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January, 2013



Tevet - Shevat 5773

Reflections

By Rabbi David White

What Changes for You After Newtown?

Amidst the overwhelm of the catastrophe in Newtown is not only how to move on with "normal" life, but what "lessons" to learn that can both honor the victims and somehow help us muddle along in our lives...knowing so vividly that neither tomorrow nor the next moment is a certainty.

The immediate response is to remember each day not to take anything or anyone for granted. The President sounded the obvious parental response: that you hug your child and dear ones tighter, each time you reunite at the end of a day.

One lesson to take to heart in watching the horror of how Newtown buried its dead...day after day...is how that community has drawn on its essence as "community", something not to be assumed in many pockets, especially larger urban-based areas, of the country. As I have suggested before, America doesn't on a regular basis do "community" very well. Our country was built on the rights of individuals whether to pray as they wish or, as is being stirred up in the debates swirling around the aftermath of the tragedy, the right to bear arms.

However many years it will take for Newtown to go through a process of healing, their interconnectivity as community, given how small and isolated they seem to be in the larger scale of Americana, gives them hope for a positive future even in the darkness that has engulfed them and the country.

Jewish communities throughout European history held up through, at times, horrendous conditions, over the years, in their understanding that "Life is with People", the title of a wonderful book written years ago about life in the shtetls (small Jewish villages/towns...often subsets of non-Jewish villages/towns) in Europe. What went hand in hand, to allow Jews to withstand the pressures of hostility, on the outside, was partnership of community within the shtetls with the gift of Shabbat, a 24 hour period of respite and refuge from the realities of the other six days, on the outside.

When life is going well for one and all (when is that really the case in the times we live?) it is fine to be on one's own and stretch one's wings, doing what one wishes and pursuing personal goals. When you are in familiar territory, you may not need to ask for directions or seek another's help.

But, increasingly, the "territory" is becoming unfamiliar. It is one thing to see a world that is changing faster than many of us can adjust in its technology, which is why it is nice to have teens around that can help us with the latest gadgets, assuming we need to keep up with that area of life. It is another to come to a realization that what we may have assumed when we were

younger (perhaps naively), that our leaders knew what they were doing and would somehow, through science or other means, solve whatever problems we faced, is not the case in these times. Increasingly we see our leaders as vulnerable and even lacking in vision and commitment to solve the problems, whether as global as climate change or as local as violence in virtually any and every corner of our country.

Negotiating such unfamiliar territory requires willingness to admit that we need each other and have to be increasingly willing to ask one another for "directions". We need to choose our relationships more carefully in terms of people that share values inherent in such programs as Judaism: thinking "we" more than "I" and reevaluating our portfolios to examine how much weight we give to relationships and time for one another vs. the tried (though not so "true") priority of gathering more material things as determinants of our "wealth" and stature.

Another lesson to learn that is inherent in Judaism is to do the mandate espoused on Yom Kippur, to not wait for Yom Kippur to address our imbalances, but to do Teshuva (change in direction in the acknowledgment of wrong doing and wrong headedness) not one day a year, but one day before we die. The rabbis ask how that is possible given that no one knows the day of their death in advance. The response is: given that truth, you are to do Teshuva every day of your life. That translates as making amends and keeping balances with one another each day, not to wait for a special time, or when the spirit moves you. Doing Teshuva one day before you die means hugging dear ones tightly every day, not just after the tragedy in Newtown or whatever other horrors await society as we try to develop leadership within ourselves and in our governance so as to move the world closer to the Age of Shalom.

Doing Teshuva on a daily basis is not easy, especially when it seems such an individual strategy that sounds good but seems easy to forget or overlook. That is why we are in "this" together, to support one another in our efforts to make community more than a concept or good idea...making it reality in the times we share in extending the walls and boundaries of our families and homes to create the "village" we need, and have always needed, to raise our children with the promise of a better future than how it feels right now, as I write these words.

While Judaism doesn't particularly focus on New Year resolutions in that 2013 is a continuation of 5773, as we enter this new secular year, such soul searching is conducive to translation into resolutions that we can all agree upon in bringing important changes into the "business as usual" that otherwise reflects life as we tend to live it.

Meanwhile, I look forward to my next hug!



Monthly Schedule of Services

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

- Friday, January 4 Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Congregants
- Saturday, January 5..... Services at 10:00 am
Led by Congregants
- Friday, January 11 Shabbat Seder at 7:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, January 12.... Services at 10:00 am
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, January 18 Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, January 19.... Services at 10:00 am
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, January 25 Children's Service at 7:00 pm
Led by Saul Kaye
General Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, January 26.... Services at 10:00 am
Led by Congregants



Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors for January

- Friday, January 4 Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, January 5..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, January 11 Shabbat Seder co-sponsored by The Shabbat Seder Committee and attendees
- Saturday, January 12.... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, January 18 Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, January 19.... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, January 25 Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, January 26.... Kiddush sponsored by attendees



JANUARY ONEG & KIDDUSH SPONSORS

We have 7 opportunities for B'nai Israel members to sponsor an oneg or Kiddush in January!

There are 4 Friday onegs and 4 Saturday kiddush open. The Friday dates are January 4th, 18th and twice on the 25th! The Saturday dates are January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

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 or 707-642-6526 to confirm your preferred date!

Thank you to Shari Salomon for sponsoring an oneg in December!



President's Message

Recently I was having lunch with a non-Jewish business colleague. I asked him if he was a religious person. He gave me a speech about how he was a "Spiritual" person. Always trying to do the right thing, knowing the difference between right and wrong, etc. When he finished, I said, "That sounds like you do not attend Church. His response, "No, I would not join any organized religion because all they do is ask for money".

This sums up the situation we, as an organized religion, are in. We are always asking for money and people do not like that. I do not like that either. What to do? I would like to stop asking for money. Then people like the man who I was talking with would not have such a problem with religion.

This, it seems to me, is a marketing problem. Would the same man say, "I will not go to the grocery store, all they want is money". People have no problem paying for goods and services everyday, but have a hard time paying to be a member of a religious group. There is a lack of perceived value of the service we offer or maybe folks think G-d will provide.

In times of crisis, life and death, sickness and pain, people call the Shul. They need a Rabbi, they need a spiritual connection. When we get these calls, the Rabbi does not check to see if this person has paid dues or is even a member. He responds on a 24 hour, 7 day per week basis. We are like a spiritual 911 call. When a Jew needs to worship, we are open for services every Sabbath, Friday and Saturday. We offer education for our children and adults. We are a social community for those who want to be part of our family. Yet, when the bill arrives, it goes to the bottom of the pile and is paid only if there is money left after all else is paid. I have done this myself, so I understand.

The question is how do we communicate the value of what we provide? I am asking for your help, because I do not have an answer. When I volunteered to be President of B'nai Israel, (thank you so much for this great honor), I did it as my way to serve G-d and thank G-d for the blessings in my life. I have found that this job entails too much bill-collecting, fundraising and listening to people tell me why they cannot or will not pay to be a member. I have no solution and I am asking you to help me. How do we communicate the value of the services we offer?

I return to the statement above, "No, I would never join any organized religion because all they do is ask for money"

Fred

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January Birthdays



Nicole Levin	1
Eli Silver	1
Bill Danyeur	2
Katherine Grist	2
Etaine Freed	5
Nadya Schmeder	8
Jim Heilborn	9
Matthew Silverman	9
Sue Heilborn	10
Matthew Grist	11
Rhea Zaks	13
Joseph Meade	16
Nathan Tyler	16
Natan Silverman	18
Shirley Bogner	23
Evette Wiese	23
Roy Barush	24
Cory Linville	26
Ruth Balter	27
Jonathan Mazer	28
Joshua Mercado	28
Linda Cort	30
David Gonzales	30

♥ January Anniversaries ♥

Fern & Bob Bernstein	30
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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 Gail Lamkins at 707-425-5866 for further details.



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:

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 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!



JANUARY YARTZEITEN

January 1 - 15, 2013

19 Tevet	Frances Kray
19 Tevet	Morris Chait
22 Tevet	Hyman Weinberg
22 Tevet	Esther Cohen
22 Tevet	Zalie Hattem-Pizante
22 Tevet	Dr. Albert Cohn
23 Tevet	Miriam Linder
23 Tevet	Fanny Jacobs
23 Tevet	Tillie Vineberg
24 Tevet	Allen Salomon
24 Tevet	Fortunee Pierce
24 Tevet	David Skootsky
26 Tevet	Gisela Warren
27 Tevet	Eli Garelick
29 Tevet	Ruth Young
29 Tevet	Milton Greenbaum
29 Tevet	Albert Kaufman
4 Shevat	Nathan Scharlin
4 Shevat	Sam Levitt
4 Shevat	Salomon Cohen

January 16 - 31, 2013

7 Shevat	Raphael Abouaf
13 Shevat	Meghan Campbell
13 Shevat	Hedy Stern
14 Shevat	Dora Goldberg
16 Shevat	Kate Tax
16 Shevat	Robert S. 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



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.



**JANUARY
DONATIONS & TRIBUTES**

Donation for CBI Security System costs

From Sisterhood

In Memory of Allen Salomon on his 10th Yahrzeit

From Shari Salomon

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

What a flurry of activities we've had...and more to come! Our recent booth at the Chanukah Boutique was the place to be. Handmade tote bags, pillows, bird mobiles and playhouses flew "off the shelves" and the items were a success. Recognition should go to Helen Falk and her sister, Sweet, who lives in the Philippines, for their magnificent collective sewing skills. Their efforts helped CBI raise money.

Continuing our quest for raising money, we recently held our annual Barnes & Noble gift wrapping event. I'm pleased to report that we far exceeded last year's profits. It should be noted that Renee Morales went "above and beyond" and volunteered in excess of 28 hours over the course of five days for this endeavor. Thank you, Renee! A huge thanks also to our other CBI member volunteers: Myra Binstock, Alan & Nadine Goodban, Jennifer Mercado, Syd Nazarenko, Donna Rubin and Laura Susskind. Your support is always appreciated.

On January 13, we'll have another Jewish Film Afternoon. This time our feature film will be "The Infidel" and lunch will include lots of warm and sweet foods! Come and join us. An informational flyer is included in this bulletin. On Sunday, February 17, we'll be boarding a bus headed to Thunder Valley Casino in Lincoln! Tickets are only \$27.00 per person and in return you'll get \$15 in free slot plays and \$5 towards any food purchase! During the drive there, you can join us for a game of bingo and win early! Muffins and coffee will also be served. So there are many ways you can help CBI AND have fun!

The next meeting of our Committee will be on Sunday, February 3, at 10:30 in the Library. All are welcome!

Gail Lamkins, Chair



Adult Studies with Rabbi White

On Sunday January 27 at 10:45 until noon, Rabbi White will continue his monthly program of Sunday studies and conversation: translating spiritual values found in core prayers into everyday application and practical strategies for living. Each session involves a close examination of familiar prayers in uncovering core Judaic values good for application in everyday life. Sessions are designed to be participatory as people bring their own life stories and experiences to bear on how we bring an ancient prayer alive as a modern and practical way of making each day better and bringing more balance into our lives.

Upcoming sessions: January 27 and February 10.



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 January 6 at 11:15 AM until Noon in his office. 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 cassette tape recorder (you remember them!), you can record the trope as Rabbi White works with the group on this process.



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, Carolyn Steinberg or Jennifer Mercado.



Ner Tamid

נר תמיד

Eternal Flame

Napa County's only Jewish Cemetery Now Available

The Ner Tamid section of the historic St. Helena Cemetery is reserved for people of the Jewish faith and their immediate families. It is the only Jewish sacred space for burials in Napa County. The landscape design includes features of specific Jewish significance.

For further information contact
Myrna Abramowicz 707-226-9634 or
Donna Mendelsohn 707-259-5332

Section 26 of St. Helena Community Cemetery
2461 Spring Street
St. Helena, Napa County, CA

ANNOUNCEMENT

General Membership Meeting
February 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Agenda includes:

- Election of Officers and Board of Directors
- Revised Bylaws will be presented for membership approval.
 - The Revised Bylaws, as proposed by the Bylaws Committee, will be sent to all members in good standing either by .pdf email or US Mail. If you have any questions about the By-laws revision, please contact the Parliamentarian, Jan Leventhal, at (707) 342-0620.

Please come and support the continuity of our community.



Building an Interfaith Organization in Solano/Napa

Congregation B'nai Israel
January 27, 2013

Registration 2:30 PM, Event 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Join fellow members of B'nai Israel in our growing network of faith institutions and non-profits as we work to create a powerful organization here in Solano and Napa counties. Teams of leaders from over 15 institutions will be coming together to share their progress in the organizing process and to plan the launch of an interfaith IAF organization in the spring of 2013.

Please contact Carolyn Steinberg at 925-229-8090, Bob Linville, or Rabbi David White for more information and to RSVP.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Please be sure to greet this new member of the Congregation B'nai Israel family:

Janice Reek
337 Bartlett Lane
Vacaville, CA 95687
707-451-8781

Be sure to update your rosters!



FROM MIDRASHA IN BERKELEY

What a successful semester it has been. Midrasha in Berkeley has taken over the running of the retreats, a beloved 25 year-old tradition, from the Jewish Federation. We not only had our first 9-12th grade retreat at Walker Creek Ranch in October, attended by nearly 100 teens from all four Midrasha campuses, but we also had a wonderful 8th grade mini-retreat in December and a backpack trip in November. We hosted a panel discussion for 11th and 12th grade families on life after Midrasha (with representatives from Hillel and gap year in Israel programs). We held special 8th grade programs on homelessness and on disabilities. One of our Talmud classes had 26 students in it! And our Advanced Conversational Hebrew class really speaks only Hebrew and is nearly as large as the Talmud class. Our Monday Torah class with David Henkin is twice as large as last year's class. The Drum Circle class exudes energy. And the class in relating Harry Potter to Judaism was so into their subject matter they demanded to continue for a second semester. Same with the class in Jewish foods and another on Jews in the Movies. (No surprises there.)

So, what does the next semester hold for Midrasha students? (And remember, one can ALWAYS still register at Midrasha. No one should think they've missed out because they haven't been here since September.) We have two more retreats, for 8-12th graders, in February and April. We have great new classes starting on January 13. Girl Talk (8th and 9th grade) and Teen Talk (10-12th grade) will enable teens to spend an hour talking about concerns and stress around relationships, school, social life and self-esteem. The popular novel Hunger Games will get tied into a class on Passover. Jewish Humor will tickle the fancy of other students and those that like to do Israeli dance will have a chance as well. There was a request for "Jews in the News" and we're bringing back other old favorites: Jewish Jedi Training and Meditation, Pop-Jew: Music to the Jewish Ear and Jewish Poetry.

But needless to say this all costs money and we are finding that taking over the retreats has been far more costly than we had thought. We are overwhelmingly grateful to those of you who have already remembered Midrasha in your year-end giving. But we sadly need even more if we are to be able to sustain our wonderful program. Please do remember us, if you are able – your support means so much. And go right now and mark your calendar for March 10 for our wonderful Midra-Shabang fundraising dinner. It will be more fun this year than ever and we're determined to get a large crowd. Please make sure YOU'RE part of it.



SAUL KAYE leads Shabbat Services
Congregation B'nai Israel
1256 Nebraska Street, Vallejo
January 25, 2013 @ 7:00 pm & 8:00 pm

SAUL KAYE

THE PIONEER OF JEWISH BLUES

Saul Kaye will join us for a half hour Children's Service at 7:00 pm and our weekly Shabbat Services at 8:00 pm. Join us for a congregant sponsored oneg after each service. This is free and open to all who would like to participate. Questions? 707.642.6526.

E-mail us at cbioffice1@yahoo.com or visit us online at www.bnaisrael.com



Rarely does Jewish music produce an artist with both impeccable blues chops and the kavanah of a Hassid. Kaye fits that odd bill, and we're better off for it.'

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Next Due Date for Bulletin Articles/Items:

Friday, January 25, 2012

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

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JANUARY 2013

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		1	2	3	4 Services 8:00 pm	5 Services 10:00 am
6 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Gift Shop Open Trope Class w/Rabbi White 11:15 - Noon	7	8 Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm	9	10	11 Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm Rabbi White	12 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
13 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Sisterhood 10:45 am Film Event 12:00 pm	14 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	15 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	16 Hadassah Board Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	19 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
20	21 Martin Luther King Day	22 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	23	24	25 Children's Service with Saul Kaye 7:00 pm General Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	26 Services 10:00 am Tu B'Shevat
27 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Adult Ed 10:45 am Hadassah Event @ Sepay Groves 10:00 am @ CBI IAF Launch Event 3:00 - 5:00 pm	28	29	30	31		

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FEBRUARY 2013

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	2 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
3 Sunday School 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Gift Shop Open	4	5 Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm	6	7	8 Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm Rabbi White	9 Services 10:00 am
10 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Adult Ed 10:45 am Hadassah Gen Mtg 1:00 pm Hadassah Fundraiser 4:00 - 8:00 pm	11 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	13	14	15 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	16 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
17 Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip 8:00 am	18 Presidents Day	19 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	20 Hadassah Board Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22 Children's Services 7:00 pm Services 8:00 pm	23 Services 10:00 am Megillah Reading 6:30 pm Rabbi White Purim Party
24 Purim Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Purim Carnival 11:00 - 1:00	25	26	27	28		

Congregation B'nai Israel
January 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Our Shabbat Seder
with
Rabbi David White**



**Join around the tables for a
"family-style" welcoming of Shabbat**



**A Potluck Dinner
sponsored by The Shabbat
Seder Committee,
featuring a
Baked Potato Bar
with all the trimmings!**

**Please bring a Dairy or Pareve Side Dish or
Salad & Dessert to share!**

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

JEWISH FILM AFTERNOON

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

“THE INFIDEL”

MAHMUD, a “relaxed” but proud Muslim living in London, finds out later in life that he was adopted at birth, that he is Jewish, and his original name is Solly Shimshillewitz. This revelation couldn’t come at a worse time, with his son about to marry the stepdaughter of a radical Muslim cleric. Mahmud deals with his identity crisis with the help of Lenny, a Jewish cabbie, who gives him lessons in Jewishness , starting with how to dance like Topol and the proper way to say “oy vey”.

In the Library – “FINDING NEMO”

For the younger crowd.

Sunday,
JANUARY 13, 2013

Congregation B’nai Israel
1256 Nebraska St, Vallejo

12 noon – 1 p.m.

A light lunch of hot soup and garlic bread, pasta, and green salads, and desserts will be available for \$5 per person; Children - \$3.

DONATION for the film showing –

ADULTS -\$10 CHILDREN -\$7

For the benefit of Congregation B’nai Israel

Reservations /questions – .

CBI office at (707) 642-6526 or Gail (425-5866) or Helene (425-2211)



Tu b'shvat Tasting

Join Solano Napa Hadassah for a trip to Suisun Valley for olive oil tasting, lunch at Rockville Grill and wine tasting and a tour at Wooden Valley Winery

Date: Sunday, January 27, 2013

Where: Sepay Groves, 370 Chadbourne Road, Fairfield, CA 94534

Time: 11:00 a.m. at Sepay or 10:00 a.m. to carpool from CBI

RSVP: Geri Kahn, gekahn@gmail.com or

(707) 676-6068



Congregation B'nai Israel

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

Monday, February 11, 2012

Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

2013-2014 Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors

President: Fred Zola

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Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip

A Fundraiser to benefit
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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Bus Pick-up

8 a.m. CBI parking lot at 1256 Nebraska St. Vallejo

8:15 a.m. Holiday Lane, Fairfield (close to Courtyard by Marriott)

Return : same areas – on or about 4 p.m.

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2013

The Casino is located in Lincoln, about a 2 -hour ride in an air-conditioned bus with a bathroom. Enjoy early morning Coffee and Muffins, and some Brain Teasers and Bingo on board.

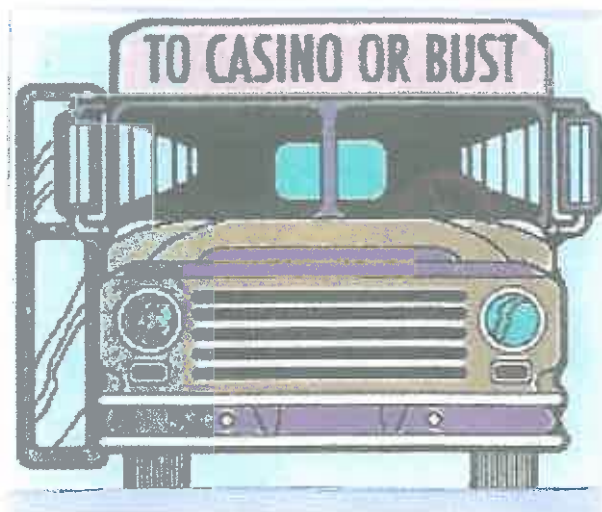
Cost: \$27.00 per person.

Upon bus arrival at the Casino,
You will receive vouchers of \$15 in free
slot play and \$5 towards
food purchase..

Reservations/Questions
Gail 707 425-5866
Email: giamkins@gmail.com

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Vallejo, CA 94590



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

**** PURIM ****

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

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 unequalled, inimitable style.

Costumes and raucous noisemakers are encouraged.
Your active participation in the reading of this age-old drama
starring beautiful Queen Esther, Mordecai,
King Ahasverus, and the evil villain, Haman, is a must.

Stay on for more fun time in the Social Hall

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

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

IT'S PURIM TIME!

Reservations/Information -Call Helene (425-2211),
Sue (CBI office 642-6526), Goldee (415) 987-1936),
Nadine (644-3421), Gail (425-5866) or Syd (746-5524)

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.

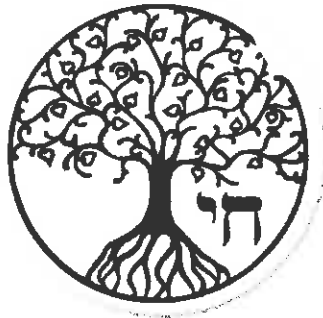
Thanks to the generosity of the Campbell family, our synagogue has a second Tree of Life, with lovely, golden leaves, ready to commemorate our community's many simchas! I have ordered one leaf to honor my grandson's Bar Mitzvah and soon will order a second leaf for our thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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, or to me, Fred Zola, 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



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TREE OF LIFE

LEAF ORDER FORM

NAME	DATE	
EMAIL	PHONE	
INSCRIPTION (must fit inside the leaf)		

- ❖ 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



Now is the time for you to
Sponsor a Seat

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

1 seat	\$300
2 seats	\$575
3 seats	\$850
4 seats	\$1100
6 seats	\$1500

Let's finish the job we started!

Please mail completed form to:

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