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# Congregation B'nai Israel Newsletter

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

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October, 2012



Tishrei – Cheshvan 5773

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## Reflections

By Rabbi David White

### Community Within and Beyond the Synagogue Boundaries

B'nai Israel's strength as a community that is home to members and friends of all backgrounds is powerful medicine in times when being alone can be overwhelming. All of our activity, whether services or studies or times to laugh and play (I am still kvelling in the joy and fun of the evening of song and music led and organized by Doug Cort for the worthy cause of helping with medical co-pays) are characterized by shared values of caring and reflection on being with one another in exploring and celebrating life's blessings and challenges. I look forward to a year filled with such opportunities and times that will strengthen and uplift us all.

New to B'nai Israel this year, though more than a year in the making, is our new partnership with other such centers of spiritual caring and action. In becoming a member, as we just did, of IAF, a program for community strengthening and building, we are now becoming connected to scores of other religious, spiritual and non-profit groups. All of them share in treasuring their own programs and activities while looking to do and be more in the broader community through working and learning together of possibilities to make a positive impact on the neighborhoods in which we live and the counties that need our attention in addressing vulnerabilities and challenges...as will be identified by the growing numbers (including CBI) of member groups.

This new development is especially meaningful for us because Judaism is so much more than religion; it is how we live day to day in the broader world as we interface with neighbors of different backgrounds and stories. Participating in IAF enables us to tap into our prophetic spirit of seeing shortcomings and imbalances in society that for any of us alone are overwhelming but in joining together become possibilities we can address and redress.

Please put on your calendar and make your commitment to join fellow CBI members in attending a very special unifying program by this fledgling yet growing broad coalition of religious and secular non-profits: Sowing the Seeds For Action, Sunday, October 14 from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm, at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Memorial Center Gym, on Sacramento and Florida Streets in Vallejo.

We will be joining diverse religious congregations and non-profits as we: build relationships across lines of faith, race, class and culture; learn how to create an action agenda around issues facing our families and communities; and launch our campaign towards founding a powerful organization for the common good.

This is the next fruit of an effort that clergy have been involved with for almost 2 years and now includes CBI members as lay leaders, Robert Linville, Carolyn Steinberg and Lois Pierce, among others, in the developing process.

Last February, some 15 of us were present for a first exploratory effort that brought over 200 people together at First Presbyterian Church. I am hoping to more than double that number of our attendees at St. Vincent Ferrer. You can register either through our office or by calling 510-375-6529 or emailing [norcaliaf@gmail.com](mailto:norcaliaf@gmail.com).

One of the other blessings and benefits of becoming a partner in this community is having access to the resources of IAF and their leadership (many of you have already met Sister Judy Donovan). Not only do we partake of the broader community based efforts, but also we receive the skill and expertise of IAF leadership to benefit our own Board of Directors using their help in addressing any internal needs and hopes we identify for continuing growth within CBI itself.

I look forward to a wonderful program year with all of you, both within the sanctuary and oasis that is B'nai Israel, and also as we make ourselves at home in sanctuaries of emerging partners in building and vouchsafing a healthier and safer community encompassing Solano and Napa Counties...and beyond.



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## Monthly Schedule of Services

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

- Monday, Oct. 1.....Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, Oct. 5 .....Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Congregants
- Saturday, Oct. 6.....Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Rabbi White
- Monday, Oct. 8.....Erev Simchat Torah  
"Mini-Shemini" Services at 6:30 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, Oct. 12 .....Shabbat Seder at 7:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, Oct. 13.....Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants
- Friday, Oct. 19 .....Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, Oct. 20.....Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, Oct. 26 .....Children's Service at 7:00 pm  
Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Congregants
- Saturday, Oct. 27.....Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants



### Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors for October

- Friday, Oct. 5 .....Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, Oct. 5 .....Kiddush sponsored by  
attendees
- Friday, Oct. 12 .....Shabbat Seder sponsored by  
B'nai Israel Board of Directors and attendees
- Saturday, Oct. 13.....Kiddush sponsored by  
attendees
- Friday, Oct. 19 .....Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, Oct. 20.....Kiddush sponsored by  
attendees
- Friday, Oct. 26 .....Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, Oct. 27.....Kiddush sponsored by  
attendees



### OCTOBER ONEG & KIDDUSH SPONSORS

We have 7 opportunities for B'nai Israel members to sponsor an oneg or Kiddush in October! The October 5<sup>th</sup> oneg and 6<sup>th</sup> Kiddush will be in the sukkah! Perhaps Sukkot-related foods could be provided?

There are 3 Friday oneg and 4 Saturday kiddush open. The Friday dates are October 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday dates are October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please provide something savory and/or sweet for the community to enjoy after services. Plate your treats and put them on the long tables set up in the Social Hall prior to services. Wine/juice, challah, coffee & tea are supplied by the B'nai Israel kitchen. Contact Sue at [cbioffice1@yahoo.com](mailto:cbioffice1@yahoo.com) or 707-642-6526, to confirm your preferred date!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shana Tova.

My wife, Nieves, and I wish each of you and your families a sweet new year - as sweet as apples dipped in honey.

As I sat on the Bima during our B'nai Israel Rosh Hashanah Service, I was able to observe Congregants as they entered the Sanctuary and joined the Service. The interaction reminded me of a large family reunion. Some of the family we see weekly, others we see yearly or every few years and there are those we are meeting for the first time. We are all here because we are part of the B'nai Israel family and Rosh Hashanah is a good chance for us to get together for a reunion. I watch as people greet each other, smiling and hugging. The two daughters of one of our members decided to surprise mom by joining her for the Service. They came in and sat by Mom, who did not expect to see her daughters and I will never forget the smile on her face. She was so happy to share Rosh Hashanah with her girls. Such a blessing.

There were smiles throughout the room when Mike Policar sounded the shofar. We have a great tradition with Mike sounding the shofar. He did it for the first time when he was fifteen years old, now he is sixty-two and this marks the forty-seventh year we have had this honor. The Torah teaches that the blast of the shofar emanating from the thick cloud on Mount Sinai made the Tribe of Israel tremble in awe. I did not see any trembling in our Sanctuary, instead the Congregation enjoyed and was thrilled by the sound of the shofar.

We are blessed to have Rabbi White as our spiritual leader. He led a meaningful and uplifting Service and delivered an important message. It is a pleasure to be associated with such a great man. I feel G-d sent an Angel to B'nai Israel. Rabbi White is an excellent source of wisdom and knowledge and he is here for us. If you are on a spiritual quest or have a thirst for Torah, we have Rabbi White.

Our Congregation began many years ago when a group of Jewish families in Vallejo rented a hall in order to celebrate the High Holidays. That gathering has grown into what we have today, Congregation B'nai Israel. It is up to us to honor those who came before us, who built and maintained our Shul by keeping it alive and passing it to the next generation. I am honored and humbled to be the President, but I need your help. It takes all of us to keep B'nai Israel alive and well. My goal is that our children and grandchildren will have B'nai Israel so they can have a place to fulfill their Spiritual needs.

When the Service ended and we entered the social hall to have a sip of wine and a bite of challah, we continued a tradition stretching over thousands of years from Moses until today. What a wonderful day. Again, we wish you a sweet year,

Fred



# October Birthdays



Angelica Watson.....	1
Jonathan White.....	1
John Noonan .....	4
Jehon Grist.....	6
Ken Mullen.....	6
David Schiff.....	8
Sarah Wiese Willens.....	10
Melissa Schuplinsky .....	11
Mary Schwartz .....	12
Shoshana Nurik.....	15
Carol Bass .....	16
Jim Petrellese .....	17
Jo Dorfman .....	20
Debbie Williges.....	21
Dr. Gary Liberman .....	22
Toni Schmit.....	24
Adam Silver .....	26
John Campbell.....	27
Robby Fuimaono .....	27
Bonnie Rogers.....	28

## ♥ October Anniversaries ♥

Susan & Larry Grossman .....	10
Seymour & Roberta Rubinstein.....	10
Renee & Carlos Morales .....	21
David & Kathryn Schiff.....	25

♥♥ *Congratulations to Renee & Carlos Morales on celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!* ♥♥



## 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!



# OCTOBER YARTZEITEN

## October 1 - 15, 2012

15 Tishrei.....	Sam Abouaf
15 Tishrei.....	Celia Rogers
16 Tishrei.....	Charles Scheer
16 Tishrei.....	Harry Handlery
17 Tishrei.....	Abraham Corren
19 Tishrei.....	Lena Dubnoff
20 Tishrei.....	Dave Calof
23 Tishrei.....	Alex Honigman
23 Tishrei.....	Chana Botnick
24 Tishrei.....	Ralph Pizante
24 Tishrei.....	Belle Munter
26 Tishrei.....	Jack Steinberg
26 Tishrei.....	Morris Barskey
27 Tishrei.....	Esther Fisher
27 Tishrei.....	Simon Skigen
29 Tishrei.....	Gustav Meyer
29 Tishrei.....	Erik Fuchs
29 Tishrei.....	Lezar Lewkowitz

## October 16 - 31, 2012

30 Tishrei.....	Jacob Cimberg
30 Tishrei.....	Dr. Michael Wallin
2 Cheshvan .....	Robert Davis
3 Cheshvan .....	Herbert Levine
6 Cheshvan .....	Harry Munter
7 Cheshvan .....	Abraham Tax
9 Cheshvan .....	Lena Meyer
11 Cheshvan .....	Maier Calof
12 Cheshvan .....	Phillip Rogers
12 Cheshvan .....	Morris Zlot
13 Cheshvan .....	Murray Sills
14 Cheshvan .....	Alfred Cohen



## 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.



*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.*



**OCTOBER  
DONATIONS & TRIBUTES**

**Donation to the Break the Fast**  
From Brian & Diane Silver

**In Honor of Debbie Williges' Bat Mitzvah**  
From Nadine & Alan Goodban

**In Honor of Mollie Leavitt's Birthday**  
From Nadine & Alan Goodban

**In Honor of Helen Falk's Birthday**  
From Nadine & Alan Goodban



**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

For everyone who attended our recent TLC event, you already know it was a smashing success! Doug Cort and Robin Gross did a fantastic job of pulling together the musicians and the refreshments. Dancing, laughter, eating and wonderful music was enjoyed by everyone. A huge thanks to all who helped and all who attended. This annual event raises monies for both our Tikkun Loving Care fund and CBI. The TLC funds are used for individuals who may need assistance with medical expenses. It is a worthwhile cause and we encourage folks to simply contact us if you would like help. All information is kept confidential.

Our next fundraising event is Family Game Night scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Please review the enclosed flyer in this month's bulletin for more information. Bring your favorite board or card game and join us for the evening. We always have fun and it's a relaxing way to spend time with family and friends.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee will be on Sunday, September 30 at 10:30 am in the CBI Library. As always, your participation and helping hands are more than welcome.

Gail Lamkins, Chair



**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.



**WELCOME NEW &  
RETURNING MEMBERS!**

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

**Dr. Barbara Bachmeier**  
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*Be sure to update your rosters!*



**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 October 28 at 10:45 until noon, Rabbi White will launch this year's 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. Upcoming sessions (after the first one Oct. 28) include: November 18 and December 16.



# San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society

Applying the Scientific Method to Genealogical Research

Speaker: Stephen Danko

Sunday, October 21, 2012

Oakland Family History Center

4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland 94602

Doors open 12:30 p.m.; program begins 1:00 p.m.

The scientific method is a well established process in scientific disciplines and is used routinely to design experiments and evaluate results. Even though the scientific method was not developed with genealogical research in mind, it can be used to help solve genealogical problems in a logical, stepwise manner. To apply the scientific method, the genealogist must define the question to answer, gather information and resources, form a hypothesis, collect data, analyze the data, interpret the data, draw conclusions, publish the results, and retest the hypothesis. This presentation will teach participants how to apply the scientific method to real genealogical problems.

Stephen Danko began seriously researching his family history twelve years ago. In the course of that research he has studied 20th-century American records as well as 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century Polish records. He has conducted research on location in Poland and Lithuania and has visited the villages in which his immigrant ancestors lived. He holds a B.S. in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Botany and Plant Pathology, and is the volunteer administrator for five surname projects at Family Tree DNA. Steve is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Geshet Galicia, the Polish Genealogical Society of America, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and the National Genealogical Society.

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. For more information visit <http://www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs/>.



Researching When Records Are Gone

Speaker: Nancy Petersen

Monday, October 22, 2012

Congregation Beth Am

26790 Arastradero Road, Room 5/6

Los Altos Hills 94122

Doors open 7:00 p.m.; program begins 7:30 p.m.

Nancy Peterson's guide to circumventing the enormous record loss in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire has been substantially updated and expanded to include newly released records and necessary information on post-earthquake resources. The inclusion of a wide and detailed body of sources and emphasis on casting a much wider net than is customary makes this guide useful not only for anyone doing research anywhere critical records have been lost or destroyed, but also for those seeking to create a fuller, richer family history.

Nancy Simons Peterson is a fifth-generation Californian, a certified genealogist, and the author of numerous articles appearing in prominent genealogical periodicals. Winner of the 1998 National Genealogical Society's Family History Writing Contest and the Society of Genealogists Scholar Award in 2003, she holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Stanford University.

Light kosher refreshments will be served. Meetings are free and everyone interested is welcome to attend. For information, <http://www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs/>.



## From Midrasha in Berkeley

I often write in this column, asking you to do something for Midrasha, but this month I'm going to tell you what Midrasha can do for YOU.

Do you know we have a job bank of teens willing to work for you? When they register, Midrasha students are asked if they want to make their names available to people looking for teens to babysit, help with their computers or in their office, do housework, moving or lifting, work in the garden, tutor their younger children, pet sit, help build or dismantle their sukkah or help at parties. If you would like a copy of the list, e-mail us at: [diane@midrasha.org](mailto:diane@midrasha.org) or call the Midrasha office, 510-843-4667.

Our school year is off to a great start. Sunday classes began on September 9 and midweek classes on September 10. Our first retreat, for 9-12th graders, will be October 26-28. And we have an optional backpacking trip, co-sponsored with Congregation Netivot Shalom, on November 9-11.

Diane Bernbaum, Director



**The Seventh Day of Succoth**

*Sunday, October 7, 2012*

Come To Lunch In The  
SUCCAH  
Then Stay For The Film  
"USHPIZIN"



*This festival of late autumn commemorates the Biblical time when the Jews left Egypt to wander in the desert before reaching the Promised Land. They then lived in makeshift huts or "Succoth" built of wood and branches with the roof intertwined with leaves and harvest fruits - get open to the skies. During the Succoth festival, four symbolic objects are used - the esrog (a type of citrus), the lulav (palm branch), the hadassim (myrtle) and grovat (willow twigs). These form part of the service when we give thanks for the fruits of the earth.*

**Congregation B'nai Israel  
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*Lunch Served*

*12 noon - 1 p.m.*

*Movie starts 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.*

RSVP - Sue - 707 642-6526

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*Aramaic word for  
"visitors"*



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*Next Due Date for Bulletin Articles/Items:*

***Friday, October 19, 2012***

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

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# בני ישראל

OCTOBER 2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> 1st Day of Sukkot Services 10:00 am	<b>2</b> 2nd Day of Sukkot	<b>3</b> 3rd Day of Sukkot	<b>4</b> 4th Day of Sukkot	<b>5</b> 5th Day of Sukkot Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	<b>6</b> 6th Day of Sukkot Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
<b>7</b> Sunday School 10:00 - 12:00 Sukkot Party Adult Ed 10:45 am Hadassah Membership Tea 2:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>8</b> Shemini Atzeret Erev Simchat Torah Mini-Shemini 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> Simchat Torah  Hebrew School 4:00 to 6:00 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Finance Committee 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> Board Sponsored Shabbat Seder 7:00 pm Rabbi White	<b>13</b> Services  10:00 am
<b>14</b> Sunday School 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Sisterhood Mtg 10:45 am	<b>15</b> Board Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>16</b> Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>17</b> Hadassah Board Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE	<b>20</b> Services 10:00 am Rabbi White Game Night 7:00 pm
<b>21</b> Sunday School 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Children's Service 7:00 pm General Services 8:00 pm	<b>27</b> Services  10:00 am
<b>28</b> Sunday School 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Adult Ed 10:45 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Hebrew School 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>31</b>			

# DRAFT

## NOVEMBER 2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2 Services 8:00 pm Rabbi White	3 Services 10:00 am Rabbi White
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 General Mtg 1:00 - 3:00	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	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	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	

# *Sowing the Seeds* **FOR ACTION**

**Sunday, October 14, 2012**  
**2:00-5:00pm**

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish 'Memorial Center Gym'  
Sacramento and Florida Sts.  
Vallejo, California, 94590  
Gym is on southwest corner of Sacramento and Florida Streets.  
Enter parking lot off Sacramento St. just south of the gym.

## **Join diverse religious congregations and non-profit organizations as we:**

- build relationships across lines of faith, race, class and culture
- learn how to create an action agenda around issues facing our families and communities
- launch our campaign towards founding a powerful organization for the common good!\*

Free of charge.  
Register through your congregation or non-profit organization or by calling (510) 375-6529 or emailing [norcaliaf@gmail.com](mailto:norcaliaf@gmail.com)

\*Area clergy and non-profit leaders have been working with the IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation), the nation's oldest and largest leadership development and broad-based organizing network, to explore creating an IAF affiliate in our area. The IAF works to create relational power that can strengthen each member institution as well as shape public policy for the common good.

# FAMILY GAME NIGHT

At 6 p.m. we will start the evening with a beautiful **HAVDALAH** ceremony to bid this Shabbat farewell. THEN – let's play!

Bring your favorite family game board to share..

A board game? - Monopoly, Scrabble, Clue

A card game? - Uno, Rook, Skip Bo

How about Bridge? Mah-jong?

Or, if you prefer – a movie – **“BRIGHTON**

**BEACH MEMOIRS”** will be shown in the

Library, starting at 7 p.m. You will enjoy Neil

Simon's hilarious comedy about growing up in

Brooklyn during the late 1930's.

**Saturday**

**October 20, 2012**

**6 p.m. to 9 p.m.,**

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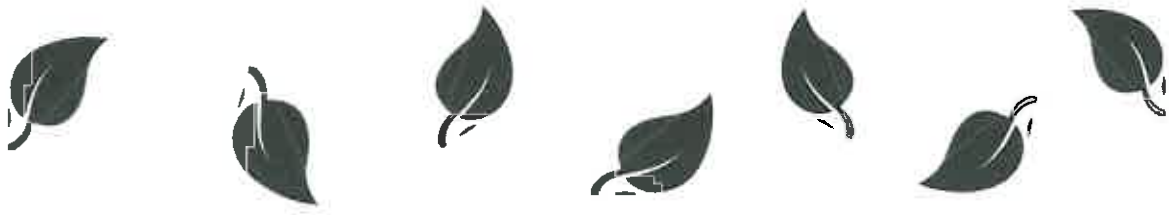
**DONATION – \$20 PER FAMILY, OR \$10 PER PERSON**

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Reservations or more information :

Call Gail (425-5866) (email: glamkins@gmail.com) or

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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](mailto:jr.campbell@sbcglobal.net), or to me, Fred Zola, [fredzola@earthlink.net](mailto:fredzola@earthlink.net). The cost is \$300 per leaf. Every time you enter our synagogue, you, your family and your friends will be reminded of a joyous time in your lives.

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

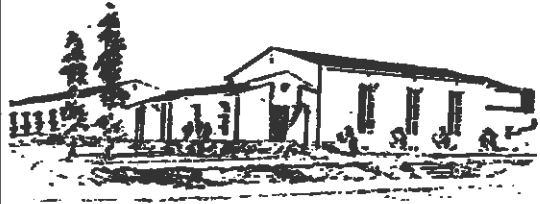
Let us hold onto and remember our happy times and fill our beautiful, new, Tree of Life.

Fred Zola  
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## TREE OF LIFE

### LEAF ORDER FORM

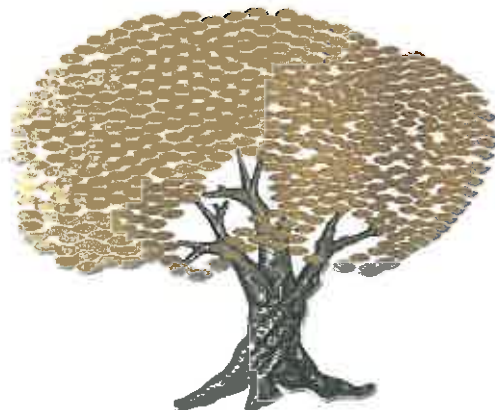
NAME	DATE
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1 Leaf @ \$300.00

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You will be invoiced for your total amount due.

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





# CALIFORNIA DREAMING

Jewish Life in the Bay Area  
from the Gold Rush to the Present



## How Do You Represent Being Jewish in the Bay Area?

Shabbat taco trucks to Torah study on Mt. Tam, Menorah candle lightings in Union Square to Star of David surfboards. How do you represent being Jewish in the Bay Area?

Help the Contemporary Jewish Museum create a portrait of the Bay Area Jewish community, in all its diversity and complexity, by sharing your photographs that illustrate what it means to be Jewish. All photos will be on display in the CJM's exhibition, *California Dreaming: Jewish Life in the Bay Area from the Gold Rush to the Present* (On view November 17, 2011 through October 16, 2012), as well as on the Museum's website. Contribute your family and personal histories, celebrate your most important milestones, and take pride in your cultural heritage by uploading your photos to the CJM's flickr group.

**Share Your Important Moments and Be Part of the Story.**

Please submit your photos to the CJM's dedicated Flickr group: [flickr.com/groups/californiadreaming](http://flickr.com/groups/californiadreaming)

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

Koret and Taube Foundations are the lead supporters of the 2011/12 exhibition season.

Images courtesy of the Contemporary Jewish Museum.

## 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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