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November, 2012



Cheshvan – Kislev 5773

Reflections

By Rabbi David White

What Makes Thanksgiving a Uniquely Special American Holiday for Jews?

There is something about Thanksgiving that transcends other American holidays. Most national holidays seem to have more appeal as days off than times to appreciate American values. Other holidays similarly commemorate themes of gratitude for life in this unique land, i.e. memories of those who gave their lives, presidents that led us, workers who built this country and leaders who inspired us. Yet, only Thanksgiving comes directly into our homes, as each family, with its unique rituals and customs, gather in the afternoon and evening to celebrate their appreciation of life in the USA.

What makes Thanksgiving uniquely special for the Jewish community is that it is a family holiday that all American families can enjoy with gratitude for so many blessings, including the freedom to be different.

What a wonderful blessing that B'nai Israel has a long standing tradition of welcoming this holiday with our friends at St. Paul's Church, in Benicia, whom we will be hosting this year.

Thanksgiving celebrates shared values of gratitude and appreciation for differences that make America special in honoring and blessing its unique heritage. We utter praises and thanks for a nation built on principles that human beings created in God's image have the right and responsibility to live their truths and learn from one another in contexts that respect and cherish individual rights.

So while the Jewish community may be out of rhythm during the winter holidays where we give greater play than is warranted to Chanukah as a response to Christmas, even as we do what we can to honor the Sabbath when much of the rest of society does so on Sunday, Thanksgiving is the one holiday when we are all in sync.

In addition to our home celebrations on Thanksgiving Day, our interfaith community celebration the evening before will bring together not only our friends from St. Paul's in Benicia, but also many folks of other traditions some of us have met in our newly formed IAF community. Folks from neighboring churches look forward to meeting you when they come as our guests for our service and reception at B'nai Israel on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM. St. Paul's Pastor Jeanne Forte will be giving the drash.

Having recently emerged from our major Jewish holiday season, concluded with our 8 day thanksgiving holiday of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, it will be wonderful to count our blessings in the larger context of the only country in western history built on principles of Torah, integrating the dignity of humankind with the presence of God in how we make our decisions to cherish life and live the values upon which this country and Judaism in particular are based.



Monthly Schedule of Services

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

- Friday, Nov. 2 Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, Nov. 3 Services at 10:00 am
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, Nov. 9 Shabbat Seder at 7:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, Nov. 10 Services at 10:00 am
Led by Congregants
- Friday, Nov. 16 Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, Nov. 17 Services at 10:00 am
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, Nov. 23 Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Congregants
- Saturday, Nov. 24 Services at 10:00 am
Led by Congregants
- Friday, Nov. 30 Services at 8:00 pm
Led by Congregants



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Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors for November

- Friday, Nov. 2.....Oneg sponsored by attendees
 Saturday, Nov. 3.....Kiddush sponsored by attendees
 Friday, Nov. 9.....Shabbat Seder sponsored by
 The Shabbat Seder Committee and attendees
 Saturday, Nov. 10.....Kiddush sponsored by attendees
 Friday, Nov. 16.....Oneg sponsored by Martin &
 Cheryl Gewing in honor of their
 5th Wedding Anniversary
 Saturday, Nov. 17.....Kiddush sponsored by attendees
 Friday, Nov. 23.....Oneg sponsored by attendees
 Saturday, Nov. 24.....Kiddush sponsored by attendees
 Friday, Nov. 30.....Oneg sponsored by attendees



NOVEMBER ONEG & KIDDUSH SPONSORS

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

There are 3 Friday onegs and 4 Saturday kiddush open. The Friday dates are November 2nd, 23rd and 30th. The Saturday dates are November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.

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!



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!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Growing Congregation B'nai Israel

Periodically, the subject of the growth of Congregation B'nai Israel comes up at our Board meetings. Our membership has remained stable over the past few years. As we get new members, current members move away and the total numbers remain about the same. The Board continuously tries to come up with ideas to grow our community.

How about forgetting about the numbers and instead grow in our Judaism?

We are starting a new year. My suggestion for this coming year is for each of us to select one Jewish "thing" we are not currently doing and add it to our life for the upcoming year. Not necessarily anything difficult or time consuming, just one Jewish activity you can add to your life. The goal being that each of us grow in our Judaism. For example:

- * Come to a Sabbath Service once a month
- * Light Sabbath candles in your home on Friday evening
- * Have a Sabbath dinner with your family
 - * Read the weekly Torah portion
 - * Observe Jewish Holidays
- * Attend Rabbi White's adult education classes
 - * Participate in B'nai Israel social events
- * Talk about the Torah with your children or parents
 - * Have a bowl of Matzah Ball Soup

These are not difficult things to do, but adding a Jewish activity to our lives may enrich our lives. My thought is that if each of us grow in our personal Judaism, we will affect those around us in a positive way. Such personal growth will benefit our community and can lead to the growth of Congregation B'nai Israel.

Fred





November Birthdays



Fran Bond	2
Paul Toch.....	2
Heather Feinberg.....	3
Natasha Miller.....	3
Katya Mayzeles.....	4
Jessamyn Miller.....	4
Donna Plantz.....	5
David Freed.....	8
Alexandra Nurik.....	9
Anna Schuplinsky.....	11
David Miller.....	16
Michael Petrellese.....	16
Corey Antaya.....	21
Judy Du Monde.....	24
Maya Edwards.....	26
Aaron Levin.....	27
Emily Grist.....	28

♥ November Anniversaries ♥

Sharon & Jim Petrellese.....	17
Martin & Cheryl Gewing.....	20
Joseph & Jenny Levi.....	21
Fran & Don Bond.....	23
Linda & Larry Miller.....	26
Dan & Annie Joseph.....	28

♥♥ Congratulations to Martin & Cheryl Gewing on celebrating their 5th Anniversary! ♥♥

♥♥ Congratulations to Fran & Don Bond on celebrating their 55th Anniversary! ♥♥



NOVEMBER DONATIONS & TRIBUTES

Congratulations to Nelmaray Sessoms and Jeremy Traub on their wedding

Thanks to Fred Zola for his donation towards the Industrial Area Foundation dues

Welcome Back to Nadine Goodban

From Carol Abi Bass

Congratulations to David Schiff on his golden birthday and his golden voice

From Carol Abi Bass



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.



NOVEMBER YARTZEITEN

November 1 - 15, 2012

16 Cheshvan	Irving Hoppen
16 Cheshvan.....	Katherine Pizante-Barskey
17 Cheshvan.....	Barry Cohen
17 Cheshvan.....	Louis Scharlin
17 Cheshvan.....	Morris Mogel
17 Cheshvan.....	Harry Feinberg
18 Cheshvan.....	Sarah Belling
18 Cheshvan.....	Anthony Gutierrez
19 Cheshvan.....	Marvin Sporkin
20 Cheshvan.....	Anna Dolgin
20 Cheshvan.....	Louis Bogner
21 Cheshvan.....	Mozes Mayzeles
21 Cheshvan.....	Doris Kaufman
22 Cheshvan.....	Evelyn Zola
22 Cheshvan.....	Frances Dorfman
22 Cheshvan.....	Coleman Jacobs
22 Cheshvan.....	Henry Krakowsky
23 Cheshvan.....	Rika Jacobs
24 Cheshvan.....	Isaac Kaufman
24 Cheshvan.....	Rabbi Solomon Horowitz
24 Cheshvan.....	Fannie Bonderow
24 Cheshvan.....	Sonya Rayz
25 Cheshvan.....	Dorothy Simon
25 Cheshvan.....	Etta Scheer
27 Cheshvan.....	Sally Belotz
28 Cheshvan.....	Fanya Barsukov
29 Cheshvan.....	Louis Carpadus
1 Kislev.....	Ed Schroeder
1 Kislev.....	Aaron Drizen
1 Kislev.....	John Schrednitz

November 16 - 30, 2012

3 Kislev.....	Francine Allen
4 Kislev.....	Carl Susskind
4 Kislev.....	Max Hanken
5 Kislev.....	Lucy Weiss
6 Kislev.....	Ida Schneider
11 Kislev.....	Alvin Dubnoff
11 Kislev.....	Bruce Bumgarner
12 Kislev.....	Izabel Zlot
12 Kislev.....	Dr. Morris Wallin
13 Kislev.....	Sylvia Ross
14 Kislev.....	Jacob Wallin
16 Kislev.....	Betty Brainen



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.



WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Our fundraising year is off to a great start! We have our calendar planned and, hopefully, have included a variety of activities that will have something for everyone. We are in the midst of concluding plans for a bus trip to a casino in February and possibly another concert in January. In October we held our Family Game Night and everyone who attended had a good time. On Saturday, November 18, we will hold another Jewish Film Afternoon from 12:00 - 3:00 pm and will be featuring two films: "Crossing Delancey" for adults and "Finding Nemo" for the children. As always, a full luncheon is included. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Our Committee works very hard to plan and carry-out fundraisers. One of our challenges is menu planning. We all know how important food is to any Jewish event and we attempt to offer foods in consideration of everyone's dietary habits. We always consider Kosher restrictions when planning our menus. However, in our increasingly wheat-averse, gluten-free, vegan-friendly, food-sensitive world, it can be genuinely challenging to serve a meal everyone can eat. Satisfying everyone's palate is impossible and we can only do our best. Our goal is to raise money for CBI. Thank you for understanding our volunteer efforts to always bring a diverse meal to our tables.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is scheduled for Sunday, November 11 at 10:30am in the CBI Library. All are welcome. Please feel free to join us.

Gail Lamkins, Chair



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please be sure to greet these new members of the Congregation B'nai Israel family:

Amy Lyons

616 Santa Fe Avenue
Albany, CA 94706
510-525-6683

Email: lyonsamy16@yahoo.com

**Dana & Eric Altman
and their sons, Max & Sam**

181 Spikerush Circle
American Canyon, CA 94503
707-553-9433

Email: EAINSF@hotmail.com

Be sure to update your rosters!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 4

If you would like to be on the Nominating Committee and/or run for next year's Board of Directors, please let Sue Barush know before November 4.

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.



Adult Studies with Rabbi White

On Sunday November 18 at 10:45 until noon, Rabbi White will continue his monthly program of Sunday studies and conversation. The theme this year is translating spiritual values found in core prayers into everyday application and practical strategies for living. Each session Rabbi White will take us through a close examination of familiar prayers in exploring how the language uncovers 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. The next upcoming session will be December 16.



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

Towards a Luscious Harvest Time ~ 5773 ~ at Shul

Erev Rosh Hashanah began on September 16th with a lovely crowd of congregants, dipping apples in honey, having champagne, sweet cakes and other treats in the community room.

The synagogue was once again glowing in white: magnificent white satin covered the front of the ark, bima and Torah scrolls. Many thanks to the angels who come in the night to change the deep blue velvet to white! I, for one, look forward every autumn for this change.

We had a full shul and the privilege of having Max during these holy days again assist Rabbi White and us with his beautiful voice. I always look forward, too, to when Michael Policar blasts away on the shofar; when Josh helps his father, Rabbi White, up from his bows on the bima; when Rabbi recites the pleading prayer, Hineni, for all of us, as he slowly moves from the back of the synagogue to the bima. Not to mention Rabbi's vigorous leadership in singing Hayom, Hayom, Hayom, Hayom, Hayom, Ha, Ha Ha Ha...you know how it goes! And of course the finale, when anyone with strength and talent goes up on the bima with their shofar. So great to see and hear.

All during Yom Kippur I had the pleasure to watch the light on the white dove on the stain glass window change hues. And the teaching circle Sharon White led during the break in the afternoon was so engaging that I believe many of us could have gone on and on sharing ideas and feelings, despite the fact that we were fasting. Jonah, oh, so human!

Then, five days after all this came Sukkot! The children hung decorations and fruit in our Sukkah, we gathered together in there, said prayers, had food and conversation, and were delighted with the California sunlight and warmth. Wonderful soup and salads and desserts were created/brought by children and adults; many thanks for those extremely tasty treats. Indeed, Rabbi said that these 8 days of Sukkot are days we are to experience joy. Just notice how hard, in fact, it might be to not have a negative thought. What a great practice.

On Monday, October 1st, some of us met in the synagogue and had the opportunity to wave the lulav and etrog in the 6 directions. It felt so cleansing and as I could hear the rustling of the leaves, I easily imagined rain was on its way!

To top off this rich harvest time, we had a service in the synagogue on October 8th for Shmini Atzeret (last day of Sukkot) and the evening before Simchat Torah. We certainly, young and old, rejoiced! We took out 2 scrolls and all who wished had a chance to carry a torah and dance around the synagogue, singing and joyfully carrying on. Fahni's grandson circled the synagogue with his miniature torah, and all who wished could take shots of liquor from the card table set up in the corner.

A wonderfully rich harvest time was had by many, I think, in these 3+ weeks since Erev Rosh Hashanah. I certainly count myself very blessed, very sustained. May we all continue to partake of the harvests made available to us and may we be sustained.

Carol Abi Bass

FROM MIDRASHA IN BERKELEY

Although most months it is up to me what I would like to share with you in my Midrasha newsletter column, some months a synagogue will send a prompt and this month I was very grateful that Temple Beth Abraham asked me to write about "gratitude". Because there is rarely a day that goes by when I don't feel grateful to be working in my job or to have a teen, a teacher or a parent express to me the gratitude they feel towards Midrasha. It's unusual. Most of us that work in the non-profit world don't get enough pats on the back, but I do.

The best feedback often comes at Midrasha graduation. Students are asked to write out what they feel about Midrasha. Do any of you remember that Leo Lionni children's book "Frederick's Fables" where all the other mice are busy storing food for the winter but Frederick stores up the sun's rays to bring joy to his fellow mice in the cold times? Well, that's how I feel about graduation. You can actually go to the Midrasha website, www.Midrasha.org and download a PDF of the booklet with the graduates' speeches and pictures. This is a short read and it will give you faith in the next generation, plus gratitude that we have such a place for our Jewish teens. But since I know most of you won't click through to the website, here are just a few snippets:

"I love this community – the inspiring teachers, the intense conversations about ethics and culture and the wonderful friends I have made." Rebecca Herman

"What I'm taking away from Midrasha is a means of figuring out what my relationship to Judaism will be after I leave home....Midrasha has shown me that I can be Jewish in my own way." Elisheva Anisman

"Not only did Midrasha give me an opportunity to make new friends, it also gave me powerful techniques to cope with my stress and anxiety during hectic times." Sam Stone

So, the students are grateful and I am grateful to them. I am grateful that we live in an area where it is easy to attract knowledgeable and charismatic staff that loves working with teens. I am grateful that Desmid Lyon has worked side by side with me for so many years, handling all the parts of this job, the finances, insurance and legal details that are so much not what I am good at. I am grateful that Jenni Mangel has stepped up this year to enable Midrasha in Berkeley to create retreats for the entire Midrasha community and to do so in such a caring, professional and meaningful way. I am grateful for the three other Midrasha directors in Oakland, Contra Costa and Pleasanton, Kendra, Devra and Day, who make working collaboratively such an easy task. I am grateful for Chair Yossi Fendel and the rest of the Midrasha Board who work tirelessly and passionately to make Midrasha thrive. I am grateful to the staff and Beth El who makes my weekly office life so pleasant and are so welcoming to host Midrasha on their site.

I could go on and on. Mostly I am grateful to YOU, members of the East Bay Jewish community, who have supported this institution for the last 43 years.

Diane Bernbaum, Director



SUNDAY SCHOOL

IS PROUD TO START ITS CANDLE FUNDRAISER!!!



We are happy to have CELEBRATING HOME FUNDRAISING on board as our fundraising company.

Their candles are made of a soy blend wax and palm wax; they burn evenly, are scented throughout the candle, and are long burning.

Who: Sunday School Students

What: Having a candle fundraiser

When: October 28-November 11

Where: Any student that goes to our school, or come into the Social Hall to the table that will be set-up with the forms on it (Sundays from 10am-12pm).

Why: To raise money for field trips, art supplies, books, crafts, etc.....

We really want this to be a successful fundraiser; please help by supporting our kids by buying candles for yourself or as gifts for someone else!!!



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Monday, November 19, 2012

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

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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4 Sunday School 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Gift Shop open	5	6 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	7	8 Finance Committee 7:00 pm	9 Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm Rabbi White	10 Services 10:00 am
11 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Hadassah Presentation "Napa Valley's Jewish Heritage" 2:00 - 4:00	12 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	14 Hadassah Board Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White Gewing Oneg	17 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
18 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Adult Ed 10:45 - 12:00 Lunch/Film Event 12:00 Noon	19	20	21 Interfaith Service @ CBI with St. Paul's 7:30 pm	22 Thanksgiving	23 Services 8:00 pm	24 Services 10:00 am
25	26	27 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	28	29	30 Services 8:00 pm	

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DECEMBER 2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Chanukah Boutique 10:00 - 1:00	3	4 Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	5	6 Finance Committee 7:00 pm	7 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	8 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White 1st Night of Chanukah
9 Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Benicia Menorah Lighting 4:30 pm	10 Board Meeting 7:00 pm 3rd Night of Chanukah	11 Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 pm 4th Night of Chanukah	12 5th Night of Chanukah	13 6th Night of Chanukah	14 Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm Rabbi White 7th Night of Chanukah	15 Services 10:00 am Hadassah Latke Party 6:30 pm 8th Night of Chanukah
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30	31					



Congregation B'nai Israel
Shabbat Seder
with Rabbi David White
November 9th at 7:00 p.m.


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

A Potluck Dinner



Please bring a Dairy or Pareve Entrée,
Side or Salad and Dessert to share!

RSVP to Wendy, Fern, Lois, Alisa or Sue



Solano Napa Hadassah invites you to a presentation on

Napa's Jewish Heritage

Henry Michalski and Donna Mendelsohn will be coming to Congregation B'nai Israel to talk about their new book *Napa Valley's Jewish Heritage* on Sunday November 11, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Although the book's title is *Napa Valley's Jewish Heritage*, there are photos of CBI's early Sisterhood, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah and many others you may recognize from the past.

Congregation B'nai Israel is located at 1256 Nebraska Street, Vallejo, CA 94590. For more information contact Geri Kahn, (707) 676-6068 or hadassahvalleio@gmail.com



JEWISH FILM AFTERNOON

1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

“CROSSING DELANCEY”

Single, attractive, 30-something Isabelle (Izzy) Grossman (AMY IRVING) has a rent-controlled apartment in uptown Manhattan and a career in publishing. “I’m happy.” she says. Her Bubbe disagrees and hires a matchmaker who finds Izzy a marriage prospect: a man who runs a street-side pickle stand. Will Izzy somehow, someday end up crossing Delancey, the street that divides her world from his – and find love?

In the Library – “FINDING NEMO”

For the younger crowd.

Sunday,
NOVEMBER 18TH

Congregation B'nai Israel
1256 Nebraska St. Vallejo

12 noon – 1 p.m.
A light lunch of
sandwiches, 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 – .

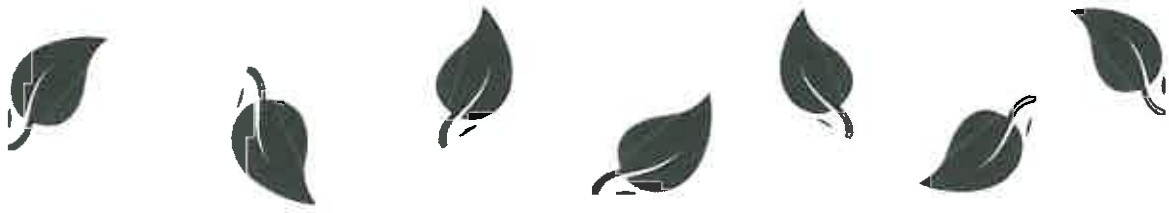
CBI office at (707) 642-6526 or Gail (425-5866) or Helene (425-2211)



**Interfaith Thanksgiving
Service
Congregation B'nai Israel
Wednesday, November 21
7:30 p.m.
1256 Nebraska Street
Vallejo**

This year the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is being hosted by Congregation B'nai Israel, Vallejo. All B'nai Israel attendees are asked to bring a dessert to share with our guests

**For more information, or to volunteer (and we do need you!), please contact the Synagogue office at 707-642-6526
SEE YOU THERE!!**



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.

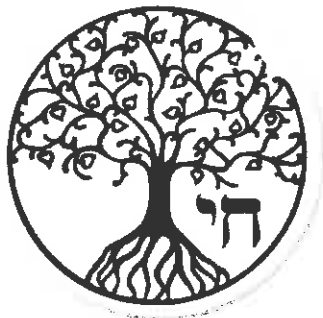
Thanks to the generosity of the Campbell family, our synagogue has a second Tree of Life, with lovely, golden leaves, ready to commemorate our community's many simchas! I have ordered one leaf to honor my grandson's Bar Mitzvah and soon will order a second leaf for our thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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

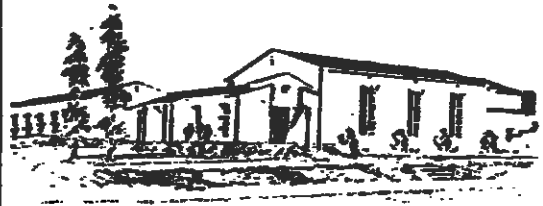
Let us hold onto and remember our happy times and fill our beautiful, new, Tree of Life.

Fred Zola
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TREE OF LIFE

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NAME	DATE
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INSCRIPTION	

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



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!





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