniversaries occur in the month of May:

2-May	Val & Sharon Lang	20-May	Carol & Mark Uffer
3-May	Denise & Mark Schnitzer	22-May	Shelley & Joseph Bodnar
8-May	Dorene & David Cohen	25-May	Caroline Daravi & Fariborz Lalezarzadeh
9-May	Myriam & Francisco Acevedo	26-May	Karen & Stephen Levine
11-May	Alexander & Julia Brown	28-May	Sheila & Bernie Barrad
16-May	Mary-Ann & Robert Sherwood		

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**Do you have a special occasion to commemorate?
Anniversary? Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Birthday? Graduation?
Celebrate it with the entire
Congregation Emanu El community!
Purchase a leaf on our beautiful
Simcha Tree for your special occasion.
Call the temple office to order your leaf today!**

Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the month of-May: Those with a (★) are inscribed on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial:

May 5-6	May 12-13	May 19-20	May 26-27
Sarah Berman ★ Samuel Black Sam Cherry Max Chodak ★ Mendel David Maynard Davis ★ Frances Dryer ★ Abraham Feldstein Abraham Glogas Allan Golant ★ Leah Harris ★ Marcelle Harris ★ Meyer Horwitz Eleanor Isenberg Sam Isenberg ★ Leah Jarcho ★ Helen Katz ★ Florence Kavovit ★ William Klayman ★ Gertrude Orland Salle Rosenfeld ★ Sara Roskin ★ Lewis Rothstein Milton Rubin ★ Bella Safford Leo Sax ★ Annette Schwartz ★ Jocelyne Schwartz Edythe Secouler ★ Louis Shvemar ★ Lester Silberstein ★ Jack Skadron ★ Sydney Snyder ★ Nathan Wechsler Shirley Williky	★ Evelyn Barrad-Zerr Belle Cohen Shereley Davis ★ Howard Doros ★ Ernst Feblowicz ★ Jesse Feldheim ★ Ethel Finkelstein ★ Anna Gale ★ Lewis Greenky Jennie Gross Bernard Israel Rubin Keyser ★ Isaac Klein ★ Eva Krosner ★ I. Eileen Leinen ★ Helen Mertens ★ Carrie Newberger Sam Nisenhaltz Art Pickus ★ William Russler ★ Harold Schnitzer ★ Louise Shimoff Leona Stuckey ★ Edward Unickel ★ Sam Wallenstein Lester Wishnatzki	Catherine Arnold ★ Lena Axelrod ★ Charlotte Berman Maureen Blanch ★ Frank Coleman Charlotte Cramer Patricia Foist ★ Emma Fox ★ Bertha Gold ★ Isadore Goldberg ★ Eugene Goodman ★ Joseph Goodz ★ Moses Gottlieb ★ Esther Hanover Meyer Jacobs ★ Nathan Jacobs Patricia Jenkins ★ Isabelle Klein Betty Kurtzer ★ Cecile Lerner ★ Sandra Lubell ★ Alice Mamet ★ Robert Medvedeff ★ Julius Mishook Harriet Moniak ★ David Patrovsky ★ Barney Pollack ★ Rebecca Press ★ Ruth Press ★ Robert Rhein Chaim Sadacca Claire Schatz ★ Sharon Spears ★ Fanny Sperber ★ Jeni Stein Simon Tishkoff Paula Virshup Raymond Weiner ★ Rose Weinstein Margaret Wizer	★ Leah Adelman ★ Florence Berzosky ★ Kevin Brill ★ Krana Brill Dorothy Brin ★ William Ceizler Merchant Cushing ★ Nina Eden Kathryn Fannin Oletta Furnash Dorothy Gaynor ★ Joseph Jarsky Fanny Kaicener Barbara Kartun Juda Katz ★ Rubin Keyser ★ Bob Kipper ★ Bunea Kipper ★ Esther Kizner Benjamin Kovitz ★ Lena Krauss ★ Maxim Magid ★ H. Meyers ★ Bernard Minas Gail Nachman ★ Herman Neisen ★ Harry Press Jack Rifkin Sophie Rudnick Barbara Jo Schapiro ★ Gertrude Seffers ★ Gertrude Simon ★ Harry Stept Barbara Sukenik ★ Louis Wagner ★ Sam Weinberg ★ Leona Wing

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