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# Congregation B'nai Israel Newsletter

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## Reflections

By Rabbi David White

### How Does Judaism Champion both Community and Individual Life?

Judaism is unique as a system in its mandating and celebrating community. Ritual communication with God is structured in public format with certain critical prayers only recited in community: i.e. Barchu, the call to prayer and start of formal service and the Kaddish, transitioning between sections of prayer and a form of which we recite in remembering loved ones.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that were it not for the requirement of a quorum, a minyan of Jewish adults, Judaism would have disappeared into the history books long ago. Because of rules of what is included in community prayer and excluded when 10 are not present, wherever Jews settled they made certain to have that minimal number, and it was specifically men through most of the years.

While much of the focus of ritual activity is in community, formal times for services and holiday observances, the system also acknowledges and values the rights and needs of individuals and families. Because connecting with God and holiness is a 24/7 business of life, with particular emphasis on the 7, i.e. Shabbat, where time is shared between community and individual, both contexts are important and valuable. You could consider the community gathering times as "formal" visits (even when we do it informally) and individual moments of connectivity, i.e. blessings of appreciation in particular moments, as informal. The tradition suggests that we thank God and or do mitzvot 100 times a day. That means most of the connection is in the individual mode, reminders and opportunities to notice that each moment is potentially holy, as certain as it is that the next breath you take is a miracle.

Attendees at services at B'nai Israel know that on occasion we are lacking that 10th person, at least for the first half of the service. That provides an "opportunity" to teach how the system of connection with God and enjoying Jewish practices operate for individual settings, a reminder that both times, with community and on one's own/in family is uniquely precious and important.

Before the late Friday night service was introduced in 20th Century America there was a natural blend of individual and community from the very start of Shabbat. Before and while Shabbat was welcomed at home with the lighting of candles, people would go from the end of the work day to the synagogue for an early quick paced

Kabbalat Shabbat, Welcoming of the Shabbat evening service, after which the main evening celebration of Shabbat would be held at home with a leisurely dinner introduced by the home melodies (as we do them at Shabbat Seder on the 2nd Friday of the month), Shalom Aleichem, Eyshet Chayil, Blessing the Children, Kiddush, washing hands and Motzi. That would lead into a relaxed evening, of stories shared and Shabbat nigunim and songs. This evening accentuated the blessings of connectivity that come through the individual/ family mode. Then Shabbat morning, and the more leisurely service, became the main event for community gathering and celebration of life.

Jewish life reflects enactment of the teaching of Hillel: If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And, if not now, when? If I am not for myself: If I don't develop a strong personal/family identity and focus, then who will do that for me??? If I am only for myself, what am I? If I and or my family remain apart from others and cut off from life beyond me/us, then what am I? What is the point of my/family being, if not to share the adventures and lessons learned with others? If not now, when? What blessing when individuals/families and communities are doing well and helping one another.

This month, as we continue on Shabbat following the adventures of the original Ancestors in Beresheet /Genesis and the Torah's focus on life as unfolding stories and challenging twists and turns, for HaShem the adventure seems to be in watching us juggle the focus on individual and community. It seems after failed starts with humanity before Abraham and Sarah, it is Abraham that uncovers the importance of building on individual strength as a basis for generating partnerships, Covenants, and by extension community that can generate a societal structure for serving God.

As you move forward in the year 5774, ponder, if you will, ways you can better balance time for self/family and time for community. Each needs the other to help us better balance our lives and who and all that matter to us.

So much to be thankful for: friends and partners in life! I look forward to sharing these values with our friends from Common Ground at our annual Thanksgiving service, this year on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week at St. Paul's in Benicia.



## November Monthly Schedule of Services

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

- Friday, Nov. 1..... Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, Nov. 2 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, Nov. 8..... Shabbat Seder at 7:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, Nov. 9 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants
- Friday, Nov. 15..... Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, Nov. 16 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, Nov. 22..... Children’s Service at 7:00 pm  
Shabbat Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Congregants
- Saturday, Nov. 23 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants
- Friday, Nov. 29..... Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Congregants
- Saturday, Nov. 30 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants



### Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors for November

- Friday, Nov. 1..... Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, Nov. 2 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, Nov. 8..... Shabbat Seder sponsored by and The Shabbat Seder Committee attendees
- Saturday, Nov. 9 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, Nov. 15..... Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, Nov. 16 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, Nov. 22..... Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, Nov. 23 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, Nov. 29..... Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, Nov. 30 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees



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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

There is a Yiddish saying that proclaims; "You cannot make Shabbat by yourself." The point is we need other Jews around us to live a Jewish life. Jewish life involves community and the place where Jews connect with each other is their local Synagogue.

That is why it is so important to keep Congregation B'nai Israel alive. This is the gathering place for our community. It is exciting for me to enter our Synagogue and see the life and activity. We have so many activities and events that there should be something for everyone. If there is something you would like to be part of at B'nai Israel that we are not doing, **please** let me know.

We are a Spiritual community, an Educational community and a Social community. Shabbat Services every Friday evening and Saturday morning and observance of the Holidays. Sunday School, Hebrew School, adult education with Rabbi White and Sunday morning Torah discussions. Sisterhood and Hadassah, Israeli dancing and the Bagel cafe are part of the activities. Soon we will have our annual Chanukah Boutique and Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with St. Paul's and monthly our Shabbat Seder is an event that everyone enjoys.

So come to B'nai Israel and participate in your community.

**Fred**



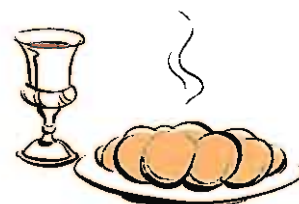
### SPONSOR AN ONEG OR KIDDUSH IN NOVEMBER

We have 10 opportunities for B’nai Israel members to sponsor an oneg or Kiddush in November.

There are 5 Friday Onegs and 5 Saturday Kiddushes open. The Friday dates are November 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, twice on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday dates are November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<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 Barush at [cbioffice1@yahoo.com](mailto:cbioffice1@yahoo.com) or 707-642-6526, to confirm your preferred date!

Todah Rabah to The B’nai Israel Board, our Shabbat Seder sponsors on October 11th!





# November Birthdays



Fran Bond.....	2
Paul Toch.....	2
Heather Feinberg.....	3
Natasha Miller.....	3
Katya Mayzeles.....	4
Jessamyn Miller.....	4
Emmet Cooper.....	5
Donna Plantz.....	5
Naomi Cooper.....	8
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
David Mazer.....	26
Aaron Levin.....	27
Emily Grist.....	28

## ♥ November Anniversaries ♥

Jim & Sharon Petrellese.....	17
Cheryl & Martin Gewing.....	20
Joseph & Jenny Levin.....	21
Fran & Don Bond.....	23
Gene & Naomi Cooper.....	24
Linda & Larry Miller.....	26
Dan & Anne Joseph.....	28

♥♥ Congratulations to Jim & Sharon Petrellese on celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! ♥♥



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.



## ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE HOURS

for the School Year

Sundays: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Tuesdays: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Thursdays: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

[cbioffice1@yahoo.com](mailto:cbioffice1@yahoo.com) or

707-642-6526



## REVISED BY-LAWS AVAILABLE

A copy of the bylaws, revised in February, has been emailed to all members. If you do not receive the email and would like a copy, please contact Sue at the office.



# NOVEMBER YARTZEITEN

## NOVEMBER 1 - 15, 2013

28 Cheshvan.....	Fanya Barsukov
29 Cheshvan.....	Louis Carpadus
1 Kislev.....	Aaron Drizen
1 Kislev.....	Ed Schroeder
1 Kislev.....	John Schrednitz
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

## NOVEMBER 16 - 30, 2013

13 Kislev.....	Sylvia Ross
14 Kislev.....	Jacob Wallin
16 Kislev.....	Betty Brainen
17 Kislev.....	Bluma Yossem
18 Kislev.....	Clara Abouaf
19 Kislev.....	Dorothy Sills
19 Kislev.....	Mortimer Breakstone
20 Kislev.....	Jacquelyn Keys
21 Kislev.....	Marvin Scheer
21 Kislev.....	Adele Toch
22 Kislev.....	Anna Solomon
22 Kislev.....	Rebecca Policar
23 Kislev.....	Gladys Williges
23 Kislev.....	Jacob Elgrably
23 Kislev.....	Elizabeth Solomon
24 Kislev.....	Mikhaail Boris Levitsky
24 Kislev.....	Sonia Chait
25 Kislev.....	Isaac Cohen
25 Kislev.....	Constance Leventhal
25 Kislev.....	Leona Andrews
27 Kislev.....	Al Ross



## 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

Always on the thirst for more? Well, Ways & Means members review scores of ideas for fundraising, so we're always interested in "more". Soon we'll be launching a new idea which is being spearheaded by David Gonzalez. Flash the Tag is a concept which allows businesses to sponsor sales of small, plastic tags. The tags can subsequently be coded with individual, emergency contacts numbers once purchased. Fire and police personnel could then obtain the information quickly. It will be exciting to see how things unfold with this idea.

Also, a special thanks to Melissa Edwards who took time to present us with an idea for a Jewish Food Fest. Keep those ideas coming!

In the meantime, we held another Film Event and once again combinations of hot soup and food worked well together. The movie was funny and all who attended enjoyed themselves, plus CBI raised a little more for the pot! Another one is planned for Sunday, January 12. Look for our flyer in the next bulletin, but mark your calendars now! While you're marking your calendars, pen in Sunday, February 16 for another Casino Trip.

On Sunday, November 17, from 10:30 - 2:00, is the Religious School's Chanukah Boutique. We will have a booth there and will be selling some amazing items. These include pillows, tote bags, playhouses, wall hangings and small quilts. All are handmade and sewn by Helen Falk and Donna Plantz. They really are beautiful. Additionally, Laura Eytan will be showcasing her handmade jewelry and bringing some saris!

Our Annual Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping is about to begin! Due to our consistent reliability, this year we have received some truly premium dates. Many of you contribute to this event each year by volunteering your time. Shifts fill up quickly, so here are the upcoming dates: Wednesday, December 18, Thursday, December 19, Sunday, December 22 and Monday, December 23. We have the opportunity of being there from opening (10:00am) to closing (9:30pm), so we really can raise sufficient funds! Please contact me as soon as possible to request a date and time slot.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1st from 5:00 - 6:00pm. We have a lot of fun, laugh often and I've been told it's one of the best Committees! Such a compliment! So join us and, as always, continue to support our activities.

**Gail Lamkins, Chair**



### **Board of Directors and Officers Nominating Committee**

We are in the process of forming a nominating committee for our yearly election. Please contact Janet Leventhal, Chair, at JanetBLeventhal@hotmail.com or 707-342-0620, to serve on the nominating committee. Please also contact us if you would like to be a Director or Officer of Congregation B'nai Israel.



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood is an auxiliary organization to the synagogue dedicated to the support of the synagogue, especially financially. The women of the Sisterhood donate everything earned to the synagogue's needs. For example, the Sisterhood donates toward the security system that protects the synagogue, including the security cameras. Recently, the Sisterhood had all the community tallitot cleaned so that we will be ready for the High Holidays in the fall. The annual dues donations of \$18.00 are payable at this time, so if you have not already paid them, Sisterhood would greatly appreciate your donation. The Sisterhood gift shop is open the first Sunday of every month that Sunday School is in session, and for holidays, and can be opened by prearrangement at other times by contacting Joyce Georgetti or Jennifer Mercado.



## BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT

Thanks go out to everyone who donated their time and/or money. With our volunteers' help prior to the High Holy Days, we were able to clean the Sanctuary, change over the Sanctuary for the festivities, plus we were able to cut back much of our vegetation so that everything looked great! Thanks to an anonymous donation we also were able this year to expand the size of our Sukkah, accommodating about 45 people during our September Shabbat Seder! After the High Holy Days concluded, we changed the materials in the Sanctuary back for regular services. None of this would have been possible without our volunteers and/or monetary donations!

Lastly, just a friendly reminder to pay (if you haven't already) your Building Assessment. Our volunteers are able to do a lot, but we do need money for supplies and maintenance that is beyond our time and abilities.

**B'Shalom, Martin**



## CBI HOUSE MEETING

We held our first Congregation B'nai Israel House Meeting on October 12 in the Social Hall. There were about 20 who attended and shared stories about how they found CBI, what they like most about CBI and what they might like to see happen at CBI.

We had members from Vallejo, American Canyon, Benicia, Fairfield, and Suisun. Many spoke of the acceptance and love they feel coming to CBI, and said this draws them back. Most said they'd like to see more families and more activities. Several interesting ideas were proposed, and some are already being enacted, such as the Torah Study Group suggested by Marc North. Other ideas included setting up a Play Group for Jewish children, more seminars and sessions, possible cooking lessons with Helen, more social events, and reaching out to the community to share our people resources.

Future House Meetings are planned, possibly one soon in Fairfield and possibly another Saturday evening session. Please help us build our CBI community by joining us to share stories and ideas. Let us know what you need and what you can bring to help us build our community!



## SEPTEMBER DONATIONS & TRIBUTES

**Donation of mailing costs associated with Common Ground House meeting**

From Martin Gewing

**Donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

From Dan & Kate Bertenthal  
From Ralph Pierce

**Donation in Memory of Alma Friedman**

From Harry & Katie Policar

**Donation to the Building & Grounds Fund**

From The Linville Family

**Donation in Honor of the High Holy Days**

From the Napa Community Foundation

**Donation to Congregation B'nai Israel**

From Marc North & Cathy Horowitz  
From Nancy Schussel

**Donation of items for recycling**

From Donna Plantz



### MEMBER UPDATE

Returning member:

**Shari Salomon**

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(925) 891-4667

shariteaches@msn.com

***Be sure to update your rosters!***



(The following was submitted by David Schiff)

### WHY I AM A JEW

I am a Jew because born of Israel and having lost it, I felt it revive me more alive than I am myself.

I am a Jew because born of Israel, and having found it again, I would have it live after me even more alive than it is within me.

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands no abdication of my mind.

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel asks every possible sacrifice of my soul.

I am a Jew because in every age when the cry of despair is heard the Jew hopes.

I am a Jew because in all places where there are tears and suffering the Jew weeps.

I am a Jew because the message of Israel is the most ancient and the most modern.

I am a Jew because Israel's promise is a universal promise.

I am a Jew because for Israel the world is not finished; men will complete it.

I am a Jew because for Israel man is not yet created; men are creating him.

**Edmund Fleg 1874 -**

(From Modern Tribe):



**Ner Tamid**

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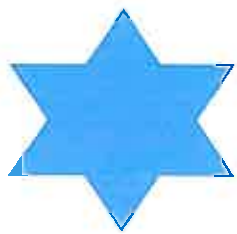
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**Donna Mendelsohn 707-259-5332**

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St. Helena, Napa County, CA



**CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE IS COMING**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 10:30- 2:00PM**

**Your religious school is sponsoring the annual Chanukah Boutique, Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 to 2:00pm. Don't miss it - make sure to be a part of it.**

**Be sure to donate items for the Pixie Boutique for your children/students to buy at a nominal charge for Chanukah presents;**

**If you have not signed up to be a VENDOR, DON'T MISS OUT. GET OUT YOUR CRAFTS, JEWELRY, OTHER ITEMS TO SELL. THE SMALL FEE OF \$20.00/ PER TABLE, IS DONATED TO THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL. CONTACT THE CBI OFFICE OR FERN BERNSTEIN [fern.bernstein99@gmail.com](mailto:fern.bernstein99@gmail.com) or**

**MARY SCHWARTZ [maryschwartz64@yahoo.com](mailto:maryschwartz64@yahoo.com) to get involved.**

**We always need helpers/volunteers for the boutique. Many of you have signed up, but contact us for any specific request you may have.**

**You may have special baked items you would like to sell that day.**

**GET INTO THE ACTION. DON'T MISS OUT. YOU CAN ENJOY THE DAY AND HELP OUT THE CHILDREN.**

**OUR NEXT PARENT MEETING, IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>. FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE BOUTIQUE. ISRAELI DANCING WITH TERI ROSENMAN WILL ALSO BE ON THAT DAY, AT NOON NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>.**



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**Friday, November 22, 2013**

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

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NOVEMBER 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 - 12:00 Parent Mtg 10:30 am Finance Committee 11:00 am Israeli Dancing 12:00 - 2:00	4	5 Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 pm	6	7 Kol Dvar on OZCAT Radio 6:00 - 9:00 pm	8 Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm	9 Services 10:00 am
10 Sunday School 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Teachers Mtg 12:05 pm	11 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 pm	13	14	15 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	16 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
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24 Sunday School 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	25	26 Interfaith Service at St. Paul's 7:30 pm	27 1st Night of Chanukah	28 2nd Night of Chanukah Thanksgiving	29 3rd Night of Chanukah Services 8:00 pm	30 4th Night of Chanukah Services 10:00 am

# DRAFT

DECEMBER 2013

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> 5th Night Chanukah Menorah Lighting in Benicia 4:30 pm CBI Chanukah Party 6:30 pm	<b>2</b> 6th Night of Chanukah	<b>3</b> 7th Night of Chanukah Hebrew School 4:00 - 6:00 Finance Committee 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> 8th Night of Chanukah	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Services 8:00 pm Hadassah Shabbat Rabbi White	<b>7</b> Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
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<b>29</b> No Sunday School	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> No Hebrew School				



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**There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person, and  
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The AHAVA Village for Children and Youth in Kiryat Bialik,  
Israel, a favorite charity of our beloved friend Fahni.**

*Congregation B'nai Israel*  
*Friday, November 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm*  
*Shabbat Seder with Rabbi White*

*Sponsored by the Shabbat Seder Committee*



*Savory or Sweet Kugels*  
*Quite possibly the best kugels in existence*  
*made by our members!*



*Please bring a side or salad*  
*and a dessert to share.*

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## **CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE**

**Sunday, November 17, 2013**

**10:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**Fundraiser to Benefit B'nai Israel Religious School**

**Art**

**Jewelry**

**Latkes, sour cream & applesauce**

**Bake sale**

**Gift Items**

**Pixie Emporium for Children**

**Sisterhood Gift Shop Open**



**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:45 am – 12:00 pm**



**Adult Education with  
Rabbi David White**

**Continuing with Psalm 92 and  
Exploring Our Earliest Leaders**

**Remember to order  
your bagel from  
David's Bagel Café!**



# Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**Tuesday, November 26, 2013**  
**at 7:30 pm**



**This year the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by St. Paul's Church.**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**120 East J Street**  
**Benicia, CA 94510**

**For additional information, or to volunteer, please call 707.745.0307**





New Jewish Radio show broadcasting on  
KZCT 89.5 FM, Vallejo

Tune in Thursday nights (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month) for the best in Jewish music, humor, culture and discussion. Kol Dvar airs from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Listen to it on your radio or on your mobile device via the Tune-In application. A link is available on OZCAT's website: <http://www.ozcatradio.com/>

Email us your requests and dedications at:

[Koldvarozcat@gmail.com](mailto:Koldvarozcat@gmail.com)

Find us (and "like" us) on Facebook to learn of upcoming shows and see videos of the music we are playing.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kol-Dvar>



## Small electronics Recycling Program

I am very pleased to announce a new and additional small electronics recycling program at CBI! We are now accepting the following:

Ink jet cartridges	Laser Toner Cartridges
Digital Cameras	Cellular Phones
Laptop Computers	iPods
MP3 players	

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

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

Please look for our new recycling display and collection box, due to arrive in April!

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





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

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

I suggest each member of Congregation B'nai Israel think of two happy events in our lives worth remembering and purchase a "leaf" on the Tree of Life. If we all purchase two leaves on the Tree, we can fill it and celebrate by adding a third Tree of Life! Send the message to be inscribed on your leaf to John Campbell, [jr.campbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jr.campbell@sbcglobal.net), or to me, Fred Zola, [fredzola@earthlink.net](mailto:fredzola@earthlink.net). The cost is \$300 per leaf. Every time you enter our synagogue, you, your family and your friends will be reminded of a joyous time in your lives.

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

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

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

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## TREE OF LIFE

### LEAF ORDER FORM

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	
<b>INSCRIPTION (must fit inside the leaf)</b>		

- ❖ Aniversaries and Birthdays
- ❖ Births, Brit Milah, Baby Naming
- ❖ Bar & Bat Mitzvah
- ❖ Honoring children and grandchildren
- ❖ Honoring parents and grandparents
- ❖ Accomplishments of friends and family
- ❖ Significant events and honors
- ❖ Just because!



**1 Leaf @ \$300.00**

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

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

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



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TO CELEBRATE A LIFE  
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