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From the Rabbi's Study... As The Year Turns

Rabbi Lisa Edwards



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Can it be that we have arrived again at the month of Elul (don't I say that every year?) inviting us to

take a steady, if fast-paced walk into the Days of Awe? I am so delighted to be welcoming Cantor Juval Porat back to BCC, this time as BCC's cantor. And pleased also to be sharing the bimah during the Days of Awe and throughout this year with our new student rabbi, Lindy Davidson. Most of us already know Juval a little bit anyway, enough to be thrilled that he is joining us. And every time I mention Lindy to people from HUC, their faces light up – "You're going to love her!" "Oh, she'll be such a good fit for BCC." "Lucky you!" Join me in welcoming Lindy and her family to BCC.

By the time you read this Juval, Lindy and I will be well underway in our preparations for the Days of Awe. As always we couldn't do it without Victoria, Felicia, Tim and various super volunteers paving the way for us, making our annual trek easier as we make our way from BCC to Temple Isaiah – our synagogue home away from home

– and as we join together in full community to see the turning of another year.

From the beginning of Elul (this year it began on the evening of August 20) through the end of Yom Kippur, Jewish tradition offers us a forty-day period set aside for each of us to examine our life in depth, to consider with great care how we are living. It's a time to start making changes if we need to. For some people it is an opportunity not just to change one's life, but to get a life... a time to discover, for example, that making a living is not necessarily the same thing as making a *life*. Perhaps an especially important thought here in this still unpredictable economy.

What a gift we Jews give ourselves, forty days every year set aside to talk to ourselves and then to talk to others — to talk about what we have done well and what we have done poorly, to talk about how we have acted ethically and how we have violated our own code of ethics, and God's. A time to ask forgiveness and where possible, to grant forgiveness. Forty days set aside to reflect and repent, to acknowledge to ourselves and others what we have done, to try to correct the mistakes we have made, to resolve not to make them again, to take steps not to make them again.

In the midst of these weeks of self-

High Holidays 5770 with BCC

Saturday, Sept. 12
Selichot Program and Service
at BCC, 10:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 18
Erev Rosh Hashanah
Temple Isaiah, 8:00 pm
Oneg following services

Saturday, Sept. 19
Rosh Hashanah Morning
Temple Isaiah, 9:30 am
Catered lunch following services
Telephone Minyan 4:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 20
Second Day Rosh Hashanah
at BCC, 10:00 am

Tashlich Service
at Venice Beach 4:00 pm
Dinner at Allison Diamant's
Home, 6:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 25
Shabbat Shuvah
at BCC, 8:00 pm
Ruach Chayim

Sunday, Sept. 27
Kol Nidre
Temple Isaiah, 7:00 pm

Monday, Sept. 28
Yom Kippur Morning
Temple Isaiah, 10:00 am
Afternoon Breakout
Sessions 2:00 pm
Telephone Minyan 2:30 pm
Yizkor Memorial Service
4:30 pm
Afternoon and Neilah
Service 5:30 pm
Community Break-fast
7:00 pm

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reflection and self-repair, we also find ourselves in the midst of Torah portions that summon us to action for the greater good. *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof* – justice, justice you shall pursue. Instructions about governance and judgment, about war and how to fight it, about treatment of those in need (see Torah portions in the middle of Deuteronomy such as *Re'eh* and *Shoftim*). Lest we think that *tshuvah* is a selfish act, we are reminded that our pursuit of justice and our partnership in the care of the world is also part of God's intention for us, part of what we need to be examining at this time of year.

When BCC was picketed in June by members of Fred Phelps's Westboro Baptist Church (Godhatesfags.com) in June, a number of our neighbors let them know they were not welcome. It was a good reminder to us that we live in harmony with our neighbors on Pico and Stearns. But it also made me realize we hardly know most of those neighbors. Through a fortunate coming together of circumstances, though, we'll soon be reaching out and getting more involved. Our work and planning for

our new building at 6090 W. Pico continues with invaluable participation from members of our congregation, most especially Ira Dankberg, who has spent countless hours during the last few months overseeing the long and complicated process of evaluating the building and obtaining the proper permits from the city. Among the requirements is making certain the neighbors around 6090 will be glad for our presence in the neighborhood. Hand-in-hand with that outreach to neighbors comes BCC's increasing involvement with One LA, a citywide neighborhood advocacy and social change organization. As we create a new synagogue home for ourselves, we're also working to create a better neighborhood (and world).

May this month of Elul and the Days of Awe that follow be a time of *tshuvah*, of "turning" for us all: may we turn toward one another and toward God, may we each turn into the person we want to be, may we turn the teachings of a Book into the living of a life.

L'shalom
Rabbi Lisa Edwards

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President's Message

A Few Words from Bruce...

Bruce Maxwell



It is with great honor that I address you for the first time as President of Beth Chayim Chadashim.

When I began serving on the Board of BCC in February 2006, I was impressed with the quality of our Congregation's leadership, but just as important was how much each of them truly cared about and loved this community. But that love does not end with those serving on the Board or in any other leadership position. The members of BCC have built a truly loving and wonderful community that will soon begin its 38th year!

BCC is not just another Congregation. BCC is a very special place, founded by special people with a

vision that continues to shape how we will succeed in the years ahead. In a time when being publicly "out" often meant risking one's career, one's family and one's friends, the founders of BCC were a courageous group of gay and lesbian Jews who decided to hold a Friday night service in one of their homes. Their original idea was simply to provide a safe and comforting place for Jewish gays and lesbians to worship together. Certainly no other synagogue, Reform, Conservative or otherwise would dare to openly welcome gays and lesbians into their Congregation, let alone to provide a safe place for them to meet one another, pray together, socialize and organize.

We've come a long way since those days, but I hold firmly to the belief that BCC exists to fulfill this same need today. Sure, many other Congregations have opened their doors to G's B's L's T's and even

Q's...but here we are a community. We respect each other, we pray, learn, study, socialize, celebrate, mourn and laugh together. Hey, we are even building together. Our commitment to each other is so strong that we've outgrown our home of the past 31 years, and are soon to be the owners of a new and bigger home for our Congregation.

Several people have asked me what my vision for BCC might be. Well, I can probably best answer that your vision is my vision. When Brett became President in 2005, he met with a large number of you one-on-one and asked some very pointed questions. Each of you responded with what you wanted BCC to look like in both the near and long-term. Now I realize we've brought in many new members since 2005, and I hope to attract and bring in many new members

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BCC—a Full-Service Synagogue

As I begin my fifth year in a row as editor of *G'vanim*, I am proud once again to be able to showcase all that BCC has to offer as a full-service synagogue. In this issue you will find words of wisdom for the Days of Awe from our Rabbi Lisa Edwards, and introductory columns from our new President Bruce Maxwell, our new Cantor Juval Porat, and our new Student Rabbi Lindy Davidson (pages 1-6).

Our very busy schedule of services continues after High Holidays with Sukkot and Simchat Torah (see pages 6-7), and of course our regular Shabbat services including our special musical Ruach Chayim service every month. And we continue our more than 30-year

tradition of a monthly service at a local convalescent home with Project Caring (see page 7). Along with Project Caring, our involvement with social action in the wider Los Angeles community continues with our Tzedakah Council (page 9) and Project Chicken Soup (preparing hot meals for people living with HIV/AIDS, see calendar on page 15 for dates), and is expanding this year with our participation in One LA (page 8).

We also endeavor to meet our educational needs with a variety of programs including our religious school (with new teachers and expanded programs, see page 10), our monthly book discussion group (page 8), and upcoming adult classes. We also nourish our social

and community needs with our Men's, Women's, and 20s/30s Havurot (pages 11 and 13), our Life Transitions Group (page 13), and our tradition of recognizing the milestones and accomplishments of our congregants in our "mazel tov" column (page 14). And our Executive Director Felicia Park-Rogers helps us keep track of it all with her column on the many ways we can stay connected with BCC (page 12).

And we'll soon be preparing our new building so we'll have more space in which to do it all. There's something for everyone here, so read, enjoy, and get involved!

Larry Nathenson
Editor

each year in the future as well.

I would also propose to meet with as many of you as I can, to hear directly from you what you see as BCC's vision. Where do you want us to be in two years? ...in five years? ...in ten years? What are we doing right? What can we do better? I will take a proactive approach and begin to reach out to many of you myself, but please if you would like to meet me sooner, I encourage you to contact me and let's set a time to get together and talk.

In these last years a number of changes have taken place. None of these could have occurred successfully if it were not for the decision to bring on an Executive Director. Starting from her first day Felicia has added a level of professionalism to everything we do. Our events, our fundraising, our membership, our publications, our public relations, our outreach, our education, our lay leadership and even our clergy all operate so much more efficiently with Felicia around. Felicia also leads a very dedicated group of BCC staff who work very hard to ensure that our operations flow smoothly: Victoria Delgadillo, who is entering her 13th year as our Office Manager, Leah Zimmerman, our Education Director, Ralph Cataldo, our bookkeeper, and Tim Goad, our custodian.

In addition, we've started and completed the single most successful Capital Campaign drive for a small Congregation that our fundraising consultant Mark Randall had ever witnessed. This Congregation raised pledge commitments of \$3.2 Million Dollars. That's almost twice what he or anyone expected we'd raise. We've shopped and entered into escrow on a building. In the next few months, we will close escrow and begin construction on our new building. Soon, we'll refer to 6090 (as opposed to 6000) West Pico as our new home.

We've reformulated and modernized our Membership Contribution policies and procedures.

We've started a religious school for our youngsters.

We've started our Ruach Chayim service, reinforcing our tradition of rich and original music here at BCC.

We have formalized our outreach to the younger community, through our 20's & 30's Havurah.

We have said good-bye to our long-time Cantorial Soloist, Fran Chalin, and hello to our new Cantor Juval Porat.

We have had a couple of extremely talented and gifted Student Rabbis grace us with their presence and knowledge. In particular, I would like to thank Rabbi Joe Hample, for over the past two years serving as our Student Rabbi, for giving to BCC so much more than he can ever imagine. And I'd like to welcome our new Student Rabbi for 5770, Lindy Davidson.

And we are truly blessed to have Rabbi Lisa Edwards these past 15 years. One tangible benefit of taking on a leadership role at BCC is getting to know Rabbi Lisa even better. Having Rabbi Lisa Edwards available to each of us is worth the cost of your membership contribution. If you have not had the opportunity to get to know Lisa better, make it your goal to do so this year.

I would like to briefly thank a few people for their service and commitment to BCC. We have several departing Board members; when you see them please join me in thanking Aaron Tornell, Davi Cheng, Avram Chill and Erik Hyman for their dedicated service to BCC. Additionally, I am pleased to announce that Robin Berkovitz, David Mozes, Jerry Nodiff, Cecilia Quigley Groman, Hannah Theile and Maggie Parkhurst will each continue

to serve on our Board. And I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members to our Board of Directors: Eric Kamm, Kadin Henningsen and Julie Gertler. Each of our Board members is open to hearing from you, our members.

I have also had the privilege of working with an amazing group of officers. Our Executive Committee has included Dr. Allison Diamant, The Honorable Judge Donna Groman, and Dr. Brett Trueman. With the

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recent filling of our second Vice President position by Lauren Schlau, we have an extremely talented group of people dedicated to leading BCC into this next year.

Next, I would like to pay a special attention to all our past Presidents at BCC, in particular to Davi for dedicating so much of her time and energy towards the betterment of BCC and our community. Davi has taught us all that compassion and humility and modesty are traits to be truly proud of and she has done this in her own quiet and dignified manner.

Finally, I would like to single out Brett for a moment. Brett has been my leadership mentor here at BCC. I never really wanted to get involved in leadership at BCC until he showed me that getting involved can be fun and rewarding. I thank him for agreeing to stay active in BCC leadership by once again committing to becoming our Treasurer.

Thank you all for your confidence in me, and I look forward to serving you as BCC President and to seeing you all at High Holidays.

Shana Tova,
Bruce Maxwell

Our New Student Rabbi **Lindy Davidson**



Hi. My name is Lindy Reznick Davidson and I'm excited to become a new part of the BCC

community as a rabbinic intern/student rabbi in 5770.

From a very young age my mother taught me the power of stories and storytelling. Together she and I would pass time by making up stories as we walked, waited or cuddled together. Understanding each other's stories can only help us to better connect to one another. As far back as I can remember I had a passion for the arts, drama and dance. I have always used this passion to reach others, educate, and inspire. Following my passion for the arts I studied Theater and Dance for my Bachelor of Arts at the University of California at Santa Cruz. My love of languages, beginning with Spanish, has led me to travel all over the world. I have lived in South America and Israel, and have visited Jewish communities in Egypt, Spain, Italy, Prague, the former Soviet Union, Greece and Turkey, to name a few.

After pursuing my undergraduate degree I decided to move to Israel and explore my Jewish roots up close and personal. I lived in Israel for two years following college, where I worked for Hillel doing outreach for Jewish students. In addition I studied and lived in a variety of cities in Israel while on Project Otzma working with Israelis of all ages from different parts of the country. I came home for a summer expecting to return to Israel the

following fall, only to meet my husband in Santa Monica. Engagement, marriage and graduate school delayed our return to Israel for a few years after that. While stateside I continued pursuing my three loves, art, education and Judaism. I was a Jewish educator for a number of years, taking on a combination of jobs that spanned my fields of interest.

My husband Matt shares my passion for the arts and Judaism as both a musician and composer and as Program Director at Kehillat Israel Reconstructionist Congregation in Pacific Palisades. He has also won a number of distinguished awards for his Jewish music. Our daughter Clara, who is two-and-a-half, already loves music, as one can observe when she rocks out at Shabbat services. She has been hearing wonderful music since she was in the womb.

After a few years I knew it was time to continue to learn and grow, and I decided to pursue a dual masters degree. I attended HUC-JIR for a Masters in Jewish communal service, paired with a Master of Public Art Studies from USC. I received a fellowship to take my "public art" work to the Jewish community. I led workshops, studied with wonderful Jewish artists and was finally combining my passions for the arts and Judaism in one career path. But at HUC I realized that my deep desire of becoming a rabbi was not quieted by my current graduate degree. I decided I could no longer ignore the calling and had to step up to the plate. Upon graduating with a MAJCS and MPAS in May, the next month Matt and I were off to Israel to start my first year of rabbinic school at HUC.

This year I enter my fifth and final

year in rabbinic school at Hebrew Union College, now with two children in tow. Our newest arrival, Isaiah Benjamin (Izzy), is almost four months old and has already brought our family much joy and happiness. While the path has not been an easy one, I am so grateful for the opportunity that becoming a rabbi provides me. My work creates opportunities for sacred connections with both God and others in our community. I look forward to getting to know all of you better as our time together progresses. Please introduce yourself to me, so I can learn your names and stories.

Together may we uncover the elements of ourselves and our stories that are most meaningful to us, and may we learn and grow into a thriving, educated Jewish community rich with love and energy to make positive change. May we all be blessed with a new year of growth!



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Juval Porat

As we have previously reported, Cantor Juval Porat returns to us for High Holy Days this year, and will grace our bimah for Friday night services throughout the year as well. Juval was ordained this June by the Abraham Geiger College in Berlin, the first liberal Jewish seminary in Continental Europe since the Shoah, and is the first cantor invested in Germany since before World War II. Juval will also lead the monthly

Ruach Chayim musical service that we have come to enjoy so much these past few years. Here are a few of Juval's thoughts on joining the BCC community.

So here I am. As I write these lines, it has been about three and a half weeks since I got on a plane from Berlin to Los Angeles to begin what I consider to be a new

chapter in my life. Everything is still very new to me: the music, the people, the landscape, the weather, the architecture...I could go on and on.

Many of you have asked if the move has been difficult for me. I'd be lying if I said that it's easy. But, getting used to everything is quite an experience and I'm happy to be going through it. Fortunately, friends, family and loved ones have helped to make the adjustment process easier.

For a very long time, and especially during my cantorial studies over the last four and a half years, I have been soothed, touched and comforted by music. It doesn't matter which style or which instrument; music for me has always had the power to reach my inner self, to change my breath, my energy and even my perspective. With the help of the beautiful choir as well as other BCC members, I'll do my best to offer the congregation music that will enable self-reflection and transformation, and that will strengthen BCC in its prayers and as a community. I look forward to experiencing this new chapter in my life with all of you.

High Holy Days Preparation Classes

Please join the BCC clergy for a series of invigorating, investigative, insightful classes preparing for the Days of Awe during the month of Elul. You may attend one or all of the classes. As is our tradition, there is no charge for these classes. All are welcome to come together as we pave the way for Days of Awe to come.

The first two sessions (led by Rabbis Joe Hample and Lisa Edwards) will have passed by the time you read this, but here's what will be covered in the remainder of this exciting series:

Tuesday, September 8 (20 Elul)
7:00 pm at BCC:

Tools for Elul: Spiritual Renewal in 5770
with Student Rabbi Lindy Davidson

Are you looking for something different this New Year? Take some time to refocus yourself and create some spiritual goals as we learn together. This year make good on your promises and start out the year with a spiritual toolbox that can help 5770 become one of renewal. Come and learn many practical methods that will awaken your mind, body and soul.

Tuesday, September 15 (27 Elul)
7:00 pm at BCC:

Entering the Post-honeymoon Phase,
with Cantor Juval Porat

Unlike other Jewish holidays, the High Holidays are not celebrated as historical or seasonal events. Instead, after what seems to be a veritable love fest between God and us throughout most of the Jewish year, the High Holidays break that pattern and turn the focus on ourselves as human beings and on our interactions with each other. We are reminded of - and find ourselves dealing with - our fragility, our vulnerability, our power to create, destroy, accept and forgive in every moment of our lives.

Please join Cantor Juval for a look at some of the most distinctive liturgical parts of the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, how they illuminate for us the process of moving from judging to forgiving, and what we can learn from them.

Selichot, our entry into the Days of Awe

Our preparation for the Days of Awe continues with a spiritual evening of reflection, music and prayer on Saturday evening, September 12 from 10 pm until midnight, at BCC. Get acquainted with Cantor Porat and our new student rabbi, Lindy Davidson, as they join Rabbi Edwards for a contemplative evening bidding farewell to the last Shabbat of the year 5769. Light refreshments will be available.

Once a month I carry my box of percussion instruments, a boom box and CD's, and a Torah to the Country Villa Wilshire Convalescent Home at 855 N. Fairfax. I do this in order to bring a Shabbat feeling to the Jewish and non-Jewish residents of this facility. This project has been a tradition of BCC for over 25 years. A small group of BCC members have found joy in the mitzvah of visiting the residents one Shabbat each month.

Beginning with a very upbeat version of Shalom Aleichem, the tambourines, maracas, bells, and sticks are passed out. Residents, who very seldom speak, welcome the instruments into their hands and keep to the beat of the music as we thank God for this wonderful day.

Hallelujah is a word that is said in many religions. We all sing Hallelujah together with the music of Debbie

Friedman and the little social hall of the facility becomes a holy place. I look into the eyes of residents and see a sparkle of life. In their eyes I see the connection to God and great appreciation for this time that we share.

I feel blessed to carry on this BCC tradition. You are welcome to join us the second Saturday of each month (though in September we meet on September 26 — change of dates happen from time to time so check the calendar and weekly email). No Hebrew necessary (but knowing Russian is a plus). The musical Shabbat gathering is from 11:00 am until about 11:45. You are welcome to come earlier or stay after to visit with residents. Come join us once and experience why we continue this mitzvah.

For more information or questions, please contact Bonnie Leopold at chaplainbonnieL@aol.com or 310-613-3559.

Shofar Blowing, Parkhurst Style

From Maggie Parkhurst: I know the Days of Awe are supposed to be serious, but I wanted to share something fun. To announce the upcoming holy days, Jews blow the shofar every day of the month of Elul until Rosh Hashanah. In case you aren't able to hear the shofar sounded in person, here's the next best thing: my husband Dave and grandson Nathan [age 21/2] perform a duet for shofar and baritone horn:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO9USyx5Pg0>. Since it's so short, you could watch it any day that you can't get to shul to hear the shofar blown. Enjoy.

BCC Celebrates Sukkot

Join Cantor Porat and Student Rabbi Lindy Davidson for a very special Shabbat to celebrate the festival of Sukkot on Friday, October 2 at 8:00 pm.

The Parkhurst family will host a lovely Sukkot celebration under the Sukkah for the entire BCC community on Saturday, October 3 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend and to shake that lulav! Please bring a vegetarian dish of food to share. RSVP by Oct 1 for address to bcc@bcc-la.org.

Simchat Torah and Yizkor for BCC and BCC's kids too

On Friday, October 9 BCC will pull out all the stops for our annual celebration of reaching the end of the Torah cycle and rolling to the beginning of the Torah. Join us for dance, song, and revelry. Ohr Chayim families and all families with children will get an early start at 6:30. More details to come—but save the date now and don't miss this wonderful BCC tradition!

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BCC is well on its way to becoming an active congregation with One LA. For those who don't yet know, One LA is part of a national organization called the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), which brings together churches, synagogues, unions, schools, and non-profits to work on social problems at their roots.



At the One LA house meeting at Barbara and Ruth's home: Back row, left to right: Sylvia Sukop, Bonnie Kaplan, Barbara Kroll, Rabbi Lisa Edwards, Eric Kamm, Naomi Katz; bottom row: Jerry Nodiff, Ruth Spielman, Elan Babchuck

On August 23, we had our first strategy session at the home of Rabbi Lisa and Tracy, led by our One LA organizer, rabbinic student Elan Babchuck. Elan is leaving Los Angeles to resume his rabbinic studies in Israel in late August. Robert Hoo, another competent One LA organizer

who will continue the work with BCC, was able to join us as well. Other participants included Eric Kamm, Julie Gertler, Dominique Bender, Rabbi Joe Hample, and myself.

To date Rabbi Lisa and I have been to two "actions" or assemblies together. Gavi Ruit, Avram Chill, and Murray Aronson have each joined us for one of these assemblies. For me, the most powerful one was on July 12 at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, where about 750 people gathered to hear proposals from One LA including one on mortgage foreclosures. L.A. city council members Wendy Greuel, Jose Huizar, and Bernard Parks, plus Ramon Cortines, Superintendent of LAUSD, committed to supporting these proposals.

We have had three house meetings at the homes of David Mozes and Peter Bastien, Barbara Kroll and Ruth Spielman, and my own. Some 30 BCCers participated in one or more of these meetings. We shared the concerns that are troubling us in these difficult times: unemployment, health care, mortgage foreclosure, a cross-walk in front of BCC, hunger, and the

need for political reform in California. The gatherings underscored the precarious edge to our lives, our loved ones, and people we know.

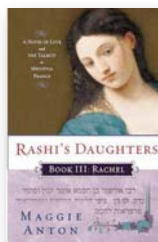
California is the world's eighth largest economy, and yet we are a social/economic basket case. Some 40% of the nation's mortgage foreclosures are here in our state. The recent special mass offering of free medical care in Inglewood pointed up the desperate need for health care many people face. The new state budget will have grave cuts affecting the lives of our state's most vulnerable people: the poor, elderly, ill, and those with HIV.

In keeping with the introspective spirit of the High Holy Days we will offer a conversation during the Yom Kippur break. The Days of Awe offer us time to look at our relationships, our hopes and frustrations, and our visions. What qualities or strengths do we want for this New Year? Is empowerment among them? If we truly want a country and state that are different from these past eight years, what can you and I do to promote that social change? Join our conversation! Please contact me at jerdn2@gmail.com for more information on One LA.

BCC Book Group

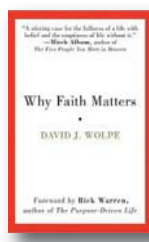
Larry Nathenson

For nearly fifteen years, BCC members and friends have gathered in private homes for monthly potluck brunches and discussion of books selected by the group. Fiction and non-fiction, historical and contemporary, American and Israeli, the books read by the group include something for everyone's tastes and interests. We welcome new members to the group, as well as occasional visitors who may be interested in discussing a particular book. Our next two book discussions are:



Sunday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m.,
Rashi's Daughters, Book III (Rachel), by Maggie Anton (aka BCC member Maggie Parkhurst)

This is the third in Maggie's trilogy of historical novels set in medieval France, with the daughters of Jewish sage and Torah commentator Rashi as the main characters. The third volume takes the story up to the First Crusade and Rashi's death. Though they are fiction, these novels reflect the results of painstaking research and also of Maggie's wonderful sense of humor and appreciation for life under adverse circumstances.



Sunday, October 25, at 10:00 a.m.,
Why Faith Matters, by Rabbi David Wolpe

A short book and quick read (224 pages) since we only have 3 weeks between meetings. Rabbi Wolpe of Sinai Temple in LA has become a celebrity of sorts in the general population for his passionate defense of faith generally, and Jewish faith specifically, in a personal and non-scholarly way. Here he takes on both the fundamentalists who distort faith with their literalism and militant attitudes, and also the new (according to him) atheists like Christopher Hitchens who are equally militant in arguing that religion is a harmful force that should be expunged from society.

BCC members and non-members alike are invited to attend. Because the discussions are held in members' homes, space is limited. Please RSVP to the BCC office early to guarantee your seat at the table, or contact Larry Nathenson at Larrynath@aol.com.

What's up with the Pushkes?

Robin Baltic

The BCC Tzedakah Council is retiring the current version of the BCC pushke. You know the one — cute little purple number with a high probability the lid will fall out at the most inconvenient moment, scattering coins all over the floor. Messy business.

Our little cutie of a pushke is vintage 1998. It has served our community well, functioning as the conduit for transporting the equivalent of 2,634,632 pennies or \$26,346.32 in spare change from our homes to BCC to be distributed to an array of charities worldwide. From the beginning 100% of all our collective tzedakah coin donations have been distributed to programs that reach out to people, often when they are experiencing considerable vulnerability. So far the Tzedakah Council has made donations on behalf of the BCC community to 77 organizations.

We have given to disaster relief aid for survivors of Hurricane Katrina and the Indonesian tsunami. We provided funds for scholarships through Project 10's models of excellence program and camperships to children living with HIV and AIDS through Camp Laurel. And for charities in Israel putting food on the table for those in need through the Clare Hammer Chicken Fund and closer to home Mazon, Project Chicken Soup, and Food on Foot.

We've supported a wide range of cultural enrichment opportunities for children from economically depressed communities, enabling kids to attend a school trip to the zoo through Zoo Pals or through Sweet Strings making it possible for child to have a musical instrument on loan to take home during the school year.

And then there were the awful statewide California propositions — we gave to No on Knight and No on Prop 8 through Jews for Marriage Equality and Equality California.

And the list of charities goes on and on. Our community tzedakah is made possible because of the generosity and collective coin donations given anonymously by so many BCC members, their family and friends. Our little purple pushke has served us well. Over the years we've gone through 1500 of them, their purchase financed by a combination of donations from Tzedakah Council committee members, a handful of donors, and contributions from the Rabbi's and Cantor's discretionary funds.

New and different BCC pushkes are in the works. Our goal is to have them available for distribution by Chanukah. Here's the rub. Unlike past years at Rosh Hashanah we will not have pushkes to hand out for collecting your spare change and converting it to tzedakah. What to do? If you currently have a purple pushke with whatever change is inside, please return it when attending BCC High Holiday services at Temple Isaiah. No pushke, no problem. Here are alternative ways you can participate in making a contribution to BCC's community giving of tzedakah: put your loose change in a sack, jar or whatever and drop it off in the shul office; make a contribution with a credit card or write a check payable to BCC designating it for the tzedakah fund. Collectively we have and with your help will continue making a difference in touching people's lives.

L'shanah tovah u-metukah tikateivu.

New and Potential Member Reception

Hosted by Tracy Moore and
Rabbi Lisa Edwards

Have you joined BCC in the last three years? Are you considering joining BCC and would like to learn more? Join us Sunday, October 11, 2009 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for our annual scrumptious and spectacular reception at the beautiful home of Tracy and Rabbi Lisa. Board members will be on hand to schmooze and answer questions. This is a great time to get to know BCC and meet fellow new members in an intimate and relaxed setting. RSVP for address to bcc@bcc-la.org by Thursday, October 8. Is this event right for you? Direct all questions to Felicia at templdirector@bcc-la.org or 323-931-7023, ext 203.

Volunteer Appreciation Reception in December

Every year we fete our fabulous volunteers. BCC is only able to do all of the amazing things we do because of our dedicated and outstanding volunteers. Each year more than 100 people volunteer in some way! This is our annual chance to thank you and remind you how special you are! This year the celebration will take place near Chanukah time instead our tradition of Sukkot. So start storing up your candles and digging up your favorite latke recipe now because December will be here before you know it!

New Beginnings for Ohr Chayim

Leah Zimmerman, Education Director



It has always seemed natural to me that the Jewish New Year coincides with the beginning of school. I associate fresh notebooks and pencils and new clothes with crisp autumn leaves, apples and honey and eating in the Sukkah. Even in July I find myself saying “next year” when referring to anything that is happening in the

school year that starts only two months later. Just as in Elul we start to prepare for Rosh Hashanah, in August I am preparing for school. As a teacher and a program director, I appreciate the opportunity to start fresh with a clean slate. This experience has given me a new appreciation for Tashlich and the opportunity to cast the “uh-oh’s” and the “oops’s” into the flowing water.

This summer I have worked hard to learn from the mistakes and the successes of our experience with Ohr Chayim so far. The new Ohr Chayim calendar brings with it some new sweet beginnings for us. We welcome two new teachers to our staff: Shari Charamblous and Lihi Raviv. Both women are not only eager to work with our students and families, but proud to have joined this community. Shari, who is also known as Ms. Purple to her students, joins us after nine years working as a librarian at Akiba Sinai. Her enthusiasm for Jewish literature is infectious and already affecting our curriculum for this year. Lihi is an Israeli woman who has spent a good amount of time working in NYC (always a good place to come from) and lives down the street from BCC. She lights up when we talk about ways to engage children in learning Hebrew.

Juval Porat, our new cantor, will be working with Ohr Chayim families once a month. He will facilitate group singing, choral singing and learning that relates to the texts of the songs. With his help and guidance, our services and group times will be energized with singing and music. Lindy Davidson, our new Rabbinic Intern, and Ilene Cohen will be piloting a new class for BCC families with young children. On four planned occasions, they will facilitate a Shabbat program that brings parents and children together for storytelling, fingerplays, singing, eating and schmoozing.

We are also launching a new Family Havurah that will plan one activity a month for BCC families of all ages. Some of the activities include a visit to Noah’s Ark at the Skirball and a beach clean up with Heal-the-Bay.

Of course the sweetest part of our new year will be

welcoming the new students and students returning in new roles. The recent Bat Mitzvah Eve Blum-Postrel will join the Ohr Chayim teaching staff as an assistant this year. How exciting for us!

As long as I am highlighting all the exciting beginnings at BCC, I feel I must include something not quite as new. Last spring we launched a new tutoring program. Three BCC members, Estaire Press, Steve Hochstadt and Ziva Renan, agreed to assist some of our older Ohr Chayim students once a week with Hebrew. The students and the teachers find 15-20 minutes a week to practice Hebrew reading. This arrangement has provided additional Hebrew reading practice time to our students, and the results have been terrific. With additional practice and encouragement, our older students have progressed beautifully.

Last, but not least, I am very excited about coordinating with Rabbi Lisa and with the ritual committee to integrate family and congregational planning for Sukkot, Chanukah, Purim and a special Shabbat in April. On those dates we will plan ways that we can bring the entire congregation together that honor the needs of families with young children while maintaining the BCC experience that all enjoy.

L’shanah Tovah u’mtukah!

Ruach Chayim (Living Spirit)

“Shabbat is a palace in time.”

— ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

Enter the palace with us.

Heartbeat...drum beat

Kol haneshamah teholel Yeh...

Let every soul sing praise... [Psalm 150]

On September 25 and October 30, join us at BCC to welcome Shabbat with drum, with song, with open heart.

7:00 wine, cheese, schmooze

**8:00 Kabbalat Shabbat service,
with Rabbi Lisa Edwards,
Cantor Juval Porat, and
guest musicians.**

Meet the Men of BCC with the Men's Havurah

Richard Lesse and Mark Miller

BCC's Men's Havurah has just come off a very successful summer brunch on Sunday, August 23 hosted by our former President and former First Gentleman, Brett Trueman and Mark Miller and Men's Havurah co-chair Richard Lesse in Santa Monica. We had about 20 people, who feasted on wonderful food and stimulating conversation.

Upcoming events that the Men's Havurah Committee is planning include:

- A pre-High Holiday dinner with Havdalah on Saturday evening, September 12 (before Selichot services at BCC)
 - Gay Comedy night at the Improv Comedy Club in Hollywood on Wednesday evening, October 7
- The Men's Havurah aims to provide a variety of social,

educational, and entertainment events at which the men of BCC can get to know each other. Two of our most popular recent events were a game night at Brett and Mark's home on May 9, and a wine tasting party on June 7 at the home of David Mozes and Peter Bastien. Photos from these events can be found in the July/August issue of G'vanim.

There are two ways to stay in touch with us:

- Our Facebook page ("BCC Men's Havurah") where we post event details and share pictures from events
- Our e-mail address: bcc.menshavurah@gmail.com

If you'd like to be part of the team please let us know... we can use everyone's help especially hosting a Men's Havurah event. We will tailor the event to the size of your home.

Summer and Fall with the Women's Havurah

Donna Quigley Groman



PHOTO: SYLVIA SUKOP

Bowling with the Women's Havurah:

L to R front row: Lauren Mandel, Bonnie Kaplan, Cara Hanes, Dominique Bender, Bracha Yael Cheng, Susan McKibben, Sue Terry, Jeanelle LaMance

L to R back row: Estaire Press, Heidi Hale, Gavi Ruit, Kathy

Not pictured: Sylvia Sukop, Cecilia Quigley Groman

One last chance to celebrate summer with the Women's Havurah! On Monday, September 7, at 8:30 a.m., we will check out the new Annenberg Community Beach House in Santa Monica. Yes, it is Labor Day, but I figured that if we get there early we can get parking right at the Beach House and have breakfast at Back on the Beach before we head for a swim in their outdoor pool. Or just hang out at the beach. Check out the website at www.beachhouse.smgov.net. I'll be there to check it out before that date, just so I can send out enough

details for people to find their way.

We already spent a fabulous day on the beach in July to celebrate Cara Hanes' graduation from her master's program. We returned to Westward Beach in Malibu.

Despite the fact that the parking attendant's parking ticket machine wasn't working, we all managed to get to the beach and find each other. Can you believe that the parking people wouldn't let anyone into the parking lot until they received supplies they needed which were sent over from another state park 30 minutes away?

Bonnie and Sylvia put on another successful bowling extravaganza later in July. I did not go, but my wife did, and she had a great time! My lame excuse is that bowling resembles dancing too much and I still won't dance in public after being made fun of as a teenager! How lame is that?

We kicked off August with a pool party at Rabbi Lisa and Rebetzin Tracy's home. There was a great turnout. Everyone chatted, sunned, played in the pool, and ate fabulous

food. My favorite is always Estaire's noodle kugel. The pool party was followed by another Saturday Game Night – always a popular event.

Besides the beach on Labor Day, here's what you can look forward to:

October 6 at 7 pm, our very own BCC member Michelle Huneven is featured at the Hammer Museum "Author Readings" series. Michelle is another of our very talented published authors at BCC. Let's support her and fill the Hammer Auditorium with BCC'ers.

I've always wanted to go to West Hollywood on Halloween. This October, Halloween falls on a Saturday, so how about joining us for "Women's Havurah Goes to the West Hollywood Carnival" on October 31, at about 6 pm? This will take lots of coordination, so more details will follow.

In between all of this are the High Holidays. I'm counting on my Women's Havurah folks to help out by volunteering. I'm "Calling All Girls" (who remembers that magazine?) to help Yael Gillette who is the High Holiday Coordinator this year and me as I continue on my fourth or 40th year as Volunteer Coordinator. Sign up at the synagogue, you can't miss the board.

Get Connected with BCC!



PHOTO: KEMMA LOVE

Want to keep in touch with all the happenings at BCC? I bet there's a new piece of information for you in every

bullet: Read them now—

- **G'vanim:** A temple newsletter so informative and thought provoking that people actually pay to subscribe! Complimentary subscription for members. Comes out every other month electronically by email, but paper copies are available at the temple and are mailed to all members who don't have email.
- **BCC E-bulletin:** A weekly rundown of the upcoming events and happenings at BCC. Look at the top for a snapshot of the week, links to BCC and Rabbi Edwards in the news. Also includes information about on-going programs like our religious school and ways to support BCC through programs like the Ralphs card. Our e-bulletin goes to all our members and more than 500 additional subscribers. Look for our new design to be unveiled this winter.
- **Website:** Re-designed this year and continually being updated and built upon, check out our website first to find whatever you're looking for: membership forms; announcements; sermons; forms you need for High Holy Days, check requests, payment forms; and much, much more. Subscribe to the RSS feed to receive updates as they happen straight to your web browser. www.bcc-la.org
- **Twitter:** Yes, we tweet too! Judiciously. Sign up today and get occasional BCC information directly to your cell phone. Sign up here: <http://twitter.com/BCC1972>
- **Facebook:** Friend us on Facebook and you can stay in touch with your BCC friends all in one place. It's fun and members use the site to share information related to our community and temple. Ask to friend Beth Chayim Chadashim to stay connected. Open to non-members.
- **Seat Bulletin:** Produced every Friday, you can find it at your seat when you arrive for services. The seat bulletin contains information on upcoming holidays, programs, and events. Every week Victoria chooses a lovely art clip that relates to the weekly Torah portion. Additionally, Thursday's Torah Study group picks a sentence from the portion which is featured on the cover of the bulletin.
- **BCC Information Center:** In the hall of the temple and near the doorway to the kitchen you will find two areas of important information.

Felicia Park-Rogers, Executive Director

One area has flyers regarding upcoming classes, holidays, events, programs, and services. You'll find Jewish and LGBT magazines, Jewish calendars, BCC newsletters, paperwork like check request and event request forms, and referrals to social support organizations. The bulletin area has sections for updates regarding the new building; meeting minutes of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and annual Congregational meeting; the latest media featuring BCC's talented clergy and members; and news on urgent issues such as the fight for marriage equality and the recent shootings in Tel Aviv.

- Using your laptop or PDA at the temple? The password to our wireless network is posted on the TV in the lounge room near the kitchen.

So—there we go—a lot of great ways to stay in touch and stay up on all the latest goings on at BCC whether you're reading on paper or if you're wired to all the latest gadgets. Your member dollars are hard at work keeping us connected.

<p>Domestic Partnerships Adoption Family Law Mediation Separation Agreements</p> <p>Fairness Dignity Respect</p> <p>THE LAW FIRM OF GOODMAN & METZ</p> <p>17043 Ventura Boulevard Encino, California 91316 818-386-2889 goodmanmetz@earthlink.net</p>	<p>WE ALSO HANDLE:</p> <p>BUSINESS LITIGATION Business Disputes Corporate Collections Corporate Litigation</p> <p>PERSONAL INJURY Automobile Accidents Motorcycle Accidents Wrongful Death Medical Malpractice</p> <p>Serving the gay community since 1984.</p>
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Life Transitions Group

Shirley Hirschberg

For the last seven years BCC has been at the forefront in offering the Life Transitions Group to our community. This unique and successful program has been an integral part of BCC's caring spirit. It has become an extended family committed to helping people grow by sharing experiences, strength and hope in a safe and confidential environment.

This group is open to Temple members and non-members. Anyone dealing with change and/or challenges in relationships, family, health, career, economic or personal loss issues is welcome.

These comments are a sampling from current members of the group.

"For the past 3 years this group has been my rock. It has been a safe place for emotional intimacy and a place to learn acceptance of myself as a lesbian woman. Shirley has always been at the helm leading and guiding us as a mentor, friend and counselor. The Life Transitions Group has completely changed the way I think and feel. I no longer find it so difficult to cope...."
—Bernice

"The Life Transitions Group has gotten me through the loss of employment and several personal problems along the way. I feel we are an extended family. The group is full of kind, caring, warm and supportive people. This tone has been provided by our leader, Shirley Hirschberg...."
—Ellie

"The most profound help the Life Transitions Group has given me was to help me deal with a major health issue. Through extensive dialogue, support and practical help, it was instrumental in helping me make critical decisions and provided me with emotional and physical support. The Life Transitions Group embodies BCC's caring spirit, and it's comforting to know it's here to help us in our most difficult times...."
—Jerry

"There are times in life when we're unable to depend on our own thoughts and feelings to navigate the uncharted waters of traumatic change. Mine came when my life partner of 22 years passed away. I was devastated, confused, and hopelessly struggling to comprehend what had just occurred and how I'd be able to continue. I desperately needed to share my thoughts and feelings with others — to try and find some form of hope and encouragement to move ahead. I found that invaluable resource in BCC's then 'Bereavement Group' facilitated by Shirley Hirschberg, a trained social worker and bereavement counselor. I can't begin to express the comfort and support I felt from those within the group and Shirley's deep compassion, understanding, wisdom, and gentle advice and encouragement. It was a priceless lifeline that I'll be forever grateful for."
—Ray

We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month - 7 to 9 PM at BCC. The group is led by Shirley Hirschberg, social worker and life style and bereavement counselor. It is supported exclusively by the Alan Balsam Fund-Life Transitions Group. Since the fund is being depleted, we will need financial contributions during this coming year to sustain this vital program. Please make out your donation to: 'Alan Balsam Fund-Life Transitions Group' and forward it on to the BCC's office.

20s/30s Havurah for Men and Women

Michael Belkin

BCC 20's/30's Havurah events provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere for younger members of our community, both women and men, to bond and make lasting connections. Our most recent event was a traditional Shabbat dinner. It was an intimate gathering where the table was filled with delicious food and great company! As an added treat, 20's/30's Havurah chair Michael Belkin cooked his mother's recipe for tabit, a traditional slow-cooked Sephardic Shabbat meal. During Outfest 2009, the 20's/30's Havurah also gave away tickets to screenings of "City of Borders," a film sponsored by BCC and Kol Ami about Jerusalem's gay bar, Shushan.

Several other events are in the works, including a 1920's/1930's themed murder mystery night, a late summer pool/beach day, LGBT/Jewish film screenings, and more. We are also hoping to partner with JQ International and Kol Atid, so stay tuned!

If you would like to be on our mailing list, have any event ideas, or are interested in joining our leadership, please email 2030havurah@gmail.com.



Members of the 20s/30s Havurah enjoy a Shabbat dinner.

Mazel Tov

Please join the whole BCC community in wishing the following members a big "mazel tov" on their recent good news or upcoming naches.

Rabbi Lisa Edwards and her wife **Tracy Moore** on their 15th anniversary with BCC in August. Our congregation is so much richer and more vibrant with their many contributions to our spiritual and social community.

Victoria Delgadillo, BCC's office manager, on her 13th anniversary with BCC. Many of us don't know Victoria because she works largely behind the scenes, but her work is vital to almost everything we do from organizing High Holidays and the brunch, getting everything ready for Friday services, our weekly e-bulletin and seat bulletin and all our mailings, and much, much more.

Julie Gertler, new BCC Board of Directors member, will receive on Saturday, October 24, 2009 the Hannah G. Solomon award presented by the National Council of Jewish Women. The event will take place at the Skirball Cultural Center after a reception and dinner.

Yuval David, who was featured in an article in the August issue of Out Magazine. The article is entitled "Spring Reawakening" and subtitled "Yuval David takes on the new film version of The Awakening of Spring." Also, turn to the issue's table of contents, where you'll see a photo of Yuval as the background image. Congratulations, Yuval.

Marsha Epstein was featured in a documentary at this year's Outfest GLBT film festival, entitled "On These Shoulders We Stand," directed by Glenna McElhinney. The documentary focused on individuals who contributed to the Los Angeles LGBT community in its early years, including Marsha for her contributions to bi and lesbian women's health at the LA Gay and Lesbian Center. The film won an Outfest 2009 Special Programming Award for Freedom.

Wesley Joe, husband of **Avram Chill**, who was recently honored at a dinner in Silverlake for LGBT activists by California Assemblyman Kevin De Leon (D-45th district), for his work in getting The Black Cat Bar named as a Los Angeles cultural and historic landmark. The Black Cat was the scene of the first known demonstration for gay rights, two years

before Stonewall on January 1st, 1967, when 12 gay men were arrested for exchanging New Year's kisses.

Shari Katz was interviewed and accepted in July for American citizenship (dual with Canadian). Her wife Noelle has been accepted for immigrant status in Quebec, where they now live.

Rabbi Lisa Edwards and the **BCC Community**, both highlighted in the August 14-20 issue of the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles. Rabbi Edwards wrote a drash on the week's torah portion, Re'eh. The drash, entitled "Is It Sufficient?", ties the tragedy at the Tel Aviv LGBT Center to the need for us to "learn to open our hearts and our hands ... to lend support where it is needed." The Jewish Journal also published an article on the Wednesday, August 5 service hosted by BCC, a service of memorial and healing for the victims and survivors of the shooting at the Tel Aviv LGBT Center on August 1. Co-sponsored by several religious and LGBT organizations, the event was attended by 150 people.

Please send your good news to the BCC office. We want to celebrate with you!

Rabbi Sightings over the Summer

Rabbi Lisa Edwards has had a busy summer, including the following.

Los Angeles - "Sponsored" (offered a blessing to) Rabbi Joe Hample at his ordination ceremony from HUC-JIR.

Fresno, CA - Co-led Shabbat service in Fresno, CA at the "Meet in the Middle" Marriage Equality action.

Berlin, Germany - Attended Cantor Juval Porat's Final Practicum and Graduate Recital at the Abraham Geiger College.

Los Angeles - attended One LA Neighborhood Organizing Action - One LA is an organization of schools, congregations, and non-profits working together for political and social change.

BCC - Hosted and Co-led "Standing in Solidarity" a service of memorial, healing and hope for the victims of the Tel Aviv shooting at the LGBT youth center (covered by LA Jewish Journal and Jewish Television network).

UCLA Hillel, Los Angeles - presented a session entitled, "The Jewish Case for Marriage Equality" at Limmud LA one day conference.

Phone seminar - One of four presenters at a nationwide CCAR High Holy Day preparation seminar: "Back to the Beginning: B'reishit, Judaism, Science and the 200th Anniversary of Darwin."

HUC, LA - took part in strategic planning for IJSO - Institute on Judaism and Sexual Orientation.

Authored two Torah portion columns for the LA Jewish Journal.

September 2009

Elul 5769/Tishrei 5770

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7 LABOR DAY BCC CLOSED 8:30 am Women's Havurah Annenberg Beach House	8 7:00 pm High Holy Days Preparation Class Rabbinic Intern Lindy Davidson	9 7:00 pm Hebrew Reading Class Todd Shotz 7:00 pm Executive Committee meeting	10 4:00 pm Telephone Torah Study 7:00 pm Torah Study Rabbi Edwards	11 6:30 pm Telephone Service 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Edwards Cantor Porat	12 10:00 pm Selichot Service BCC clergy 6:30 pm (private home) Men's Havurah dinner
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20 10:00 am at BCC ROSH HASHANAH service 4:00 pm Tashlich service Venice Beach 6:00 pm Dinner at Allison Diamant's home	21	22	23 7:00 pm Board of Directors meeting	24 4:00 pm Telephone Torah Study 7:00 pm Torah Study Rabbi Edwards	25 Ruach Chayim 7:00 pm Refreshments 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Lisa Edwards Cantor Juval Porat Guest musicians	26 SHABBAT SHUVAH 11:00 am Project Caring Country Villa Wilshire 855 N. Fairfax
27 8:00 am (cook), 11:30 am (deliver) Project Chicken Soup 7:00 pm KOL NIDRE Service at Temple Isaiah	28 YOM KIPPUR 10:00 am Morning Service 2:00 pm Break/Classes 2:30 pm Telephone service 4:30 pm Yizkor service 7:00 pm Break-fast	29	30			

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Tishrei/Cheshvan 5770

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4 10:00 am BCC Book Group <i>Rashi's Daughters, Book 3</i> Private home	5	6 7:00 pm Women's Havurah Author Reading by Michelle Huneven Hammer Museum	7 Men's Havurah At Improv comedy club	8 4:00 pm Telephone Torah Study 7:00 pm Torah Study Rabbi Edwards	9 6:30 pm Telephone Minyan 7:00 pm Family Shabbat 8:00 pm Shabbat Service and Simchat Torah Celebration Rabbi Edwards Cantor Porat	10 11:00 am Project Caring Country Villa Wilshire
11 SIMCHAT TORAH 8:00 am (cook), 11:30 am (deliver) Project Chicken Soup 4:00 pm at Rabbi's home New and Prospective Member Reception	12	13	14 7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	15 4:00 pm Telephone Torah Study 7:00 pm Torah Study Rabbi Edwards	16 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Edwards Dave Parkhurst	17 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service and Dairy Potluck
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