



# CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH

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## A message from the President ...

We all know the adage 'the only thing constant is change'. This expression is a constant reminder that our environment continues to evolve, and we must adapt or run the risk of getting left behind. CBT is no exception. I wanted to communicate some of the changes on the horizon.

As you may know, Chance, our 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade religious school teacher will be leaving us at the end of the school year. After graduating high school in 2017, Chance obtained early acceptance to the Colorado State University (CSU) where he plans to study food chemistry and the science behind flavor design. He decided to take a gap year to get a break from 'school' and worked in food services at a local brewery. While this was a great experience, he is anxious to begin his college career and will attend CSU in the Fall. Unfortunately, that also means he'll be leaving us as a teacher. We will begin looking for a replacement immediately, and welcome any assistance in locating a replacement.

Another area of change for CBT is our website. The Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) has hosted the CBT website for many years. In 2010, they changed their web-platform to a product called Joomla. At that time, I became involved in the website and quickly had to learn this platform and adapt. While the URJ migrates our content into one of several pre-defined templates, learning the software and updating our website is a necessity. The URJ recently announced that they will be changing the platform again, to a product called WordPress. They have begun migrating our content into a test environment, and I am slowly learning this new software. The intention of the migration is to better integrate with social media, as well as being more mobile-friendly. I have time to play in a sandbox (test) environment, but the new website must go live by April. I am the first to admit that I am not a webmaster by trade, and the learning curve for me may be slow. Fortunately I have time and there are numerous resources on the web for learning WordPress. I always welcome feedback and offers of assistance regarding the website. If anyone is familiar with WordPress and can give me some pointers, it would be greatly appreciated.

Speaking of social media, we are looking at ways to increase our use of these tools for communication. Our Facebook is currently maintained by Diane Firestone and Rabbi Moskowitz. They have done a wonderful job of ensuring events are communicated, and the site is updated regularly. We are now looking at expanding our use to make the content more engaging. We have had several people interested in helping in this area, and I am slowly warming to the idea of releasing control to a broader group. Social media is a great tool for communication, but once posted, content can live on the internet for a very long time. There are posts that I've done that date back to the late 1990s that are still accessible. You will likely see a gradual increase in usage of Facebook and encourage you to check out our site at <https://www.facebook.com/Congregation-Bnai-Torah-158731807579053>.

Change is not always a bad thing, or something to be feared. The prospects of a new website and social media can enable us to expand our avenues for communication, and increase awareness of our congregation to a broader audience. While we will miss Chance as a teacher, we expect to see him from time to time and wish him well in his studies.

Sincerely,  
Scott Raynes



## A look at our committees:

You will note that many committees are only 1-2 people.

If you're interested in joining a committee, please contact the committee chair at the link provided.



Committee / Area / Group	Chair / Lead Committee Members	Committee Members					
Budget Committee	<a href="#">Golda Sheets</a>	Dee-Ann Failing	Alison Gallensky				
Chesed Committee	<a href="#">Rabbi Moskowitz</a>	Dee-Ann Failing	Stefanie Schroeder	Jesse Kallweit	Nikki Goodman	Diane Firestone, back-up for Rabbi	
Communications / Publicity	<a href="#">Paula Emeson</a>						
Education	<a href="#">Barbara Jacobs</a>	Robert Barclay	Roberta Feinsmith	Chance Raynes	Stacey Jessen	Diane Firestone	
Food/Oneg	<a href="#">Deborah Doleshal</a>						
Fundraising	<a href="#">Paula Emeson</a>	Emily Brandsdorfer	Cat Palmer	Jill Kingen	Stefanie Schroeder		
HHD	<a href="#">Diane Firestone</a>	Erin Barclay	Paula Emeson	Paula Farkas	Alison Gallensky	Mike Metlay	Suzanne Metlay
Membership / Outreach	<a href="#">Diane Firestone</a>						
Programming	<a href="#">Jessica Rothman</a>						
Ritual	<a href="#">Neil Gallensky</a>	Alison Gallensky	Paula Emeson	Stefanie Schroeder	Joann Freedman	Deborah Doleshal	Diane Firestone
Social Action / Community Projects	<a href="#">Elissa Roselyn</a>						
<b>Other</b>							
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Liaison	<a href="#">Diane Firestone</a>						
Book Club	<a href="#">Elissa Roselyn</a>						
Boulder Jewish Festival	<b>VACANT</b>						
Childcare Coordinator	<b>VACANT</b>						
Lay Leadership	<a href="#">Rabbi Moskowitz</a>	<a href="#">Neil &amp; Alison Gallensky</a>		Robert Barclay	Susan Scruggs	Stefanie Schroeder	Diane Firestone
Library	<b>VACANT</b>						
Newsletter	<a href="#">Sharyn Raynes</a>						
Oneg Hosting	<a href="#">Deborah Doleshal</a>						
Passover	<a href="#">Stacey Jessen</a>	Diane Firestone	Paula Farkas	Paula Emeson			
Purim	<b>VACANT</b>						
Religious School Substitute Teacher	<b>VACANT</b>						
Tu B'Shvat	<a href="#">Joann Freedman</a>						
Volunteer Coordinator	<b>VACANT</b>						
Website	<a href="#">Scott Raynes</a>						



## Religious School Update

We are so sorry that at the end of this term we will be losing Chance Raynes as teacher of our 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. We're of course happy for him as he will be starting his college life. So... we are starting the search for a teacher to take over this spot starting September.

This is a teaching opportunity for the right person. We are looking for a creative, dynamic, experienced religious school teacher to teach beginning (and a bit beyond) Hebrew, bible stories, holidays and simple ethics to 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for 2 hours on Sunday afternoons.

If you think you are, or know someone who is the right person for this position, please get in touch or come visit the school on any Sunday.

## 2017-18 Religious School Curriculum

**February-March: Adar-Nissan:** Religious freedom, interfaith, Purim and Passover, God hidden in the text and in our actions, refugees in Colorado, Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

- Jewish Texts: Book of Esther, Torah, Haggadah
- Action Items: Collection of items for a Refugee family in Colorado (connecting with church to do this), Collection and delivery of Passover Food for need Jewish family in Colorado, Guest speaker from ADL about protecting various religious groups and safety in the community, antisemitism, etc.
- Friday night services Purim and Community Seder: collection of items, teaching and presenting of projects, inviting non-Jewish guests to learn about us while we learn about them

**April-May: Iyar:** Israel (70 years), American Jews or Jewish Americans, Israeli historical figures (Ben Gurion, Golda Meir, etc.), history and modernity, Jerusalem - facing East and prayers in the wall, modern Israeli discoveries (learn what was invented in Israel), Arava Institute in the Negev

- Action Items: Pick a charity in Israel as a class to donate to, Plan a Yom-Ha'atzmaut celebration for our synagogue with Israeli food, dancing, etc.



## Ways to get involved and support CBT:

- Host an Oneg — Hosting an Oneg is an easy way to get involved in the community. Signing up to bring food after services allows you to engage with members at a deeper level and support the congregation in a fun way. To learn more, [contact Deborah Doleshal](#), our Oneg Coordinator.
- Attend Board meetings — We encourage members to attend a board meeting once a year. Come and spend 2 hours with us one Sunday and gain an understanding of how the Board serves the congregation, and the decisions we make on its behalf. Meetings are usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.
- Volunteering — There are numerous opportunities to get connected with the CBT community:
  - Help with a fundraiser like our Purim baskets
  - Man our booth at the Boulder Jewish Festival
  - Participate in the Purim Shpiel
  - Coordinate an event like the 'Lunch and Learns' or community dinners

Interested in helping to make our congregation stronger? Have other ideas on ways to volunteer? Contact a board member or email us at [bnaitorahpres@gmail.com](mailto:bnaitorahpres@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you.

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Have you signed up for Vanco yet? Vanco allows members to pay their dues and make donations electronically. Setting up electronic payments is easy, and helps ensure that CBT maintains a consistent financial state.

Electronic transfers or credit card payments can be set up at regular intervals including monthly, quarterly and annually using the Vanco link on our website at the top of the page.



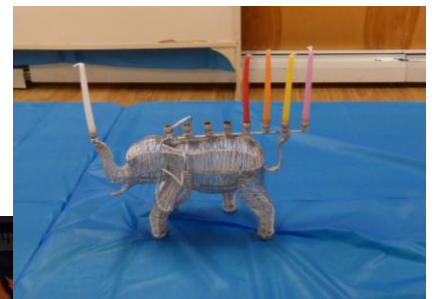
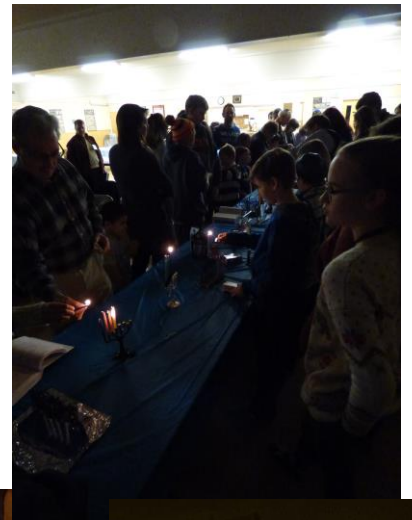
The King Soopers card program is an easy way to help CBT without financial commitment. Pre-load money that you normally spend on groceries onto the gift card. Then simply pay with the gift card when you go shopping. You can even load the card right at the register before they start ringing up your groceries. CBT gets a percentage of purchases paid with those cards.

If you're interested in obtaining a card, please contact [Paula Emeson](#) or click [here](#) for more information.





# Happy Hanukkah!





## CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH

### Let's Go Camping ...

If you are the parent reading this, you should send your kids to camp. If you are the kid listening, you should go to sleep away camp. I have been to JCC ranch camp for three summers. It is big and in the black forest. They have really nice horses and other farm animals. Shabbat at camp is great. We have outdoor services and a dance party. Before Shabbat we all take showers and change into our Shabbat outfits. Shabbat dinner is especially delicious. On Shabbat day we don't do all of our usual activities. Havdalah is one of my favorite parts.

By going to camp I have learned to be more responsible for myself and make my own decisions. I learned how to deal with adults better and take better care of my belongings. When I am at camp I make new friends, get to see huge bugs that are cool and have fun experiences. I love horseback riding, archery and the games at camp. The food is also super tasty too. If you want to talk to me about what camp is like just call me.

- Max Guerra

This summer I will be going to Goldman Union Camp (GUCI) for my third year and I hope to keep going back for as long as I can. The community is great and since it's a smaller camp, everyone at camp knows each other and it doesn't take long to find friends. For me, some of the best parts of camp are Shabbat and services since after a huge day of running around and having fun, it calms you down and gets you ready for what's to come at camp. Israeli dancing is one of the biggest highlights of Shabbat and everyone has a good time. Israeli dancing leads up to the campfire stories and songs, which is another great part of Shabbat.

My favorite part of camp is Yom Sport and Bunk Night. Yom Sport, also known as color wars, is a time when everyone on camp splits up into teams and competes in fun sporting activities. Bunk Night is when you and your cabin do fun things your counselors have planned. One Bunk Night we did the Migdal swing and me and my friends were joking about how high up the swing was. Every year I count down the days until I get to go to GUCI and I always miss it during the middle of the year. If you have any questions, please find me during services or religious school and I will talk to you.

- Nolan Raynes

For the last four years I have gone to summer camp at JCC Ranch. I love camp because there are so many activities like mountain biking, swimming, horse riding, and, hiking. Another thing I love about camp is that the counselors are always so nice and ready to help if needed. I also love the food at camp. The cook is awesome. Also camp is a great way to meet new friends. One of my best friends I met my first year of camp and have kept in touch with ever since. Another thing I love about camp is the race called the Macapeel where we get to do a lot of little activities, like playing leap frog or making a human pyramid, and at the end we play flip cup. Another thing I love about JCC Ranch Camp is the Friday night services. The music is fun and upbeat and some songs we sing at Friday night services that we can just get up and dance with our friends during. Camp is super fun!

- Leah Barclay



## CBT's Most Wanted



#### ○ Birthdays

Avi Kaplan	1/17
Elissa Roselyn	1/23
Jo Shander	1/25
Dee-Ann Failing	1/26
Jillian Thorne	1/26
Jim Kingen	1/30

Samuel Thorne	2/1
Stefan Brodsky	2/6
Dan Martin	2/8
Benjamin Jacobi	2/10
Scott Raynes	2/12
Paul Magarill	2/12
Lu Schwartz	2/15

Asher Fowler	2/15
Kian Fowler	2/18
Josh Fowler	2/19
Alice Schneider	2/19
Rachel Osborn	2/19

#### ○ Anniversaries

Stef & Greg Schroeder	1/8
Jillian & Sean Thorne	1/26

Ginny & Greg Hall	2/5
Dan & Jennifer Martin	2/11

#### ○ Yahrzeits

Irving Moss	1/1
Joseph Neyman	1/9
Simone Lottor	1/11
Amalia Traub	1/11
Sanford Lottor	1/12
Jim Kennedy	1/14
Louise Sarah Goodman Schwartz	1/19
Gabe Marin	1/21
Clive Jacobs	1/22
Arvian Habbeger	1/27
Fanny Lavin	1/28
Lillian Solomon	January
Carole Hall	2/1
William Marin	2/3
Jerome Farkas	February
Frances Cabot	February
Jerome Cabot	February

#### In Honor Of

Moss
Hall, Ginny
Lottor/Jacobi
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Lottor/Jacobi
Habegger
Scruggs
Zeles
Jacobs
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Save the Dates:

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 - Passover Community Seder

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - [Sababa](#) concert

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