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April 2013

Nisan - Iyar 5773

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## Reflections

By Rabbi David White

### Life After Fahni

It feels incomprehensible to be able to continue with community life without Fahni Pierce, our beloved member who taught not just Hebrew but partnership with the Kadosh Baruch Hu.

That she modeled living each day joyously, lovingly, and optimistically given the conditions under which she lived is also incomprehensible, seemingly impossible, yet that is what she did.

Her presence was in everything that involved mitzvah, caring, compassion, celebration and making special times come alive.

On one hand it feels impossible to go on without her in the efforts to maintain and retain the unique spirit and character of CBI. On the other hand, we can take heart in a reality that we may not properly appreciate: no one, not even Fahni, could do what she did without partners in that effort. The tradition reminds us that the key to Jewish continuity and wellbeing does not reside in any one person. 9 rabbis (i.e. 9 Fahnis [if such were possible]) are not enough to make a minyan, a Jewish community quorum. Fahni's love and gifts were generated in a context that allowed and enabled her to be the unique partner to God and to Life that she was.

I have suggested over the years that there is something special about the people that comprise B'nai Israel, characterized by minimal bad talk and an abundance of caring and sensitivity manifested in far more than a minyan of members.

Yet, when you lose someone that is at the heart and soul of such a unique quorum, each member of the community must do more than take note and stock of the loss.

We have an opportunity, with the fullness of imagination and trust by which Fahni lived, to keep her with us in ways we reflect and act upon our own particular gifts and talents to contribute with greater focus and zeal on moving forward with her in a different way.

Whenever you have a choice to help or not, to give or not, to appreciate or not, to say yes or not, to trust or not, to nurture or not...let Fahni help you with the decision and you will make the right choice.

The community outpouring of love for her and her family...the energy she has already generated through us as we stop to confront our physical loss...is a starting point of moving forward in ways still hard to imagine.

As this April bulletin comes out, we are in the process of leaving Mitzrayim, the "narrow constriction" (in Hebrew) that characterizes "Egypt" (we will gather on Tuesday, April 2 at 10 AM for the last day and Yizkor). Fahni taught in the way she lived that rituals such as Passover are rich not only in the customs observed but in the values lived. This holiday is much more than a ceremonial recall of the start of the Jewish people in a new relationship with a Power, the Kadosh Baruch Hu, until that time unknown and not present in the consciousness of humanity. It was left to this fledgling people to bring God's Presence to Light in the world.

As hard as it is to leave Mitzrayim this year, even as the Israelites carried the bones of Joseph with them as they left, so do we carry Fahni with us, and with her help, will continue to celebrate and elevate life...as we look to celebrate her publicly with community sharing on April 14 and then with her spirit and vibrancy dedicating our celebration of her beloved Israel with Israel Independence Day celebration on April 21.

And so we will move along without her physical presence, but energized by her spirit more than ever, as we dedicate CBI community life to the spirit she brought into our lives. We will honor her by bringing blessings into as many lives and moments as we can with whatever time we are blessed by the Almighty.

God be with us as we move forward and continue to grow the kind of community that could allow Fahni to be who she was and live life with the joy and passion that allowed her to see only good in spite of obstacles that seemed impossible to allow such a spirit to shine through.

If she could live as she did with so many reasons not to, then what obstacles do we face that would keep us from keeping her alive and with us as we move forward to honor God's Presence in the ways we bring light and blessing into the lives of one another and the world beyond?



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## Monthly Schedule of Services

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

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Friday, April 5.....     | Services at 8:00 pm<br>Led by Rabbi White                               |
| Saturday, April 6 .....  | Services at 10:00 am<br>Led by Rabbi White                              |
| Friday, April 12.....    | Shabbat Seder at 7:00 pm<br>Led by Rabbi White                          |
| Saturday, April 13 ..... | Services at 10:00 am<br>Led by Congregants                              |
| Friday, April 19.....    | Services at 8:00 pm<br>Led by Rabbi White                               |
| Saturday, April 20 ..... | Services at 10:00 am<br>Led by Rabbi White<br>Kamren Vargas Bar Mitzvah |
| Friday, April 26.....    | Children's Service at 7:00 pm<br>General Services at 8:00 pm            |
| Saturday, April 27.....  | Services at 10:00 am<br>Led by Congregants                              |



### Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors for April

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Friday, April 5.....     | Oneg sponsored by <u>attendees</u>   |
| Saturday, April 6 .....  | Kiddush sponsored by <u>attendees</u>  |
| Friday, April 12.....    | Shabbat Seder co-sponsored by Shabbat Seder Committee and <u>attendees</u>       |
| Saturday, April 13 ..... | Kiddush sponsored by <u>attendees</u>  |
| Friday, April 19.....    | Oneg sponsored by the Vargas & Zola Families in honor of Kamren's Bar Mitzvah    |
| Saturday, April 20 ..... | Kiddush sponsored by the Vargas & Zola Families in honor of Kamren's Bar Mitzvah |
| Friday, April 26.....    | Oneg sponsored by <u>attendees</u>   |
| Saturday, April 27 ..... | Kiddush sponsored by <u>attendees</u>  |



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## April Birthdays



|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Deborah Freed .....      | 1  |
| David Gewing .....       | 1  |
| Irv Garelick.....        | 2  |
| Joyce Scharf.....        | 3  |
| Gerald Gallardo .....    | 8  |
| Gene Cooper .....        | 9  |
| KC Blackmore.....        | 10 |
| Robin Gross.....         | 11 |
| Jennifer Grist .....     | 12 |
| Seymour Rubinstein ..... | 14 |
| Marc Horowitz.....       | 17 |
| Annie Joseph.....        | 22 |
| Alma Friedman .....      | 24 |
| Steve Edwards .....      | 27 |
| Charlotte Walsh.....     | 29 |
| Robin Gallardo.....      | 30 |

### ♥ April Anniversaries ♥

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Robert & Lyn Linville .....        | 24 |
| Janet Leventhal & David White..... | 25 |
| Ignat & Katya Mayzeles.....        | 26 |



### SPONSOR AN ONEG OR KIDDUSH IN APRIL

We have 6 opportunities for B'nai Israel members to sponsor an oneg or Kiddush in April.

There are 4 Friday onegs and 3 Saturday kiddush open. The Friday dates are April 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and twice on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday dates are April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please provide something savory and/or sweet for the community to enjoy after services. 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!

**Todah Rabah to Monica Vargas, Nieves Vargas and Fred Zola, our Oneg and Kiddush Luncheon sponsors on April 19th and 20th in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Kamren Vargas!**



### New Class in Trope...How to do a Haftarah...with Rabbi White

If you would like to learn to sing a Haftarah, the chanting of the Prophetic portion of the Torah service concluding the Torah reading, then join Rabbi White on Sunday April 7 at 11:15 AM until Noon in his office for the next session. Ability to read Hebrew is a prerequisite for this program. The goal is to train CBI members to take turns in doing the Maftir Haftarah readings both on Shabbat mornings and on the Days of Awe. If you have a CD player, you can have a 45 minute Haftarah Trope Trainer that can help you on your way to doing a Haftarah.



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

This has been a good year for the Religious School.

We celebrated the fall holidays. At Hanukkah, we had fun activities, learned about the Maccabees, and had a dreidl contest. Our dreidl champion was Max Altman, and runner-up was Joshua Mercado. We observed Tu B'Shevat, the new year of the trees and other plants. At Purim, we dressed up and had a great Carnival. By the time you read this article, we will also have celebrated Pesach. Holidays yet to come include Yom HaShoah (to be observed with Beth Shalom in Napa), Yom Ha'atz Maut (Israeli Independence Day), Lag B'Omer and finally Shavuot.

I want to thank Bob Linville, who heads the Education Committee, which is comprised of parents and other volunteers. Great thanks to Ann Hall who always helps with Religious School events and to David Salter, Sue and Roy Barush, and Matt Mercado, who all have volunteered in the Bagel Café. Thank you also to Eric Altman, Monica Vargas and Les Kalman, who donated prizes for the Purim Opportunity drawing. Congratulations to our big winner, Dennis Meade, who won a magnum of wine and a private tour of a winery along with a wine and cheese tasting. Another big winner was Steve Edwards, who won a free bagel each week for the remainder of the school year.

I also want to thank people who helped with fundraisers - Jennifer Mercado who spearheaded the Candle and Passover Candy fundraisers, Steve Edwards who thought up and organized the Free Bagel contest along with Bob Linville, Linda Chene who ran a vendor booth at both the Chanukah Boutique and the Purim Carnival along with a friend, Melissa Edwards who arranged a magician (Alan Kahn) and a band (thank you Roy Barush) for the Purim Carnival, Bob Linville, who along with Jennifer and Matt Mercado and Becky and Chris Stevenson and Missy Stevenson set up and cleared up the Purim Carnival, Steve Edwards who repaired the Purim games, Renee Morales and Dan and Heather Feinberg who ran the popcorn and snow cone booth, and to the parents and former students who ran the games. I also want to thank the synagogue and the board for all its encouragement and help.

Finally, I want to thank the teachers. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with all the teachers for several years. Melissa Edwards and Teri Rosenmann do a wonderful job teaching our children on Sunday, and Fahni Pierce who taught Hebrew to countless children in our community. The Rabbi also teaches sanctuary skills and prayers to our children.

I accepted the position of Religious School principal on a one-year, interim basis. I cannot continue to do this job after this year. The synagogue and school need a new Principal for next year and the future. This is a volunteer position. The Principal is responsible for overseeing the school, overseeing school fundraising and coordinating with the Education Committee. If you are interested, please contact Fred Zola or Bob Linville.



## WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

What a great time we had on our recent Thunder Valley Casino bus trip. I truly believe that one of the highlights for all of us was to see our dear Fahni. In spite of all she was going

through, she smiled her beautiful smile and held her friends' arms so she could be there with us. We can all learn from her strength of character and I personally am glad to have been on that bus that day with her. She truly was a woman of valor.

The trip was a fundraiser and we did raise some funds! Every bit helps towards our goal. We've also continuing to sell our Totes and Bags and did well at our recent Purim Carnival. As we wind down our fiscal year, there are still some events in the making. Robin and company are potentially looking at having our annual auction and the date will be announced as soon as it is finalized. Anyone know a good auctioneer? In the meantime, we have tentatively planned another film event for Sunday, May 19. We'll be showing "Funny Girl" for the adults and "Wreck It, Ralph" for the kids. Of course, this event will be cancelled if it conflicts with the auction date.

Another thing in the works is a Community Garage Sale on Sunday, June 9. We would "rent" vendor spaces in our parking lot and sell hot dogs, etc. as well. Dan Feinberg is helping us organize the event and more details will follow as the planning evolves. In the meantime, our next meeting of the Ways and Means Committee is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 at 10:30. It will be a busy day at CBI, but please join us if you have time! It's a great committee full of wonderful, dedicated people...just like YOU.

**Gail Lamkins, Chair**



## IN HONOR OF FAHNI

For years now Fahni has been that incredible hero to all of us who knew her and watched her fight for every moment of life that she could possibly squeeze from the cancer she fought so well and so hard. This wonderful woman was admired, respected and loved for all she gave her family, her synagogue, the school, and her community, and became a true hero for all of us in the recent years as she showed us how to live life to the fullest no matter what tries to get in the way.

Cheryl and I may have moved physically but today we know that we are still members of B'nai Israel, we know because it hurts so badly. And so we mourn with all of you and with Ralph and her loving children and while we feel like part of our heart has been ripped away from us, we know that nothing can take away the inspiration that was Fahni, the Joy that was Fahni, the love that was Fahni.

We will mourn with you now, but we will remember what she has taught us about living the full life and giving love away as though it were free...because it was, is and always will be. Then we will celebrate her life and all of her gifts to us as a congregation, to some lucky ones as students, to her family, and to each of us, one at a time. That is a small part of what Fahni taught us. Later we must all do it right. She would have wanted that.

For now all our sympathy and love goes out to Ralph, to Angelic and Steven. You have lost a great light but she has left you with her love, wisdom and smile forever. God Bless and Keep you.

**Jack and Cheryl Mazer**

# *Yom Ha'Shoah*

## *Holocaust Remembrance Day*

Join us in remembering those who perished  
And honoring those who survived



SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2013

4 PM – 6 PM

Congregation Beth Shalom  
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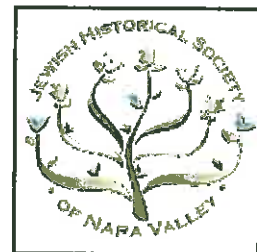
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Light refreshments will be served

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# APRIL YARTZEITEN

April 1 - 15, 2013

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 23 Nisan ..... | Bernard Rothman  |
| 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      |

## April 16 - 30, 2013

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 7 Iyar .....  | Irvin Edell      |
| 9 Iyar .....  | Lila Rae Rubin   |
| 10 Iyar ..... | Louis Adler      |
| 11 Iyar ..... | Neil Klein       |
| 14 Iyar ..... | Len Chetkow      |
| 16 Iyar ..... | Grace Garfinkle  |
| 16 Iyar ..... | Samuel Schertzer |
| 17 Iyar ..... | Mark Broley      |
| 17 Iyar ..... | Julie Chait      |
| 20 Iyar ..... | Morris Album     |
| 20 Iyar ..... | Ida Kray         |



### Cemetery Plots

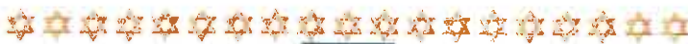
We still have a few cemetery plots at Sunrise Memorial in Vallejo. The cost is \$2,500 for members and \$3,000 for non-members. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 707-642-6526, Jan Leventhal at 707-747-1810 or Carolyn Steinberg at 925-229-8090.



### Adult Studies with Rabbi White

On Sunday April 21 at 10:45 until noon, Rabbi White will join in the festivities celebrating Israel's 65th birthday with his monthly program of Sunday studies bringing special focus on prayers that remind us of Israel's importance in Jewish identity and spiritual life. Sessions are designed to be participatory as people bring their own life stories and experiences to bear in bringing ancient prayers alive in making each day better and bringing more balance into our lives.

Next sessions: April 21 and the final session of the season, May 19.



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In Memory of Lawrence Deutscher  
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In Memory of Adelane Horowitz  
From Cathy Horowitz and Marc North

In Memory of the Yartzeit of Morris Policar and Asher Pizante  
From Harry and Katie Policar



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is called to the Torah  
as a Bar Mitzvah

April 20, 2013

10:00 am

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Vallejo, California

Luncheon to follow service

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Nieves Vargas

Fred Zola

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**Friday, April 26, 2013**

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APRIL 2013

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|   | <b>1</b><br>8th Night<br>of<br>Passover | <b>2</b><br>8th Day of<br>Passover<br>Yizkor Service<br>10:00 am<br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 to 6:00 pm | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>Services<br>8:00 pm   | <b>6</b><br>Services<br>10:00 am   |
| <b>7</b> Gift Shop Open<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 - 12:00<br>Yom HaShoah<br>Remembrance<br>4:00 - 6:00<br>Congregation Beth<br>Shalom   | <b>8</b><br>Board<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm | <b>9</b><br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>Finance<br>Committee<br>7:00 pm                       | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>Shabbat Seder<br>Celebrating<br>Israel's 65th<br>Anniversary<br>7:00 pm<br>Rabbi White | <b>13</b><br>Services<br>10:00 am<br>Rabbi White<br>Hadassah<br>Soup, Salad &<br>a Movie Event<br>6:30 - 9:00 pm |
| <b>14</b><br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am to<br>12:00 pm<br>Celebration of<br>Fahni Pierce<br>1:00 pm  | <b>15</b>                               | <b>16</b><br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 to<br>6:00 pm<br>Yom<br>Ha'Atzmaut                                | <b>17</b><br>Hadassah<br>Board<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>Services<br>8:00 pm<br>Rabbi White   | <b>20</b><br>Kamren<br>Vargas<br>Bar Mitzvah<br>Services<br>10:00 am<br>Rabbi White                              |
| <b>21</b><br>Sunday School<br>10:00 - 12:00<br>Ways & Means Meeting<br>10:15 am<br>Sisterhood Meeting<br>10:45 am<br>Adult Ed 10:45 am<br>Israeli Independence<br>Day Celebration | <b>22</b>                               | <b>23</b><br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 pm<br>to<br>6:00 pm   | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>Children's<br>Service<br>7:00 pm<br>Services<br>8:00 pm<br>Rabbi White                 | <b>27</b><br>Services<br>10:00 am  |
| <b>28</b><br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>to<br>12:00 pm<br>Lag B'Omer<br>Picnic/BBQ  | <b>29</b>                               | <b>30</b><br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 pm<br>to<br>6:00 pm   |  |           |   |  |
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# DRAFT

MAY 2013

| <i>Sun</i>   | <i>Mon</i>                            | <i>Tue</i>  | <i>Wed</i>               | <i>Thu</i>  | <i>Fri</i>  | <i>Sat</i>   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|---|--|
|  |                                       |   | 1                        | 2   | 3<br>Services<br>8:00 pm<br>Rabbi White   | 4<br>Services<br>10:00 am  |
| 5<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>to<br>12:00 pm<br>Gift Shop Open   | 6                                     | 7<br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>Finance<br>Committee<br>7:00 pm | 8                        | 9   | 10<br>Religious School<br>Shabbat<br>Seder<br>Honoring Teachers<br>7:00 pm<br>Rabbi White | 11<br>Services<br>10:00 am<br>Rabbi White<br>Max Sparks<br>Bar Mitzvah |
| 12<br>Mother's<br>Day<br><br>No Sunday<br>School   | 13<br>Board<br>Meeting<br><br>7:00 pm | 14<br>No<br>Hebrew School<br>Erev Shavuot<br>Services<br>8:00 pm        | 15<br>1st Day<br>Shavuot | 16<br>2nd Day<br>Shavuot<br>Yizkor &<br>Shavuot<br>Services<br>10:00 am | 17<br>Services<br>8:00 pm<br>Rabbi White  | 18<br>Services<br>10:00 am<br>Rabbi White                              |
| 19<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 - 12:00<br>Adult Ed<br>10:45 am<br>Jewish Film<br>Afternoon<br>1:00 - 3:00 pm | 20                                    | 21<br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 pm<br>to<br>6:00 pm                         | 22                       | 23  | 24<br>Children's<br>Service<br>7:00 pm<br>Services<br>8:00 pm                             | 25<br>Services<br>10:00 am   |
| 26<br>No<br>Sunday School  | 27<br>Memorial<br>Day                 | 28<br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 pm<br>to<br>6:00 pm                         | 29                       | 30  | 31<br>Services<br>8:00 pm   |  |
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# 52/100 Goes Digital!

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A "VIRTUAL" 52/100 DRAWING

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Event Is presented by the Solano Napa Chapter of Hadassah  
in loving memory of Event Founders Dr. Seymour and Freida Marcuse.

"Buy" any card(s) from a deck of 52 for \$100 each by completing the entry form below (indicate your first, second, and third choices). There is no limit on the number of cards purchased. Card Sharing is acceptable. The drawing will be held during our Movie and Soup Event on April 13. Your presence is not required to win, but we'd love to see you there.

- FIRST PRIZE            \$250 VISA GIFT CARD
- SECOND PRIZE        \$150 VISA GIFT CARD
- THIRD PRIZE          \$100 VISA GIFT CARD

All proceeds to benefit Hadassah National Organization's charitable programs.

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First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to Hadassah and mail to Mary Schwartz, 125 Seahorse Drive, Vallejo 94591. Phone calls may be directed to Mary at 707-373-7294. Deadline to Enter is April 10, 2013.

*Congregation B'nai Israel*  
*Friday, April 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm*  
*Potluck Shabbat Seder with Rabbi White*



*In Celebration of the*  
*State of Israel's 65th Anniversary*

*An Israeli Menu*

*Please bring a*  
*Dairy or Pareve entree,*  
*side dish or salad and*  
*a dessert to share.*



*Join around the tables*  
*for our "family style"*  
*welcoming of Shabbat!*

Please RSVP to Fern Bernstein, [fernbernstein95@gmail.com](mailto:fernbernstein95@gmail.com) or 707.422.3817; Wendy Schuplinsky, [schuplinsky@comcast.net](mailto:schuplinsky@comcast.net) or 707.745.3404 or Lois Pierce, [piercel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:piercel@sbcglobal.net) or 707.678.3632; Alisa Danyeur, [alisa@danyeur.net](mailto:alisa@danyeur.net) or 707.746.0414; Sue Barush, [cbioffice1@yahoo.com](mailto:cbioffice1@yahoo.com) or 707.642.6526



Solano Napa Chapter of Hadassah

<http://hadassahsolano-napablog.com/>

**Movie Night: Aimee & Jaguar\***

Saturday, April 13, 2013

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Congregation B'nai Israel, 1256 Nebraska Street, Vallejo

**Soup, Salad and a Movie**

Suggested donation: \$18.00/couple or \$10.00 /person

RSVP: [hadassahvallejo@gmail.com](mailto:hadassahvallejo@gmail.com)

The true story of two women living in Berlin during WWII, one Jewish, the other Christian. The film explores their romantic relationship and gay life in Berlin during this time.



\*This film is not rated but may not be suitable for children under the age of 17. The film is in German with English subtitles.



## *A Celebration of the Life of Fahni Pierce*

*Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm  
in the B'nai Israel Social Hall  
1256 Nebraska Street, Vallejo*



*With our beloved Fahni,*

- ♥ *Did you learn Israeli dancing?*
- ♥ *Prepare for your Bar or Bat Mitzvah?*
- ♥ *Learn the alefbet and Hebrew?*
- ♥ *Eat the most amazing challah?*
- ♥ *Feel appreciated, cared for and loved?*



*Together, in an afternoon of honoring our sweet  
Fahni, we will share the experiences we had with  
Fahni and her zest for life.*



*Don't miss the annual*

# *Israeli Independence Day Celebration*

**At Congregation B'nai Israel**

**In Vallejo**

**Sunday, April 21 from 10:45 am to 4pm**

**10:45 – Adult Education Class with Rabbi White on the topic of teachings in prayer that show our more than 2000 year old attachment and commitment to the land of Israel.**

**Noon to 2pm – Kosher Israeli lunch, Jewish piano music with Joe Liebling, face painting and other activities for children, Israeli dancing , freshly ground coffee, vendors of jewelry, Judaica and more!**

**2pm – Showing of the award winning film “The Case for Israel” with a presentation by Jonathan Bernstein, executive director of FIDF Bay Area.**



# PUBLIC SCREENING

# The Case for Israel

## Democracy's Outpost

A FEATURE-LENGTH DOCUMENTARY FILM WITH **Alan Dershowitz**

**Sunday,  
April 21, 2013  
2:00 PM**

**Congregation Bnai Israel  
1256 Nebraska Street  
Vallejo, California**

*Film to follow Israeli Independence  
Day Festival beginning at noon.  
Presentation by FIDF immediately  
following screening.*

For more info, call Melissa 707-644-1644  
(beled84@yahoo.com) or  
Sue at 707-642-6526 (cbioffice1@yahoo.com)

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Harvard Law School Professor Alan Dershowitz presents a vigorous case for Israel – for its basic right to exist, to protect its citizens from terrorism, and to defend its borders from hostile enemies. He engages leading political, judicial and academic leaders from Israel and North America in objective and intelligent discourse on the critical challenges facing Israel and the West.

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## 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

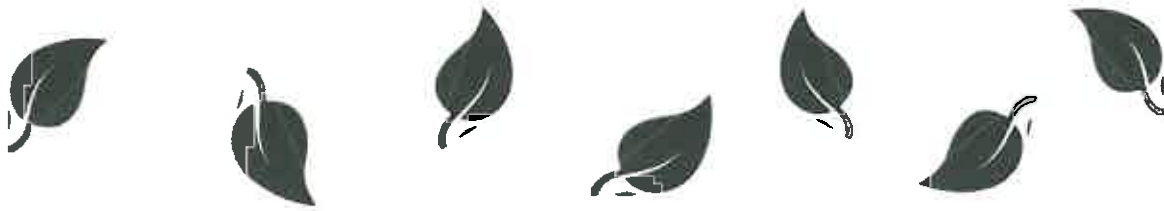
The proceeds will benefit our Religious School. We will receive anywhere from \$0.25 to \$20.00 per item with most items in the \$2.50 range.

Reprocessing one empty laser toner cartridge averts 2.5 pounds of solid waste out of landfills. Recycling one printer cartridge prevents natural resources, such as oil, from being used to produce a new one. Remanufacturing one cell phone stops 220 pounds of waste from being generated.

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!





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.

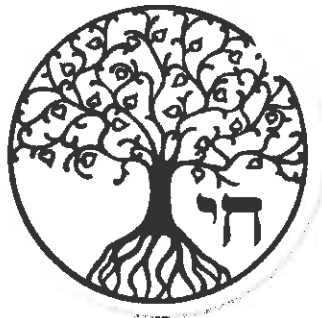
Thanks to the generosity of the Campbell family, our synagogue has a second Tree of Life, with lovely, golden leaves, ready to commemorate our community's many simchas! I have ordered one leaf to honor my grandson's Bar Mitzvah and soon will order a second leaf for our thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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.

- ❖ Significant anniversaries or birthdays
- ❖ Births, Brit Milah, Baby Naming
- ❖ Bar and Bat Mitzvah
- ❖ Parents and grandparents honoring their children & grandchildren
- ❖ Children and grandchildren honoring their parents & grandparents
- ❖ CBI Leaders
- ❖ Community members' accomplishments

Let us hold onto and remember our happy times and fill our beautiful, new, Tree of Life.

Fred Zola  
[fredzola@earthlink.net](mailto:fredzola@earthlink.net)



# Congregation B'nai Israel

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## TREE OF LIFE

### LEAF ORDER FORM

|   |              |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| <b>NAME</b>                                   | <b>DATE</b>  |  |
| <b>EMAIL</b>                                  | <b>PHONE</b> |  |
| <b>INSCRIPTION (must fit inside the leaf)</b> |              |  |
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- ❖ Aniversaries and Birthdays
- ❖ Births, Brit Milah, Baby Naming
- ❖ Bar & Bat Mitzvah
- ❖ Honoring children and grandchildren
- ❖ Honoring parents and grandparents
- ❖ Accomplishments of friends and family
- ❖ Significant events and honors
- ❖ Just because!



**1 Leaf @ \$300.00**

**Other \_\_\_\_\_ (CBI Members only)**

**You will be invoiced for the total amount due.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL, 1256 NEBRASKA STREET, VALLEJO, CA 94590 ATTN: SUE BARUSH, ADMINISTRATOR**



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To Honor or In Memory of a Loved One  
or to Celebrate a Life Cycle Event

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|---------|--------|
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| 3 seats | \$850  |
| 4 seats | \$1100 |
| 6 seats | \$1500 |

***Let's finish the job we started!***

Please mail completed form to:

Congregation B'nai Israel  
1256 Nebraska Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590

For information contact:  
Sue Barush at 642-6526  
or [cbioffice1@yahoo.com](mailto:cbioffice1@yahoo.com)

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