



Your May 2020 Shofar

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Security Update

In the February issue of the Shofar, Dan Nussbaum presented the work that the Safety and Security Committee had done on behalf of CBI and asked the question, "What can we do to protect ourselves?"; and what is the status of our efforts?" Through the wise counsel and efforts of the Safety & Security Committee (Michael Marshall, Sam Ezekiel, Lenny Popky, Marshal Blatt, and Alex Bordetsky), we are ready to move forward.

The committee identified best practices across URJ, synagogues, and law enforcement agencies, created a plan for CBI, and, applied for and were awarded, on behalf of CBI, a \$200,000 grant from the California Office of Emergency Services. Sam Ezekiel has identified licensed vendors, defined projects, collected bids, and, along with the rest of the committee, prepared presentations of the various projects to the board for review and approval.

Over the next 12 months you will see:

- Improved outdoor lighting
- A new entrance and state-of-the-art access control system
- Security film on all the CBI windows
- New planters that serve as bollards
- Repair, upgrades and installation of windows, doors, and locks

Once we are able to resume Religious School and Hebrew School there will be security personnel on campus whenever children are present.

The exceptional work of the Safety and Security Committee and the opportunities afforded by the grant funding go a long way towards creating visual and physical restrictions to any assailant, securing our campus

from theft and vandalism, and, most importantly, ensuring the safety of our children and community.



Evening Shavuot Study

Shavuot, our summer pilgrimage festival celebrates the last harvest of the year on Israel's agricultural calendar. Biblically it is also the time when our ancestors received the Revelation at Mount Sinai. Arriving seven weeks after Passover, our Shavuot observance this year will begin on **Thursday evening, May 28**. Since this holiday celebrates revelation, we will gather by zoom beginning at **7:30 PM** for a wonderful shared study of the Torah. To accomplish this task I invite all those who join us to select their favorite **one or two verses** from the five books of Torah. We will then take turns sharing what our favorite verse (or two verses) are and explain what makes them our favorite. I will invite those who picked from Genesis to start followed by those who selects their verse(s) from Exodus, then Leviticus, followed by Numbers and concluding with Deuteronomy. This could be a longer or shorter study time together depending on how many people choose to share a verse or two and how much they have to say about their selection. I ask that no one take more than 10 minutes on their section of Torah!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me (Rabbi Greenbaum) at 624-2015 and I can assist you if needed. Remember, only one or two verses per person! Therefore you can not select the Ten Commandments or even the commandment on Shabbat which contains multiple verses! Let's celebrate revelation and Shavuot as we study our Torah together.

The following day we will have our Shavuot/Shabbat evening service beginning at 7:30 and on Saturday morning at 10:30, we will continue our Shavuot observance as we enjoy a more in depth look at the Ten Commandments.

Family News?

A note from the office staff -

We miss you and hope that you are well and being supported by family and friends during this difficult time. We continue to monitor the phones and email address and want you to know that we are here for you too! Please feel free to give us a call or email us with any family news, comforting links, beautiful pictures - we would also like to know what you are doing to occupy your time during this crisis send us items you might like to see in the next Shofar we will try to fit in appropriate items when space is available.

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