

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend January 10-12



We are excited to welcome to our congregation Rabbi Linda Motzkin and Rabbi Jonathan Rubenstein, who together will lead us in a Sabbath of "Bread and Torah." Classmates of

Rabbi Greenbaum, they met and married while in Rabbinic Seminary at HUC and together they have created a wonderful learning opportunity they share with communities around the world. Wonderful teachers who love to share their knowledge and expertise, this will be an enriching weekend for all who participate. You can learn more about their teaching in their website www.BreadandTorah.org.

On Friday afternoon, **January 10** Rabbi Rubenstein will lead a challah baking program from 1:30 – 4:00. Each participant will take a Challah home with them and the group will prepare the challot we will use over the Sabbath. At 6:30 PM we enjoy a Sabbath dinner with our visiting scholars before our 7:30 Shabbat service. Both guest rabbis will share a short lesson in place of the regular sermon.

Saturday morning they will lead the study session in lieu of our regular Torah study from 10:30-12:00. Saturday evening we will gather at 7:00 for some delicious desserts, a short Havdalah service, and a session with Rabbi Motzkin as she shares slides and insights on making a physical Torah scroll. Then we will have a chance to stretch an animal hide and help make parchment for a Torah scroll, participating in the 613th (last) mitzvah of the Torah!

Sunday morning both Rabbi Rubenstein and Rabbi Motzkin will teach challah baking and Torah making with our religious school. It will be an exciting day of hands-on learning for our children enrolled in our Sunday school program.

Because of the Ted Orless Scholar-in-Residence fund, CBI is able to welcome scholars like Rabbis Motzkin and Rubenstein to our community. This will be an uplifting weekend for all those who participate. Please share this information with your neighbors and friends. It's not often when we get to bake delicious challah with a Rabbi/Baker or fulfill the mitzvah of making a Torah scroll with a Rabbi/Scribe.



Adult B'nai Mitzvah Classes Continue

While we have already held 4 of our Adult B'nai Mitzvah classes you can still join Rabbi Greenbaum for this wonderful education experience. We will only meet three times in January from 7:15-9:00; on Thursday, **Jan. 2, Jan. 16, and Jan. 30**. These classes focus on Living Judaism, Jewish Worship, Hebrew reading, and the weekly Torah portions.

This class is open to CBI members who wish to become Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah and those who wish to learn more about our rich Jewish heritage. Whether or not one led a Bar or Bat Mitzvah service as a child, this class will stimulate and educate. Participants who continue the course into the summer have an opportunity to assist in leading a Shabbat service and read from the Torah. Call Rabbi Greenbaum if you have questions about participating. It is never too late to start learning.



Lunch with the Rabbi

Join Rabbi Greenbaum this month on **Thursday, January 2** at noon at Baja Cantina located about a mile east of CBI when he will lead a discussion on "dealing with the holiday blues." With Chanukah (and Christmas) season just ending, many struggled with or are still experiencing different levels of depression. We might observe or question, "Why is everyone around me so happy and I am feeling lousy during this festive time?" Let's discuss different ways to avoid those holiday blues and move forward feeling more uplifted. How can we bring happiness to our Holy Days and every day? Lunch costs only \$20. Please call the CBI office at 624-2015 to RSVP.