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# Congregation B'nai Israel Newsletter

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April, 2012



Nisan - Iyar 5772

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## Reflections

By Rabbi David White

### Why Is This Month Different From All Other Months of the Year?

This month, April, includes most of the month of Nisan the first month in the Jewish calendar year and the start of Iyar, the second month. What makes this unique is that within this time frame we go through all extremes of Jewish life experience: from the joy of celebrating the Exodus from Egypt and our beginnings as a people, to the depths of despair in confronting the worst catastrophe in Jewish history the Shoah that darkened the 20<sup>th</sup> century. From the historic fears surrounding Passover time due to its proximity with Easter, when so many Jewish communities in Europe had to endure Pogroms, attacks on us for alleged responsibility in the death of Jesus, to the highest joy in our own days, the celebration of Israel's reemergence and independence, 64 years ago.

As we enter this period of highs and lows and highs again, we do so mindful that we are living history with all its unknowns in terms of the future of Israel in a time when a hostile neighbor is on the verge of activating weapons that threatens Israel's continued existence, as well as that of the world as we know it.

For us at B'nai Israel, we are poised to participate in unique activities that engage all these themes in personal and vivid ways not to be missed.

Even before our Passover Seder on Saturday night, April 7, we are invited to a very special shared experience that confronts the history of our mixed feelings around this time of year. Instead of musing about what others might be thinking or doing around Easter time in their attitudes about us, while we prepare for Passover, we are invited to a special visit at First Presbyterian Church, to join with my friend and colleague, Pastor Hampton Deck in exploring the meaning and impact of Passover and Christian Holy Week on our relations in these times. Specifically, First Presbyterian will be hosting us on Tuesday, April 3 at 6 PM for a kosher (vegetarian/dairy) dinner and conversation/discussion/dialogue led by myself and Rev. Deck as we share feelings, perspectives and insights on how to turn what was a period of discomfort and torment into a time for affirming common and shared values in our spiritual communities. This wonderful gathering which I hope you will all attend (the church is 2 blocks west of CBI on Nebraska, catty corner from the high school) will lead into a pulpit exchange in which Pastor Deck and his congregants will

join us for Friday evening Shabbat on April 20, with him giving the drash (I will also be present) followed by our going to church that Sunday, April 22 for a 10:30 service where I will be giving the drash.

In lieu of our doing a Yom HaShoah (remembrance of the Holocaust) program as originally penciled in for April 22, we will (and this is breaking news as I write these words) join in co-sponsorship of a Yom HaShoah commemoration on the night that ends Yom HaShoah, Thursday, April 19 at Beth Shalom in Napa. I am particularly looking forward to this program **because** the guest speaker will be Elsebeth Schoenberger, author of *Birgitte's War*, a historical novel about Danish resistance in a small town as the Germans came for the Jews, and how the Danish people responded as one in confronting this assault. What is particularly moving to me about this is that the reason Elsebeth wrote the book was because of a question I raised to the Napa Tour Guide Guild some years ago at a WineSpirit meeting, of a special early memory of a glass of wine, and that sparked her remembrance of her family's involvement in defending Denmark and in particular Jewish folks with whom they were friends. The triggering of that memory inspired this highly engaging book. So, plan on coming to hear her and join our friends at CBS in doing so that evening.

The month of highs and lows comes to closure with our commemoration of Israel's 64<sup>th</sup> year on Sunday, April 29.

Indeed, we are living history, and in so doing we can see that beyond our prayers and celebrations and special times that characterize life at B'nai Israel is an extension into relationships with other wonderful folks of different traditions, each and all dedicated to turning this world in the direction of Shalom, the goal for which we left Egypt in the first place.

I look forward to sharing all these powerful moments with you, beginning with Passover, not only the second night Seder, but also the Passover Shabbat service that morning, on April 7 and the close of Passover with Yizkor April 14.

This also just in: Save Sunday May 27! We are invited together with CBS for a joint celebration of the Shavuot Giving of the Torah holiday at Diamond Creek vineyard in Calistoga, a day of celebrating and picnicking and swimming!



**Monthly Schedule of Services**

**Please be sure to attend – we’re looking forward to seeing you there!**

- Saturday, April 7 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants  
Congregational Seder at 5:30 pm
- Friday, April 13..... Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, April 14 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Rabbi White
- Thursday, April 19..... Yom HaShoah Service  
Congregation Beth Sholom, Napa  
7:00 pm
- Friday, April 20..... Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White & Reverend Hampton Deck
- Saturday, April 21 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants
- Friday, April 27..... Children’s Service at 7:00 pm  
Led by Congregants  
Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, April 28 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Rabbi White



**Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors for April**

- Saturday, April 7 ..... Congregational Seder, Kosher for Passover desserts sponsored by attendees
- Friday, April 13..... Oneg sponsored by attendees  
Kosher for Passover goodies, please!
- Saturday, April 14 ..... Kiddush sponsored by Attendees; Kosher for Passover goodies, please!
- Friday, April 20..... Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, April 21 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, April 27..... Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, April 28 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees



**SISTERHOOD NEWS**

Sisterhood is an auxiliary organization to the synagogue dedicated to the support of the synagogue, especially financially. The women of Sisterhood donate everything earned to the synagogue's needs. The Sisterhood gift shop is open the first Sunday of every month, holidays and can be opened by prearrangement at other times by contacting Joyce Georgetti or Jennifer Mercado.



**April Birthdays**



- David Gewing ..... 1
- Joyce Scharf ..... 3
- Ellen Blaufarb ..... 4
- Gerald Gallardo ..... 8
- Robin Gross..... 11
- Jennifer Grist ..... 12
- Seymour Rubinstein ..... 14
- Katrina DiPasqua ..... 19
- Annie Joseph ..... 22
- Alma Friedman ..... 24
- Steve Edwards ..... 27
- Charlotte Walsh ..... 29
- Robin Gallardo..... 30

**♥ April Anniversaries ♥**

- Gary & Sue Levy..... 5
- Lyn & Robert Linville ..... 24
- Janet Leventhal & David White ..... 25
- Ignat & Katya Mayzeles ..... 26

♥♥ *Congratulations to Janet Leventhal & David White on celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!* ♥♥



**APRIL  
DONATIONS & TRIBUTES**

- Donation for building & grounds maintenance**  
From David & Kathryn Schiff
- Donation to the Religious School Recycling Program**  
From Donna Plantz
- Donation of an Ark, five tallitot, ten Pentateuchs and three boxes of books for the Library**  
From Linda Chene



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"And they will make for me a Temple and I will dwell among them." Great things are achieved when everyone does their part and works toward a common goal.

We recently finished reading the second book of the Torah, Exodus. The book begins with the tribe of Israel brought out of Egypt and ends with the building of the Mishkan, the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

God gave to Moses detailed instructions on the building of the Mishkan. Moses gathered the tribe and said to them, "These are the things God has commanded us to do". Exodus 35:1-2. The details describe the structure, furnishings and clothing for the Priests. Each person had a precise job to perform and each had to do the job to his/her maximum potential. When everyone worked together, they built a structure of unparalleled holiness.

The Torah is alive today and what was true thousands of years ago is true today. A lesson for us in the final chapters of Exodus is that we need to apply ourselves to the building and maintaining of our Synagogue and our Community, Congregation B'nai Israel, in the same way the Tribe of Israel built the Mishkan in the wilderness.

Each of us has unique talents and abilities. We need to apply these to our building and community. Let us build a place where "God can dwell among us".

I ask each of you to think about a talent God has given you and think: "How can I apply my talent and ability to improve Congregation B'nai Israel?" The blessing is that you will have the satisfaction of doing a mitzvah for our Community and our Community will be improved.

Fred

fredzola@earthlink.net



### Small electronics Recycling Program

I am very pleased to announce a new and additional small electronics recycling program at CBI! We are now accepting the following:

Ink jet cartridges	Laser Toner Cartridges
Digital Cameras	Cellular Phones
Laptop Computers	iPods
MP3 players	

The proceeds will benefit our Religious School. We will receive anywhere from \$0.25 to \$20.00 per item with most items in the \$2.50 range.

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Please look for our new recycling display and collection box, due to arrive in April! This new program will help us all get green, reduce solid waste, recycle and raise money for our Religious School!



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Wow! The Purim Carnival was a great success this year in many ways. We all had a great time; we got to hang out with our wonderful congregation family and even made some money to boot!! \$428.76 to be exact! Thanks to all of you who participated, ran a booth and helped work the kitchen, clean up etc. Special thanks to Russ for coming early to help set up, the Linvilles for donating the pizzas, our lovely costume judges Carolyn and Jan, Steve for getting the games out, Jen and Renee for a great prize room and the Rabbi for his amusing mini-megillah despite being under the weather.

One more big thank you to Jennifer Mercado for running the Passover candy sales. We made \$227.42. Both this fundraiser and the carnival made more money than we budgeted for, by the way. Well done! Also thanks to Martin Gewing for running our successful recycling program. Along, with Bob Linville, he is now instituting recycling printer cartridges and much more. Please see the enclosed flyer.

Here's what's coming up: on April 1st, we will have our next Religious School Committee meeting at 10:15 am. All parents are invited. Also, the kids will be setting tables for the Passover Congregational Seder on that day. There will be no Sunday School on April 8th or Hebrew School on April 10th for the Passover break. I will be away at Summer Camp Administrators' Camp April 20th-22nd. This is being paid for by the Boy Scouts of America. I am sure I will learn lots of useful information to make this year's Summer Camp the best ever!

The first monthly Children's Service will be on Friday, April 27th at 7:00 pm. Thanks to Martin for spearheading this important addition to our calendar. The BIG Yom Ha'Atzma'ut Extravaganza will take place Sunday, April 29th starting at 11:00 am. Save the date and invite your friends, you won't want to miss this free event - see enclosed flyer. Lastly, also see the enclosed summer camp flyer. It is not too late to sign up!

B'shalom,  
Melissa



### ROSTER UPDATES!!

Please be sure to greet our newest member of the Congregation B'nai Israel family:

**R. Russell White**

707-290-0013

Email: xinover@yahoo.com

Address change for your rosters:

**Bonnie Rogers**

105 Power Drive

Vallejo, CA 94589

**Be sure to update your rosters!**



## Inter-Congregational Conversations

Pastor Hampton Deck of First Presbyterian Church and Rabbi White will be facilitating conversation during the Holy Period of Passover / Easter for both our congregations as First Presbyterian hosts B'nai Israel with a veggie/dairy dinner on Tuesday, April 3, at 6:00 PM. Following this, there will be pulpit exchanges as Pastor Deck and his congregants visit B'nai Israel on April 20 and then Rabbi White and B'nai Israel congregants visit First Presbyterian on Sunday, April 22 at 10:30 for their service, with Rabbi White doing the drash.

Please be sure to participate when and where you can!



## LIBRARY NEWS

Our collection of DVDs to check out is growing, in large part from Helene Falk's generous donations. Some of the titles are: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, The Devil's Arithmetic, Romance of a Horsethief, and many more. Check them out just as you would a book, leaving the card in the file on the desk. Just be sure to return the DVD within a couple of weeks. On that subject, there are many books that have been checked out for a long period of time and not returned. If you have checked out a book in the past, please check your bookshelves and return it. Keep using our library!

Donna Rubin



## SAVE THE DATE!

The A's are excited to announce that Jewish Heritage Night will be back for the 2012 season! This second year event will take place on Tuesday, June 19th while the A's take on the LA Dodgers. Once again, the event will feature a special giveaway item and free parking. Information on how to purchase your event ticket will be available soon.



## Adult Education with Rabbi White

Sunday, April 15, 10:45 until noon, Rabbi White will continue a Course in Words that spell core Jewish Values in Hebrew.

This program is suited for people of all backgrounds as we look in a special way at the letters and words that generate Judaism's unique ways of connecting human and Divine in bringing the best of life into being.



## THANK YOU!

I am still on the mend, but wanted to say thank you to everyone for their kind prayers, cards and good wishes! They are all greatly appreciated!

Joyce Georgetti



## APRIL YARTZEITEN

### April 1 - 15, 2012

9 Nisan .....	Feigele Rothman
9 Nisan .....	Gisa Rothman
9 Nisan .....	Rosa Rothman
9 Nisan .....	Herman Rothman
12 Nisan .....	Abe Rayblatt
13 Nisan .....	Sophie Garelick
13 Nisan .....	Calla Klein
14 Nisan .....	Sam Steinberg
14 Nisan .....	Louis Beitcher
15 Nisan .....	Charles Georgetti
18 Nisan .....	Ruth Cohen
20 Nisan .....	Albert Blum
20 Nisan .....	Lillian Smith
20 Nisan .....	Arlene Less
23 Nisan .....	Bernard Rothman

### April 16 - 30, 2012

25 Nisan .....	Leo Liberman
26 Nisan .....	Julius Warren
27 Nisan .....	William Moss
27 Nisan .....	Max Belling
27 Nisan .....	Fred Warren
29 Nisan .....	Josef Salner
29 Nisan .....	Nettie Gordon
1 Iyar.....	Halcyon Liberman
2 Iyar.....	Rose Waldman
3 Iyar.....	Phyllis Plantz
4 Iyar.....	Sara Salner
4 Iyar.....	Barney Cohen
5 Iyar.....	Annie Meyer
7 Iyar.....	Irvin Edell

*Remember a loved one with a donation "in honorarium" or "in memoriam" to the Congregation or Sisterhood. The minimum donation is \$5.00 and acknowledgments are sent to the recipient and the donor. Please call Helene Falk at 707-425-2211 for further details.*



## Cemetery Plots

The cost of a cemetery plot is \$2,500 for members and \$3,000 for non-members. Contact the Synagogue office at 707-642-6526 or Jan Leventhal at 747-1810 for more information.



## ADMINISTRATOR'S HOURS

Sundays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesdays, 4:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thursdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sue Barush



## APRIL ONEG & KIDDUSH SPONSORS

We have six opportunities for friends/families to sponsor an oneg or Kiddush in April. There are 3 Friday onegs and 3 Kiddush open. The Friday dates are April 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday dates are April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please provide something savory and/or sweet for the community to enjoy after services; remember that treats for April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> should be Kosher for Passover. Plate your treats and put them on the long tables set up in the Social Hall prior to services. Wine/juice, challah, coffee & tea are supplied by the B'nai Israel kitchen. Contact Sue at [cbioffice1@yahoo.com](mailto:cbioffice1@yahoo.com) or 707-642-6526, to confirm your preferred date!



### Building & Grounds Update

I am tempted to write, what with all the earthquake's we are having in Vallejo, that there is a whole lot of shaking going on these days at CBI! The good news is that our building has not experienced any damage from recent quakes! We have also not had any interruption in our utility service as well.

We started cutting back all the trees and shrubs around the perimeter at CBI after a neighbor mentioned how things were getting overgrown. A relatively new member, Russ White, pitched right in and is largely responsible for most of the cutting we have done. Naturally Roy, Paul Pierce and I pitched in as well. We saved our congregation thousands of dollars by doing this hard work ourselves.

Linda Chene has agreed to work with me Tuesday afternoons, while Hebrew School is in session, to work on our grounds. Linda cut back our fruit trees and Jan Leventhal taught her how to cut back our roses. We even got Wendy Schuplinsky, who was walking by, to pitch in for a bit!

In December another volunteer, Andrew Wise, who is an electrician, and I installed replacement lights in our parking lot. The lights are on a dusk to dawn timer so they are on all night and are energy efficient as well.

Building and Grounds volunteers try and meet every Sunday that Sunday school is in session. We work from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon or later. If you are able to pitch in we will really appreciate it as our Building and Grounds are very large and need maintenance and updating throughout the year. In particular, if you have some wood working skills, there are a few places with dry rot where the wood needs replacing.

B'Shalom,  
Building & Grounds,  
Martin Gewing



## NEWS FROM THE SHABBAT SEDER COMMITTEE

This year we have had many wonderful Shabbat Seders that included some wonderful celebrations. We have had several congregants volunteer and cook wonderful meals for our Shabbat Seders. We are very thankful to all of our volunteers who help prepare meals and bring food to share. We couldn't do it without your help.

The Shabbat Seder Committee has grown this year to not only include Fern Bernstein, Wendy Schuplinsky and Fahni Pierce, but we have added two new members, Lois Pierce and Alisa Danyeur. We all work hard to plan the Shabbat Seders and we want to thank all of the volunteers who help set up and help our janitor Monte by cleaning up afterwards.

We still have an exciting Shabbat Seder coming up. On May 11, 2012 we will honor our moms. This Shabbat Seder will be prepared by some dads and some children volunteers to pamper our moms. If you are someone who wants to help out and bring a dish to share or help set up or clean up, please call Wendy Schuplinsky at 745-3404 or Sue Barush in the CBI office at 642-6526.

The Shabbat Seder Committee would like to remind everyone that we will not have a Shabbat Seder in April because we will be having our annual Congregational Passover Seder on April 7, 2012. Beginning in June, we will have our Sha'BBQs on the second Friday of every month during the summer months. CBI needs volunteers to sponsor a Sha'BBQ. You can bring food to cook on one of our grills in the courtyard and then we celebrate Shabbat together on warm summer evenings. If you have any questions or would like to sponsor a Sha'BBQ, you can call Wendy Schuplinsky or Sue Barush in the CBI Office.



### GOOD NEWS

Congregation B'nai Israel will be open for Shabbat Services every Saturday morning 10:00 am. Rabbi White will lead services two Saturdays each month and those of us who attend will have lead services on the other Shabbats. 2012 will be the first time in many years that B'nai Israel will be open for Services every Friday and Saturday. We need each of you to volunteer to do what you can.



### BUY A PLAQUE - \$300

- ◆ Tree of Life - Commemorate a happy occasion
- ◆ Yahrzeit Board - Memorial for loved ones
- ◆ Sanctuary Seat - Memory of loved one or life cycle event



Community Wide

# **Israeli Independence Day Celebration**

Sunday, April 29th

Congregation B'nai Israel

1256 Nebraska St, Vallejo

11am-3pm

***Israeli Food by Yosef Plotkin***

***Music, Dancing, Jewish standup comedy, merchandise  
and more!***

***Come join the party – you won't want to miss it!!***

***For information or to become a vendor, contact Melissa Edwards at  
707-644-1644***





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APRIL 2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Passover Theme Day Parent Mtg 10:15 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 pm Dinner & Discussion with First Presbyterian Church 6:00 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Finance Committee 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> 1st Night of Passover  No Services	<b>7</b> Services 10:00 am Rabbi White Congregational Seder 5:30 pm
<b>8</b> 3rd Night of Passover	<b>9</b> Board Meeting 7:00 pm 4th Night of Passover	<b>10</b> 5th Night of Passover	<b>11</b> 6th Night of Passover	<b>12</b> 7th Night of Passover	<b>13</b> 8th Night of Passover Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	<b>14</b> Services 10:00 am Yizkor  Rabbi White
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## B'nai Israel Summer Fun Camp

June 25-29, 2012 at CBI in Vallejo

Directed by Melissa Edwards

There will be arts and crafts, games, cooking, music, field trips, special guests and lots of FUN, FUN, FUN!

Doors open at 8:30am and close at 4pm

Camp program is from 9 am to 3:30 pm daily

Campers: ages 4 years through 5th grade: \$200/week

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# CALIFORNIA DREAMING

Jewish Life in the Bay Area  
from the Gold Rush to the Present



## How Do You Represent Being Jewish in the Bay Area?

Shabbat taco trucks to Torah study on Mt. Tam, Menorah candle lightings in Union Square to Star of David surfboards. How do you represent being Jewish in the Bay Area?

Help the Contemporary Jewish Museum create a portrait of the Bay Area Jewish community, in all its diversity and complexity, by sharing your photographs that illustrate what it means to be Jewish. All photos will be on display in the CJM's exhibition, *California Dreaming: Jewish Life in the Bay Area from the Gold Rush to the Present* (On view November 17, 2011 through October 16, 2012), as well as on the Museum's website. Contribute your family and personal histories, celebrate your most important milestones, and take pride in your cultural heritage by uploading your photos to the CJM's flickr group.

### Share Your Important Moments and Be Part of the Story.

Please submit your photos to the CJM's dedicated Flickr group: [flickr.com/groups/californiadreaming](http://flickr.com/groups/californiadreaming)

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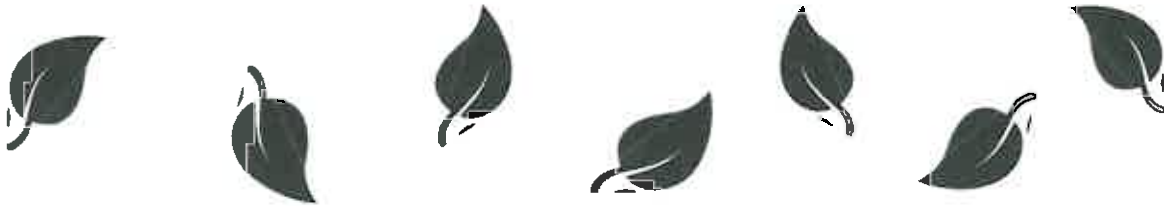
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Upon entering Congregation B'nai Israel, one sees our first, and full, Tree of Life, a symbol of our many joys and happiness. Read the plaques on the original Tree of Life; they reflect the history of CBI. I have two plaques on that Tree of Life; one commemorating our son's Bar Mitzvah and one for our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

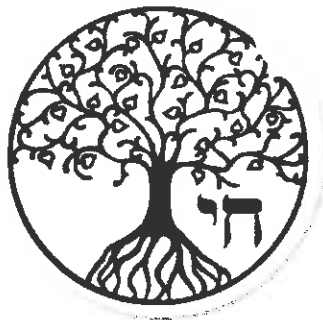
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I suggest each member of Congregation B'nai Israel think of two happy events in our lives worth remembering and purchase a "leaf" on the Tree of Life. If we all purchase two leaves on the Tree, we can fill it and celebrate by adding a third Tree of Life! Send the message to be inscribed on your leaf to John Campbell, [jr.campbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jr.campbell@sbcglobal.net), or to me, Fred Zola, [fredzola@earthlink.net](mailto:fredzola@earthlink.net). The cost is \$300 per leaf. Every time you enter our synagogue, you, your family and your friends will be reminded of a joyous time in your lives.

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- ❖ Children and grandchildren honoring their parents & grandparents
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- ❖ Community members' accomplishments

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