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May, 2012



Iyar - Sivan 5772

Reflections

By Rabbi David White

How Does Jewish Ritual Contribute to Great Memories?

Growing up in the home of a rabbi did not translate automatically into a love for Jewish ritual and practice. Actually, my early years during which I lived on a block overflowing with non-Jewish (or assimilated Jewish) children generated a lot of conflict in me. To begin with, the rites and ceremonies that are part of Jewish life seemed to be my dad's "business", and whenever I had to make an appearance at synagogue, I felt self-conscious and conspicuous as his son. The conflict was compounded by the schedule conflict; while all the kids were outside playing on a Saturday at noon, I was inside "enjoying" a formal Sabbath meal, with my heart and mind with my friends out on the street.

In those early years the cantor was (or seemed to be) a wannabe opera singer. I couldn't believe how long it took to get through some prayers that he lingered over interminably. The Kedusha (the holiest central piece of the Amidah, [standing prayer]) on Rosh Hashanah left us standing for what felt like an hour.

It was through Young Judaea (it makes me sad that Hadassah has stopped sponsoring this wonderful youth program) that I discovered a different energy and meaning to the world of Jewish ritual. Ironically, at camp, as a counselor, I was put in charge of daily services because they figured I knew more, being a rabbi's kid. Given that responsibility, I approached the ritual differently than the way I was exposed to it in my childhood and youth, (and is still the way in many synagogue settings). First, I discovered I was not the only one turned off to the prayer process; I realized that prayer and ritual observance for many is an acquired taste like learning to eat vegetables. As a result, with the compliance of my fellow counselors, we decided to approach the ritual differently: apart from the doing of the ritual, we paused to explore what it meant and why it was good for you (i.e. as in the need to learn to like vegetables!). That process began a life-long quest to integrate the so-called rote of Jewish observance with its relevance to life on a daily basis. We were surprised to see how much of the ritual became more user-friendly when we put ourselves and our campers into the mix of how its practice could actually enhance the quality of life. While not everyone loves singing (I did and do, and it was singing that opened doors of willingness to look again at ritual's potential), we saw that doing so energized the group and accordingly the service.

Even as a student at the seminary I still had my allergies to services done by rote and I feared I would be uncovered as someone not worthy of becoming a rabbi. Countering that were my years of leadership in Young Judaea and crafting summer camp services, traditionally grounded (translation: mostly in Hebrew), in which we emphasized that there is purpose and meaning in this ritual. As unit head of 9th graders at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, home to one of the Conservative Movement of Judaism's outstanding summer experiences, I saw that even kids from the east that grew up with a more formal and rigid approach to Jewish practice were seemingly as turned off to their services as I had been growing up in San Francisco. The counselors thought it was a novel, even revolutionary, idea when I suggested we try to turn the kids back on by taking time to explore what the prayers meant and how they connected us to real life questions and concerns. As it turns out, those New York kids also resonated with that approach to making ritual more palatable.

Years later, I have come to fully appreciate that at the heart and soul of prayer and ritual is the creation of contexts to bring people together to celebrate their life journeys and values that make it worthy and significant to maintain community and a structure that collectively identifies life's preciousness and the memories we generate.

As Jews, we are in the "business" of seeing and celebrating as many nuances of life's preciousness as we can. We are given the ritual process as a means to collectively generate moments that become vital memories, markers along the way as we grow older and hopefully wiser and use our life experience to help younger ones, i.e. the children, appreciate the values inherent in the ritual as means to make their own life experiences fruitful and rewarding. That is why one of my great joys is being with the children in a brief service we do during the school year on Sunday mornings. We sing, we gesture the meaning of the words and we pause to explore what the prayers mean and how it all connects to who they are. It is rewarding beyond measure to see them engaged and keeping allergies to synagogue at bay. My hope is that even if they don't remember the name of the rabbi when they are grown, they will remember that their early taste of prayer and ritual was positive, providing energy that could carry them into adulthood looking at and experiencing prayer differently than I and many of us did in our formative years. (Continued next page)

Monthly Schedule of Services

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

- Friday, May 4 Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, May 5..... Services at 10:00 am
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, May 11 Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, May 12..... Services at 10:00 am
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, May 18 Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, May 19..... Services at 10:00 am
Led by Congregants
- Friday, May 25 Children’s Service at 7:00 pm
Led by Congregants
Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, May 26..... Services at 10:00 am
Led by Rabbi White
Erev Shavuot Services at 7:30 pm
Led by Rabbi White



Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors for May

- Friday, May 4 Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, May 5..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, May 11 Shabbat Seder sponsor TBA
and dessert sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, May 12..... Kiddush sponsored by Attendees
- Friday, May 18 Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, May 19..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, May 25 Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, May 26..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees; oneg 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.



Rabbi White’s Reflections (cont.)

With all this in mind, save Memorial Day Weekend for an exciting opportunity to build life time “memories”: Saturday evening May 26 at 7:30 PM we will welcome the holiday of Shavuot, the gift of Torah, and then Sunday morning, May 27, we will gather at a location that is as beautiful as any National Park: Diamond Creek Vineyard, (see the information elsewhere in the bulletin) where we will join with our friends from CBS Napa to celebrate the holiday in memorable fashion, not to be missed! We arrive at 10:30 and will enjoy a participatory and informal outdoor service in the picnic area, followed by a day that is perfect for a holiday weekend: picnicking, boating on the lake, swimming, walking/hiking, smelling the roses (literally!) and enjoying Al Brounstein’s (of blessed memory) hand-crafted waterfalls and so much more.

This day is an ideal example of integrating the ritual associated with an important Jewish holiday with life in all its joy and fulfillment, even as we pause to appreciate, i.e. on Memorial Day Weekend, the unique country in which we live that enables us to be non-self-consciously who we are as a people with a particular appreciation of life and all its precious gifts.



NEW MEMBERS!!

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

Marc North & Cathy Horowitz
102 Elke Drive
American Canyon, CA 94503
707-643-0831

Email: Cathyhorowitz@yahoo.com
mmnhorowitz@comcast.net

Be sure to update your rosters!



Adult Education with Rabbi White

Sunday, May 20, 10:45 until noon Rabbi White will conclude his series a Course in Words, deriving 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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May Birthdays



Nadine Goodban.....	1
Adam Nazarenko.....	2
Jennifer Mercado.....	2
Heidi Noonan.....	2
Hannah Silverman.....	2
Noah Waller.....	5
Carol Levin.....	6
David Salter.....	11
Vicki Kemmerer.....	12
Nancy Schussel.....	12
Fern Bernstein.....	13
Robyn Feinberg.....	13
Alex Meade.....	15
Dennis Meade.....	15
Tim Noonan.....	17
Mimi Farone.....	19
Edda Smelansky.....	19
Damani Elijah Chadly.....	21
Val Smelansky.....	21
Amelia Beville.....	23
Erin Steiger.....	23
Doug Leavins.....	24
Dan Joseph.....	25
Cheryl Mazer.....	25
Carlos Morales.....	26
Rob Salomon.....	27
Rachel Levy.....	28
Lucia Munõz.....	31
Deane Vaughn.....	31

♥ May Anniversaries ♥

Tim & Cindy Noonan.....	9
Melissa & Steve Edwards.....	15
Roy & Sue Barush.....	29

♥♥ *Congratulations to Sue & Roy Barush on celebrating their 20th Anniversary!* ♥♥



MAY DONATIONS & TRIBUTES

Thanks to Sharon Petrellese and Ralph Pierce for cooking Passover dinner

From Dennis & Sheryl Meade

Happy 60th Birthday to Robin Gross

From Dennis & Sheryl Meade



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.

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!



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



MAY ONEG & KIDDUSH SPONSORS

We have eight opportunities for friends/families to sponsor an oneg or Kiddush in May. There are 3 Friday oneg and 5 kiddush open. The Friday dates are May 4th, 18th and 25th. The Saturday dates are May 5th, 12th, 19th and twice on May 26th! On the 26th, there will be Shabbat Services at 10:00 a.m. and Erev Shavuot Services at 7:30 p.m.

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!



MAY YARTZEITEN

May 1 - 15, 2012

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
21 Iyar.....	Herbert Finkelhor
21 Iyar.....	Grina Album
23 Iyar.....	Gertrude Scharlin

May 16 - 31, 2012

24 Iyar.....	Mary Wallin
26 Iyar.....	Shirley Laub
27 Iyar.....	Sarah Cimberg
27 Iyar.....	Selma Levine
29 Iyar.....	Frances Liberman
2 Sivan.....	George Pizante
2 Sivan.....	Michael Glick
3 Sivan.....	Max Cousins
3 Sivan.....	Rachel Lewkowitz
4 Sivan.....	Leah Kaufman
5 Sivan.....	Ida Feldman
6 Sivan.....	Bella Moss
6 Sivan.....	Benton Meyer
9 Sivan.....	Bertha Raphael
9 Sivan.....	Ann Naparstek
10 Sivan.....	Dave Ostrovsky

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

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.

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

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Back after popular demand, our "Around the USA" tried a new twist on an old success. It had been suggested that after years of international cuisine, why not feature our own homegrown menus? It turned out to be a wonderful recommendation and on March 25, we had our first USA event with booths from Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Louisiana, Rhode Island and Tennessee. The varieties of food offered were spectacular. Additionally, we had Native American-Indian Tribal dancers and drummers; we had Hawaiian and Tahitian Island dancers; and ended the evening with fiddles, accordions and bass which provided infectious vocal harmonies. People ate, danced, visited, were entertained and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

For oh-so-many it was only possible because of hours upon hours of work. Before I thank our Committee, I wanted to note the efforts and donations of others. A huge thanks to Roy and Sue Barush, Neil Busby, the Edwards Family, Anthony Fagan, Red Falk, Robin and Lindsay Gallardo, David Gonzalez, Geoff Haile, Kris Lauer, Bob Linville, Michael Meiselman, Amy and Syd Nazarenko, Lois Pierce, David Salter, Missy Schuplinsky, Nelma Sessoms and Matthew Silverman. Donations by David and Elaine Freed; Jack Flynn of Colonial Chapels; Joseph and Donna Rubin, Ivan Schuplinsky; Brian and Diane Silver; Robert and Lyn Solomon-Linville, and David Modcha Bistalel and Malka Ruth made the generosity of our CBI community evident. We thank each and every one of you.

The Committee went above and beyond the call of duty and then came back and went above and beyond again and again. The hours that were spent planning, setting-up, cooking and working were simply amazing. We were all lucky if we managed to sit down that day! Additionally, many of you donated your menu items and that should be noted. What a job we did! Congratulations to Nancy Chandler, Helene Falk, Dan Feinberg, Lyn Solomon-Linville, Jennifer Mercado, Renee Morales, Donna Plantz, Pearl Rothman and Wendy Schuplinsky. You know how hard you worked at making the day happen! Again, congratulations!

Our final fundraising event of the year will be held on Sunday, June 3 - our Annual Auction. By now, you should have received a "Save the Date" email. There also is a flyer which has been inserted in our monthly bulletins. Robin Gross and her team will be spearheading the event and always do a spectacular job. Traditionally, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please continue to support our efforts and let Robin or I know if you would like to help.

We do still have a few remaining handmade tote bags to sell. We will be offering an end-of-the-fiscal year-sale on Sunday, April 29 at the Israeli Independence Day celebration at CBI. After that, our efforts will collectively concentrate on the Auction. The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is calendared for Tuesday, May 8 at 4:30pm in the library at CBI. Please feel free to join us!

HADASSAH in MAY

Please join us for a pleasant stroll at CORNERSTONE GARDENS to enjoy. Spring on MAY 6, 2012. We will also be holding a brief meeting at which time we will announce the slate of board candidates for next year.

Our trip to Cornerstone Gardens was our most popular event last year. Cornerstone Gardens is a combination of different types of gardens designed by prominent landscapers. You will be able to see how nature and art blend together in their works; you will be experiencing the gardens through all of your senses: sight, smell and touch. In addition to the gardens, there are stores to wander through and shopping opportunities galore. The gardens are handicap accessible. The paths are flat either with dirt or stones. Admission to the gardens is free. For more information about Cornerstone Gardens, you may check out their website at <http://www.cornerstonegardens.com/>.

After our walk, we will have lunch in Sonoma at the Sunflower Caffe and Espresso Bar. The address is 421 First Street West, Sonoma CA 95476 (707) 996-6645.

NOTE: Please bring water, a hat and comfortable shoes. Meet us at CBI at 10:00AM if you wish to carpool. RSVP to Geri Kahn if you are able to offer a ride or would like a ride. If you would like to meet at Cornerstone, plan to meet us in front at 11:00AM.



San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

Sunday, May 13, 2012

Rhoda Goldman Plaza

2180 Post Street, San Francisco 94115

Doors open 1:00 p.m.

Program begins 1:30 p.m.

Topic: Google and Genealogy

Speaker: Rich McCartney

The goal of this presentation is to help you target your searches using the Google search engine so that they bring you better results. Google's tools include a calculator, language translation, phone book, dictionary, and the ability to notify you when something of interest is posted to the Internet.

Rich McCartney is an avid genealogist. He has been on the staff of the Oakland Family History Center for six years and a member of the Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group for 11 years. He specializes in helping patrons remove errors from genealogy files. His first job dealing with computers was for General Electric, which hired him to take an inventory control function off of a computer and return it to a manual system. His computer love affair started with his first personal computer in 1980.

There will be time before and after the talk to brainstorm with others about your genealogy questions. Light kosher refreshments will be served. Meetings are free and everyone interested is welcome to attend. <http://www.sfbajgs.org/>

Join Us Friday Evening

*May 11th, at 7:00^{PM}
For A Shabbat Seder*

With Rabbi David White

*Featuring a Pot-Luck Dinner
Celebrating Mother's Day*

*Guys Are Asked To Please Bring a Dish
To Share
To Help Spoil Our Moms, Or Special
Women in Our Lives*

*Please RSVP to Sue Barush at
the Shul Office 642-6526*

OR

*Wendy at Schuplinsky@comcast.net
Or phone at (707) 745-3404*



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Monday, May 21, 2012

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This includes flyers – please forward to the editor!

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MAY 2012

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6 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Hadassah Outing 10:00 am	7	8 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	9 Erev Lag B'Omer	10 Finance Committee 7:00 pm Lag B'Omer Activity	11 Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm Rabbi White Honoring Moms	12 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
13	14 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	15 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	16	17	18 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	19 Services 10:00 am
20 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Adult Ed 10:45 - 12:00 Casino Trip	21 BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE	22 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	23	24	25 Children's Service 7:00 pm Services 8:00 pm	26 Services 10:00 am Erev Shavuot Services 7:30 pm
27 Shavuot at Diamond Creek 10:30 am No Sunday School	28 Memorial Day	29 Last Day of Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 pm	30	31		

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JUNE 2012

<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 Last Day of Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Sisterhood 10:45 am Auction 5:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Finance Committee 7:00 pm	8 Services 8:00 pm	9 Services 10:00 am
10	11 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13	14	15 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	16 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
17 Sisterhood Mad Hatter Tea 1:00 - 3:00 pm	18	19	20	21	22 Services 8:00 pm	23 Services 10:00 am
24	25 Day Camp	26 Day Camp	27 Day Camp	28 Day Camp	29 Day Camp Camp Family Sha'BBQ 7:00 pm	30 Services 10:00 am



Our annual celebration of Shavu'ot will be at Diamond Creek Vineyards in Calistoga thanks to the generosity of Boots Brounstein.

Join Congregations Beth Shalom, Napa, and B'nai Israel, Vallejo, for this spectacular day.

Sunday, May 27th, beginning at 10:30 am

Services will take place at 11 am with Rabbi Lee Bycel, CBS and Rabbi David White, CBI with music led by CBS Music Director, Gordon Lustig

Shorashim (children 4 and under with their parents) will celebrate in an area with leader Mimi Greisman

It's a day spent in beauty with a lake (and paddleboats), swimming pool, trees, vineyards, waterfalls, and sunshine (we hope) in abundance.

Plan to bring a picnic including beverages, towels, folding beach chairs, and bathing suits.

Travel Hwy 29 north from Napa towards Calistoga. Before getting to downtown Calistoga, turn left onto Diamond Mountain Road. Continue on Diamond Mountain Road and look for the "grape arrow" signs to our spot under the magnificent redwood trees.

CBI Sisterhood presents

The Mad Hatter Tea

June 17, 2012, 1-3pm

Congregation B'nai Israel

1256 Nebraska St., Vallejo

Tea, treats, raffle and fun!

Hat decorating station for kids

Wear a hat, there will be a contest with great prizes!



This event is free but donations are gladly accepted, RSVP 642-6526,

Sisterhood dues are due at this time

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL PRESENTS:

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
Siblings: only \$175
Counselors-In-Training Program: 6th, 7th, 8th graders: 100.00/week
Junior Counselors: High School Students: free



Register Early!
DEADLINE IS JUNE 8
Camperships available

For more information and registration forms, please call Melissa
at 707-644-1644

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This new program will help us all get green, reduce solid waste, recycle and raise money for our Religious School!





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.

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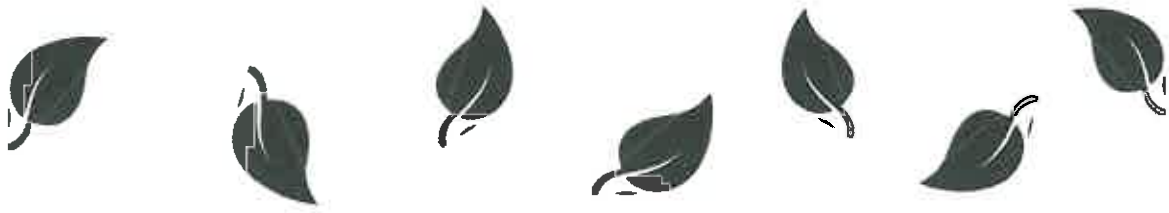
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Upon entering Congregation B'nai Israel, one sees our first, and full, Tree of Life, a symbol of our many joys and happiness. Read the plaques on the original Tree of Life; they reflect the history of CBI. I have two plaques on that Tree of Life; one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

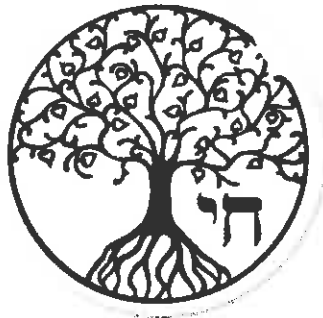
Thanks to the generosity of the Campbell family, our synagogue has a second Tree of Life, with lovely, golden leaves, ready to commemorate our community's many simchas! I have ordered one leaf to honor my grandson's Bar Mitzvah and soon will order a second leaf for our thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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.

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