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# Congregation B'nai Israel Newsletter

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IS TO SERVE THE SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL NEEDS OF OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY

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February, 2012



Shevat - Adar 5772

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## Reflections

By Rabbi David White

### Why so Many New Years?

Unlike secular culture with its New Year celebrated on January 1, Jewish culture has 4 New Years. Rosh Hashanah commemorates the world and its condition; the First of Nisan ushering in Passover commemorates Jewish beginnings as a people, the first of Elul is for animals (applicable in Temple times determining the age for potential offerings) and coming this month, February 7 and 8, Tu B'Shevat the fifteenth of Shevat, celebrating the New Year for trees and vegetation.

The first 2, Rosh Hashanah and Passover (14 days into the first month in the Jewish calendar year) focus on 2 possibly disparate and hopefully complementary conditions in our lives: our place in the larger world: city/town, County, State, Country and beyond...and our place within a people, culture, value system, path, way, religious identity...all the possibilities of tapping into and connecting with our Jewish roots and foundations...our particular identity through which we interface with the larger one.

Adding New Years for animals and vegetation indicate our interdependency with the physical dimension we inhabit.

Acknowledging and honoring Tu B'Shevat as part of the broader system of Jewish consciousness that puts it in the family of Years with Rosh Hashanah and Passover adds depth and complexity to these primary celebrations: that to celebrate Rosh Hashanah means commitment to the wellbeing of our world...not only how we treat people and honor our responsibilities as in the Teshuva process we go through for Yom Kippur, but to add to that equation, deeper and more dedicated reflection on the conditions of our planet and the wellbeing, or not, of the natural world.

To celebrate Passover and each of our Pilgrimage Holidays (including also Shavuot and Sukkot) is to not only focus on the message of freedom (Passover), the importance of a constitution by which to guarantee freedom (Shavuot and the Giving of Torah), and understanding that the harvest is life itself (Sukkot). These history-based holidays have their parallels in the natural cycle as well, agricultural points of the year, as if to remind us of the message of Tu B'Shevat, that God resides in all facets of the physical world.

Our sages indicate that when God told Moses in the Parsha Vaera (Exodus chapter 6) that God was not known as "Adonai" to the original ancestors, but rather as El Shaddai, God Almighty, the ancestors were in tune with God in appreciating that Presence through the natural world. It was Moses who would experience something super-natural, when he encountered a bush in nature that unnaturally did not burn up.

All these Jewish New Year's serve to remind us of the many nuances and layers of challenge and meaning for us to glean in our world today, whether in the confines of our homes and communities or the larger condition of this little spot of the universe we call earth. As a system designed to focus on bringing holiness into the daily world, Judaism's manifold perspectives and points of reference reflect how complex our job is today to fix this world and make it safe and secure for future generations.

New Year's Day and the symbol of "Out with the Old and In with the New" is not an energy or orientation conducive to making 2012 a better year. The Jewish calendar provides a healthier, if more realistic orientation on the challenges and complexities for us to embrace to indeed make this year a better one.



### Adult Education with Rabbi White

Sunday, February 26, 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.

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**Monthly Schedule of Services**

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

Friday, Feb. 3.....	Services at 8:00 pm Led by Rabbi White
Saturday, Feb. 4 .....	Services at 10:00 am Led by Rabbi White
Friday, Feb. 10.....	Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm Led by Rabbi White
Saturday, Feb. 11 .....	Services at 10:00 am Led by Congregants
Friday, Feb. 17.....	Services at 8:00 pm Led by Rabbi White
Saturday, Feb. 18 .....	Services at 10:00 am Led by Rabbi White
Friday, Feb. 24.....	Services at 8:00 pm Led by Congregants
Saturday, Feb. 25 .....	Services at 10:00 am Led by Congregants



**Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors for February**

Friday, Feb. 3.....	Oneg sponsored by <u>attendees</u>
Saturday, Feb. 4 .....	Kiddush sponsored by <u>attendees</u>
Friday, Feb. 10.....	Shabbat Seder sponsored by Jack Mazer and dessert sponsored by <u>attendees</u>
Saturday, Feb. 11 .....	Kiddush sponsored by <u>attendees</u>
Friday, Feb. 17.....	Oneg sponsored by <u>attendees</u>
Saturday, Feb. 18 .....	Kiddush sponsored by <u>attendees</u>
Friday, Feb. 24.....	Oneg sponsored by <u>attendees</u>
Saturday, Feb. 25 .....	Kiddush sponsored by <u>attendees</u>



**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.



**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



**February Birthdays**



Robert Linville.....	2
Matthew Danyeur .....	5
Timmy Noonan .....	8
Jack Mazer .....	10
Lillian Kalman .....	13
Sue Levy .....	13
David Sherlock .....	13
Seymour Marcuse .....	15
Stephen Sherlock .....	17
Daniel Antaya .....	20
Jeffrey Nurik .....	23
Levi Rapaport-O'Connor .....	23
Joyce Georgetti .....	24
Don Bond.....	26
Doug Cort .....	26
Gail Lamkins.....	26
Benjamin Beville.....	27
Martin Gewing .....	28

**♥ February Anniversaries ♥**

Ray & Esther Goldberg .....	3
Louis & Lisa Hirsh .....	3
Jennifer & Matt Mercado .....	8
Jo & Steven Dorfman .....	10



**Happy 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Seymour!**



**FEBRUARY DONATIONS & TRIBUTES**

**Donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**  
From Timothy & Cindy Noonan

**"Get Well Soon" Wishes to Sharon Cohn**  
From Lois & Paul Pierce

**Best Wishes to Congregation B'nai Israel**  
From Lois Pierce



**BUY A PLAQUE - \$300**

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



**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.

## Ways/Means Committee

I'm thrilled to report that our recent "Be a Wrap Star" was the best ever! Our annual event in conjunction with the Fairfield Barnes & Noble was very successful. This year we raised more funds than we ever have before! A huge congratulations to our team. Special thanks to Alisa Danyeur, Melodia Drexler, Helen Falk, Alan and Nadine Goodban, Jennifer Mercado, Renee Morales, Lois Pierce, Myra Rabinstock, Donna Rubin, Nieves Vargas and President Fred Zola. Each took time from their lives to lend a wrapping hand! Your enthusiasm and commitment are appreciated. Thanks to each and every one of you.

On February 26 (oh, yes, it IS my birthday - funny you noticed! Ha!), we'll be hosting another Film Event at CBI. These evenings have always been well received and provide a relaxing venue for sharing a movie and thoughts with friends. Please see the enclosed flyer for more specific information. Our Committee has shifted into high gear now in preparation for "Around the USA". The date is Sunday, March 25. We have some absolutely incredible entertainment in the works and the menu/booth foods are going to be amazing. Buy your tickets early for a discounted rate! The attached flyer in this month's bulletin provides more details and, as always, feel free to contact any of our Committee members if you have any questions.

Gail Lamkins, Chair

(707) 425-5866 or glamkins@gmail.com



## 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 Horse Thief, 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.




## FEBRUARY YARTZEITEN

### February 1 - 15, 2012

13 Shevat .....	Meghan Campbell
13 Shevat .....	Hedy Stern
14 Shevat .....	Dora Goldberg
16 Shevat .....	Kate Tax
16 Shevat .....	Robert Cohen
17 Shevat .....	Samuel Maiman
17 Shevat .....	Muriel Sayer
17 Shevat .....	Meyer Liberman
18 Shevat .....	William White
19 Shevat .....	Martin Elston
20 Shevat .....	Rock Calof
20 Shevat .....	Dina Wallin
21 Shevat .....	Irving Scott
22 Shevat .....	Blanche Solomon
22 Shevat .....	Sondra Fisher
22 Shevat .....	Rudy Salner
22 Shevat .....	Julius Salner

### February 16 - 29, 2012

24 Shevat .....	Ethel Chait
24 Shevat .....	Hyman Jacobs
27 Shevat .....	Sarah Platsky
28 Shevat .....	Olga Bialkin
29 Shevat .....	Myron Meiselman
29 Shevat .....	Morris Symonds
30 Shevat .....	Nathan Bonderow
1 Adar .....	Morris Policar
2 Adar .....	Samuel Ross
3 Adar .....	Moe Chetkow
3 Adar .....	Pinchas Schwartz
3 Adar .....	Joseph Schmall
3 Adar .....	Jean Greenberg
4 Adar .....	Hetty Blumenfeld
5 Adar .....	Sofya Volodarskaya
5 Adar .....	Candy Desman
5 Adar .....	Hilton Herman
6 Adar .....	Alan Heller

  
*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.





# FEBRUARY ONEG & KIDDUSH

## SPONSORS

We have 7 opportunities for friends/families to sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush in February. There are 3 Friday Oneg and 4 Saturday Kiddush open.

The Friday dates are February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday dates are February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<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!



## TLC FUND

The TLC (or Tikkun Loving Care) Fund is a product of the proceeds from an annual concert held at CBI during late summer. It is for the use of members who need financial help in paying medical expenses. If you have medical expenses that are taxing your ability to pay, let us help. All you need to do is write a letter to Rabbi White explaining the costs and barriers to paying them and we will do the rest. This is just another way to let you know that our congregation cares about you, spiritually and physically. An application for TLC funding should include:

1. Name
2. Need (e.g. medical co-payment for procedure or co-payment for medication)
3. Contact information: Just give it to the Rabbi or Fred Zola and TLC will take it from there.

L'Chaim,  
Doug Cort



## FROM MIDRASHA IN BERKELEY

When I think of Tikkun Olam and Midrasha in Berkeley, my thoughts go in two directions: what do we do that is obvious and what is more hidden. The obvious: Three times a month we cook dinners for the Men's Shelter in downtown Berkeley. A small committee of students takes the list of Midrasha families who have said they are interested in helping and assigns two families to each evening, find another family to bake cookies and then thanks them all when they're done. This has worked especially well since one group of families has taken one of these three evenings for nine months a year as "theirs" for the last five years or so. A few weeks ago I got an e-mail from an intern at the shelter telling us that Midrasha in Berkeley provides more dinners each year than any other organization. Families participating can go to the Midrasha website and find questions for reflection to turn this mitzvah into an even more thoughtful act of Tikkun Olam. (Check it out: <http://www.midrasha.org/homelessshelter.html>.)

And there are other overt things that we do. For the past several years we have provided Chanukah gifts to a family in counseling with Shalom Bayit. Usually this is a mom who has left an abusive situation and is trying hard to start a new life for herself and her children. Often the Shalom Bayit client provides a modest list as a guide to the organization that has promised to provide gifts to their family. This year's mom's list was extensive and I was afraid we would only be able to scratch the surface, but in the end I was overwhelmed at the outpouring from the Midrasha community. Families donated many of the items on the list and gave us enough cash to buy most of the rest and then buy gift cards on top of that. And each Sunday our students make sandwiches that are then delivered to a shelter or the Beth El homeless meal.

But despite the Tikkun Olam that is easy to see, there is the Tikkun Olam that we hope seeps in by osmosis. We hope that Tikkun Olam becomes a part of much of what we teach so that as our students leave Midrasha and go out into the rest of their lives, Tikkun Olam becomes second nature. (And I can see how this is working by realizing how many graduates annually ask me to contribute to their Hillel "Challah for Hunger" projects or sponsor them to rebuild in New Orleans or travel to South America to work in rural villages, so they must have been paying attention at Midrasha.) The 8th grade core curriculum, Ethics in Action, spends an entire morning looking at disabilities. Students emerge with much more compassion, empathy and understanding than when they started the day. Another unit is on homelessness, where students grapple with the causes, the solutions, and their personal response to the homelessness around them. Our Abraham's Vision class is a year long curriculum for Jews and Muslims, exploring each other's religion, history and culture and includes six group process sessions where participants indeed begin to figure out how to "repair the world." I would guess that if I thought hard enough about it, most Midrasha classes would have a bit of Tikkun Olam tucked into the curriculum.

But enough of the serious conversation. Before I end, I want to remind you to save the evening of Sunday, March 11 for our annual Midra-Shabang, a Silent Auction and Buffet Supper, this year on the theme of "Tropical Paradise." There will be music, delicious food, surprise speakers and great auction items. This year it will be at Congregation Beth El from 5-8 pm. If you'd like ticket information or have an auction item to donate, contact the Midrasha office, 843-4667. **Diane Bernbaum, Director**



## Seminar on Modern Anti-Semitism

In February, Congregation Beth Ami continues their exciting five-part Seminar on Modern Anti-Semitism, open to the entire Jewish community and free of charge. All events will take place in the Beth Ami Sanctuary, 4676 Mayette Avenue, Santa Rosa, followed by an oneg in the Social Hall.

# **Congregation B'nai Israel**

## **General Membership Meeting & Election of Board of Directors**

**Monday, February 13, 2012**

**Appetizers at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.**

### **2012-2013 Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors**

**President: Fred Zola**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Dan Feinberg**

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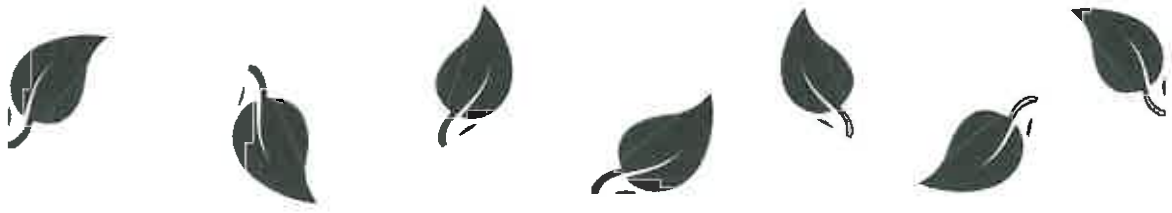
**Robert Linville**

**Carolyn Steinberg**

**Directors – one year remaining on term**

**Martin Gewing - Lois Pierce**

**ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING SHOULD ATTEND & BE A  
PART OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS AT B'NAI ISRAEL!**



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  
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**Next Due Date for Bulletin Articles/Items:**

**Monday, February 20, 2012**

***Don't forget to get your (typed) items in!!  
This includes flyers – please forward to the editor!***

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# בני ישראל

FEBRUARY 2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	4 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
5 Sunday School 10:00 to 12:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Theme Day	6	7 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	8 Tu B'Shevat	9 Finance Committee 7:00 pm	10 Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm Rabbi White	11 Services 10:00 am
12 Sunday School 10:00 to 12:00 pm 52/100 Event 5:00 pm	13 Congregational Meeting 7:00 pm	14 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	15	16	17 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	18 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	22	23	24 Services 8:00 pm	25 Services 10:00 am
26 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Adult Ed 10:45 - 12:00 Film Event 12:00 - 3:00 pm	27	28 Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 pm Adult Ed 5:30 - 7:00 pm	29			

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## MARCH 2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2 Services 8:00 pm	3 Services 10:00 am
4 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Parent Mtg 10:15 am Sisterhood 10:45 am Hadassah Movie & Soup 1:00 pm	5	6 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	7 Erev Purim Megillah Reading 6:30 pm Purim Party 7:30 pm	8 Purim	9 Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm Post Purim Event Rabbi White	10 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
11 Sunday School 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Purim Carnival	12	13 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	14	15 Finance Committee 7:00 pm	16 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	17 Services 10:00 am
18 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Sisterhood Bunko Event 1:00 - 3:00 pm	19 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	21	22	23 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	24 Services 10:00 am Class Bet Rabbi White
25 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Adult Ed 10:45 - 12:00 "Around the USA" Event	26	27 Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 pm Adult Ed 5:30 - 7:00 pm	28	29	30 Services 8:00 pm	31 Services 10:00 am

*Join us Friday evening*

***February 10th, at 7:00<sup>PM</sup>***  
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***With Rabbi David White***

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*What You Can Bring*

***Please*** *RSVP to Sue at*  
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***Or phone at 707-745-3404***



## **Solano Napa Chapter's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual 52/100 Event**



**Place:** Congregation B'nai Israel  
1256 Nebraska Street – Vallejo

**Date:** February 12, 2012

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Dress:** Casual - Chic

**Select your favorite card out of a deck of 52 for \$100  
(need not be present to win)**

### **WIN FABULOUS PRIZES**

**All moneys raised will help support our Hadassah Hospitals and the incredible work they do, and the various Hadassah programs in Israel and the United States as well as the building of our new state-of-the-art hospital in Jerusalem.**

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Please RSVP to Jennifer Mercado at 707-656-5416 ([dragonbluewingz@yahoo.com](mailto:dragonbluewingz@yahoo.com)), or Mary Schwartz at 707-563-5520 ([maryschwartz64@yahoo.com](mailto:maryschwartz64@yahoo.com)). Please forward checks payable to Hadassah to the Chapter Treasurer (Mary Schwartz) at 125 Seahorse Drive, Vallejo, CA 94591.

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# JEWISH FILM AFTERNOON

**1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

## **“SARAH’S KEY”**

**A decades-old mystery unsolved –until now.**

**JULIA JARMOND (Kristin Scott Thomas) is an American journalist living in Paris with her French husband, BERTRAND, assigned to cover the anniversary of France’s notorious 1942 Vel’d’Hiv Roundup of Jews in World War II. She is stunned to discover that Bertrand’s family apartment was the scene of an unspeakable incident during the war; his family has been concealing a disturbing secret; and a young French girl ,SARAH , holds the key to unlock the disturbing truth.**

**Sunday,  
FEBRUARY 26TH**

**Congregation B’nai Israel  
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**12 noon – 1 p.m.  
A lunch of hot  
soup, sandwiches,  
salads and desserts  
will be available for  
\$5 per person;  
Children - \$3.**

**DONATION for the film showing –\$10 per person.**

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We invite you to spend the happiest holiday  
in the Jewish calendar with us –

**\*\* PURIM \*\***

**WEDNESDAY, March 7, 2012**

Congregation B'nai Israel  
1256 Nebraska St, Vallejo

Come for *"MEGILLAH MADNESS"*

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

and enjoy Rabbi David White's reading of the  
Megillah in his inimitable style.

Costumes and raucous noisemakers are encouraged. Active participation in boo-ing Haman as well as loud cheers for Mordecai is a must. Tender, admiring "ooh, la la's" for Queen Esther's courage and beauty is surely well - deserved.

*Stay on for more fun time in the Social Hall*

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Join us for dinner, a Costume Parade and Contest  
and lively horas.

**IT'S PURIM TIME!**

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**5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

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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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*California Dreaming: Jewish Life in the Bay Area from the Gold Rush to the Present* has been organized by the Contemporary Jewish Museum with major support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Gala Fund, and Osterweis Capital Management. Additional generous support has been provided by the Estate of Sidney and Vivian Konigsberg, Jim Joseph Foundation, Alison Gelb Pincus and Mark Pincus, Dana Corvin and Harris Weinberg, and Robin Reiner and Fred Isaac from the Frederick J. Isaac Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of the East Bay.

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Vallejo, CA 94590

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