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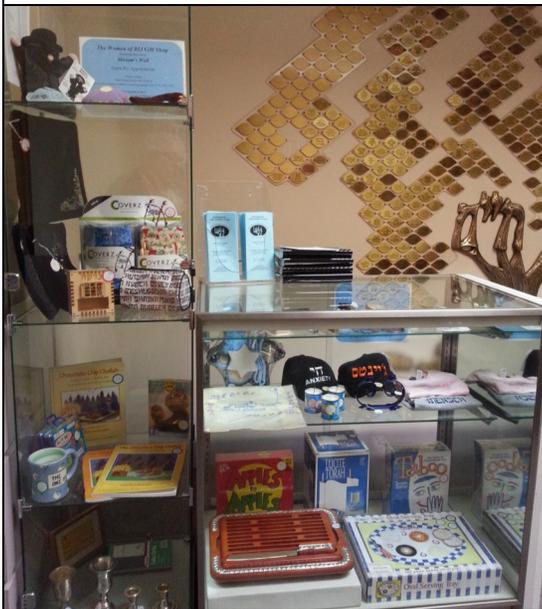
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The BIJ Bulletin

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

From the President By Joshua Goodman

This past Saturday was an interesting one at BIJ. Or Shalom had a Bat Mitzvah and we had our usual Shabbat morning service. It was quite nice to have so much activity in the building on Shabbat. Over 30 people attended our service, and more than an hour after services ended 25 of us were still in the Social Hall schmoozing. The turnout was in part due to the fact that it was the end of Shloshim for Nathan Leonard Morgenstern, so we came together to support and hear memories with David, Ann, and the whole Morgenstern family. In one of those odd coincidences of life, it was also the beginning of Shloshim for Rabbi Gottlieb's father. That is what we do as a Jewish community. We mourn together and we celebrate together. Fortunately, we have celebrations in our future. On July 19th Rabbi and Ricki will be married at BIJ.

Speaking of Rabbi Gottlieb, for those of you who did not attend the Annual Meeting, BIJ and Rabbi have entered into a new, seven-year contract ensuring that he will continue to be our Rabbi for the foreseeable future. The Board gave him a unanimous vote of confidence and I am personally thrilled with the development. Under Rabbi Gottlieb's guidance and leadership, BIJ has developed innovative collaborations with other congregations that have led to a more vibrant and exciting Jewish life at BIJ.

Another development that has me thrilled is the addition of five new members to our Board of Trustees. Deborah Bouck, Debra Braun, Lori Ganz, Gail Harden and Lynne Rappaport officially begin their Board terms on July 1st but have already been attending meetings and getting involved. I am very excited at what BIJ's Board of Trustees will accomplish over the next year. Please remember, the Board is your Board. So if you have comments or concerns or if there are things you like or do not like, you can talk to me or to any Board member. The more information we have the better decisions we can make.

One Board action I did want to mention was that at its June meeting, the Board voted unanimously to thank Sisterhood, Women of BIJ, for agreeing to host the Friday Night Feasts for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Sisterhood's generous financial and logistical support of this program is much needed and will allow this very successful Friday night event to continue. Everyone should also check out the revived Sisterhood Gift Shop in the entryway to the Fireside Room. It not only makes that area more visually appealing, it also provides an opportunity for those in the BIJ building to browse through and buy some very interesting Judaica. Please contact Myra Herpe or Sherrie Rosenberg for more information.

The summer is often a relatively quiet time at BIJ. But there is a lot going on and I encourage all of our members to join us for some of the social, educational and spiritual events we have every week. If you have not been to Torah study, Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum, or our Neighborhood Erev Shabbat services in members' homes, you should do so. You may discover something meaningful, meet an old friend, or make a new one.



Joshua Goodman
President, Board of Trustees

THANK YOU

We are deeply grateful to the Jewish Community Federation for the Synagogue Religious School Scholarship - B³ - support. This award was made possible by the JCF and its Endowment Fund, through a grant to the Synagogue Partnership. For more information, visit www.jewishfed.org

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Please forgive us if we inadvertently omitted your name....

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Summer Approaches... By Rabbi Danny Gottlieb



It is hard to believe, but this month brings about the end of my first contract here at BIJ. I cannot believe how quickly the years have flown by. Ricki and I feel completely at home here, and we are grateful to have found friends, and a true sense of family and community at BIJ. We continue to experience Beth Israel Judea as a warm, close-knit community who care deeply for the congregation and for one another. We feel very fortunate to be a part of BIJ, and I feel blessed to start my new contract period as your rabbi. May our years together continue to be filled with blessing.

As you will know by the time this message reaches you, my father, Bernie Gottlieb z"l passed away suddenly last week at the age of 87. He was a remarkable man who lived a long and full life, blessed with four sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was a loving and devoted husband of 64 years to my Mom, and a wonderful Dad. We will miss him, especially during the simcha that we will celebrate in a few weeks' time.

The cycle of life mixes times of sadness and celebration in combinations that we can neither predict nor affect, and so it is with our life. The sorrow of losing my Dad will be followed soon enough by a moment of great joy and celebration for our family, as Ricki and I will go to the chuppah and celebrate our marriage this month. We sincerely hope that our Temple family will be part of the celebration. Please join with us.

July and August will be busy months at BIJ, with all of the usual services and programs taking place. But also there will be some special opportunities to gather for socializing and entertainment, and also to mark the observance of Tisha B'Av, which we will share with our collaboration partners, B'nai Emunah, Ner Tamid and Or Shalom. Details of all of July and August events are in this Bulletin. Join us for some prayers, a little bit of learning and lots of summer fun.

Time to Reach Out...

All of these programs present opportunities for us to reach out to friends and family who are not already part of a synagogue community, and to invite them to join with us.

Bring them along to a Shabbat dinner and service at the Temple or at a Neighborhood Shabbat, or to Lunch and Learn or one of our August Double Play events, where they can meet members of BIJ and discover the intimacy and the connection that is possible here. Make that connection real by offering them a free gift membership and bringing them with you to our Elul study series and to High Holy Day services in the fall.

The sun is shining as I am writing this message, and its warmth and light remind me of the feelings that I have experienced over these first three years at BIJ, and all of the promise that the future holds. I look forward to sharing it with you.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Danny Gottlieb

*Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub
invite you to share in the joy and celebration
of their marriage*

*Saturday, July 19, 2014
Congregation Beth Israel Judea
625 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco*

*7:30p - Dessert Reception
9:30p - Havdalah & Chuppah*

RSVP: rabbigottlieb@bij.org

THE CANTOR'S VOICE

Between the Four Corners of the Tallit: Part Three By Cantorial Soloist David Morgenstern

To start off this month's column, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone in the congregation for their kind words of consolation following the recent and sudden death of my father, Leonard Morgenstern of blessed memory. He was a righteous man, who loved Jewish traditions and his synagogue. In our *Siddur Eit Ratzon* prayerbook, there's a set of special blessings in the Amidah on Page 69. One of them reads *Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech Ha'olam, shebeirachtani im k'hilah tomechet*, "... who has blessed me with a supportive community." Please know that I am very blessed and so grateful to be a part of our Beth Israel Judea community. From my heart, and those of my brother Jamie and sister Ann, we all thank you.

Taking it with you. Or not.

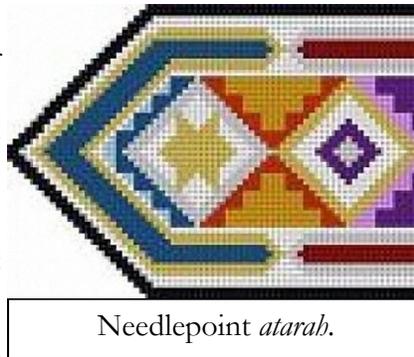
Now, when our family was preparing for my dad's funeral and burial, all kinds of questions came up, including one about his *tallit*. A representative from Sinai Memorial called my sister, asking whether or not we wanted to bury my father with his *tallit*. This ritual practice may be familiar to many of you. In the tradition, Jews aren't buried in their best suit as is customary in other religions. Rather, Jews are buried in a set of simple, white muslin clothing that comprises a shroud, symbolizing our equality when departing the earth. It's a reminder that "you can't take it ["it" meaning material worth] with you." The *kittel* doesn't even have pockets (again, you don't need to carry money or your cell phone in a *kittel*); its belt is called a *gartel*. I own a *kittel* that I wear on High Holy Day services. *Kittels* cost between \$45 and \$75, the differences (as far as I can see) being in the detailing, a bit of lace here and there, or pleating. Everything is white on white. And then there's the question of the *tallit*...

There's also a tradition of burying a man (and nowadays, a woman) with their *tallit*. Back in the day, a person's *tallit* would have been something very particular to them. It was used for prayer every morning and became a physical representation of a person's devotion to the *mitzvot*. So, the custom began of burying devout men with their *tallit*, and later, everyone. Hence, the call about my father's *tallit*.

Modern and not-so-modern customs

This practice isn't a commandment, but rather a custom, which can mean that people may feel more strongly about

doing it. Still, there's nothing that says you *have* to send it to the grave, if you want to preserve the *tallit* of your parent or grandparent. In fact, this *tallit* may have a great meaning to your family, if it's worn later by a child, or grandchild, or even great-grandchild, on their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. After all, the whole idea of the *tzitzit*, the knotted tassels at the corners of the *tallit*, is to be reminded of God's commandments when you see them. On that Shabbat, everyone will see the *tallit* and remember the goodness of its past owner, and the potential for goodness in another generation.



Needlepoint *atarah*.

Our decision was to keep my dad's *tallit* rather than bury it. If we had decided otherwise, we would have wanted to cut out the *tzitzit* from the *tallit* itself, or at least one of them. I read that this is yet another symbol that the dead owner isn't obligated to perform *mitzvot* anymore — I would say, rather, that it's more of a reminder to the living that we should get working our performance of them.

I recently uncovered a very interesting tradition about the *tzitzit* in a citation from the 19th Century Jewish law tome, *Kitzur Shulchan Aruch*, by the Hungarian rabbi Shlomo Ganzfried. As I mentioned in an earlier column, the *tzitzit* are the spiritually active part of the *tallit* and must be treated with respect: meaning they can't just be tossed in the trash. Rabbi Ganzfried writes: "Some people are strict about discarded *tzitzit* and place them in a book to serve as a bookmark, because, since they have once been used for the performance of a [*mitzvah*], let another [*mitzvah*] be performed with them." Repurposed *tzitzit* as a bookmark: a very green practice. My assumption would be that the rabbi meant a Jewish book, not a steamy pot-boiler. But this interesting tradition is a palpable way of reminding ourselves of our family's past and a reminder for today of the *mitzvot*.

Friends: May each day lead us to more wisdom, more creativity, more holiness, more peace, and closer to the Holy One of Blessing.

B'racha (with blessing),

David Morgenstern

B³ EDUCATION

TECHNOLOGY

Electronic Fun for Jews!

By Rebecca Goodman, RJE; Director of Education



Can modernity and the ancient traditions of Judaism work together? What can a modern iPhone/iPad or Android device teach us about being Jewish? Can modern technology help us be more active in Jewish community and fulfill *mitzvoth*?

Do you know every *parsha* (Torah portion) read weekly on Shabbat? I encourage you to check out G-dcast. They have short videos for each and for Jewish holidays. www.g-dcast.com

Last year G-dcast launched eScapegoat for Yom Kippur. It enabled users to go online, virtually confess their sins and place them on the computerized goat. Last year they had 50,000 users! If you're not familiar with the Jewish tradition of absolving yourself of sin through a scapegoat, I encourage you to look it up – or email me to let me know you're interested, and I'll consider writing about it for my September/October bulletin article.

This year G-dcast is presenting eScapegoat 2.0. BIJ will have its own mini-goat where members of our community can virtually confess their sins. Together, just as we do on Yom Kippur, we will share in each other's *teshuvah* (repentance) and support one another as we seek forgiveness. Stay tuned for more information!

Another tech tool for Jews interested in strengthening their Hebrew knowledge can be found on the Behrman House website. I encourage you to check out the Hebrew Games and Practice section of www.behrmanhouse.com/students

If you are still learning to recognize the Hebrew letters, the Practice Reading section is just for you. If you'd like to strengthen your prayer recitation, click on Practice Prayers and then choose any one of 43 prayers to practice. When you do, you will see the text of a prayer that you can practice reading or chanting. If you click on the words of the prayer, "Gila" will read it aloud for you so you can check if you are correct. Hear "Gila" chant the prayer by clicking on the music note. When you need a break, you can play Hebrew games to further strengthen your reading.

I hope you will explore these online opportunities. When you do, send me an email so that we can connect and share stories about what you think of these online tools. Do they help us build community? Do they help strengthen Hebrew knowledge? What do you think?

Rebecca Goodman

Coming Soon: BIJ Community App

By Brian Glick, GroupAhead

BIJ will soon get its own app, available for FREE to members in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store!

My good friend Julian Frumar and I left our jobs at Google last year to build a company that creates apps for community organizations - with a goal of helping to strengthen those communities. We've been lucky to work closely with Sara Heckelman, Rebecca Goodman, and Matt Lefkowitz since October to learn about BIJ and create one of the first apps.

Julian and I have been building community-based tools for some time (we met at YouTube in 2008, and I helped launch Communities on Google+ in 2012). We heard common problems when we sat down with local communities: how to keep members engaged, **how to use private and safe tools**, and how to increase participation and retain membership.

Fundamentally, the more people feel connected to a community, the more they participate. But existing community tools don't always lead to a strong sense of connection: newsletters are informational but one-way, dedicated websites are rarely visited, and it can be challenging to build a community on a big social network - especially when people wonder whether their messages and photos will stay private to a group.

Most importantly - the world is now mobile! Smartphones and tablets are the new computer. There's a big shift underway nicknamed "the great unbundling" - large apps are getting split into specialized apps that are easier and faster to use, such as Facebook Messenger. **We believe communities deserve to be "unbundled" as well into their own apps - and that will make them easier, more convenient, and just plain more fun to use.** So, what's in the BIJ app?

- *Discuss* - A place for any member to start conversations, share photos, and read announcements
- *Photos* - A shared photo album
- *Events* - BIJ events at a glance - along with reminders and RSVPs
- *Members* - The member directory, with phone numbers and emails

Remember, the BIJ app is members-only and free! You'll hear more about how to download and join the BIJ app soon. Once you do, feel free to reach out to Sara or myself with any feedback or ideas for improvements!

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SHABBAT IN JULY

Shabbat Morning: 9:00 AM Torah Study / 10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service

The first Saturday of the month is a joint service with Or Shalom, led by their clergy. All other Shabbat morning services will be led by Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and/or Cantor David Morgenstern.

Special Note: Friday Nights in July
The service schedule during July is different than usual. Please read carefully:

July 4 - Yankee Doodle First Friday Family Shabbat 6:30 PM

Our First Friday Family Shabbat will be BIJ's annual celebration of the Fourth of July holiday. We will welcome Shabbat together, with blessings over the candles, *challah* and wine, and then enjoy a dairy/veggie/fish potluck dinner. Please bring enough for your family plus 10.



The family service will follow, including the singing of traditional patriotic songs. And of course we'll celebrate July birthdays! Then join us for our special "Apple Pie and Ice Cream Social" Oneg Shabbat, provided by BIJ.

July 11 - Friday Night Feast 6:30 PM

Join us for this free, catered Shabbat feast. We'll welcome Shabbat with tableside blessings, then enjoy delicious fare and each others' company. After *birkat hamazon*, the grace after meals, we'll have a special program for the adults; children are welcome to go into the Fireside Room for supervised activity.



What is a Jew?

Judaism is a religion; but I don't believe in God. Judaism is a race; but Jews are many different races. Judaism is an ethnicity; but not just one ethnicity. What makes someone a Jew? Join us as we discuss and debate the qualities of a Jew and what we all have in common. How would you sum up "who is a Jew" in one word? The program will include short films and a moderated discussion.

If you have friends who have never been to BIJ, invite them to join us! This monthly event is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends to our BIJ Community.

RSVP to sisterhood@bij.org by July 8
(include childcare if needed).

July 18 - Erev Shabbat Sacred Hebrew Chant & Drum 7:30 PM

Join us for our unique Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum service. Our joyful band of vocalists and drummers lead us as we welcome Shabbat in an uplifting evening, layered with harmonies and rhythms, creating a sacred space. A potluck Oneg Shabbat and schmooze to follow. Please bring a treat to share. **Tell a friend – all are welcome!!!**



July 25 - Neighborhood Shabbat in the Sunset 7:30 PM

We take our Shabbat service "on the road." Members host the chavurah-style service in their homes, led by Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub. It's a special opportunity for our members who find it difficult to travel at night to attend, as well as to invite neighbors who are not yet members of the BIJ family to engage informally. For details, or if you are interested in hosting, please contact the Office.

While there will be no BIJ-led Erev Shabbat service at BIJ, all are welcome to attend the Or Shalom Friday Night Service at 7:00 pm.



High Holy Days:

New



Choir Members Welcome!

Calling All Singers!

In July, it seems like a very long time until the High Holy Days, but Cantor David and Inara Morgenstern are already opening up the Nashira choir books and getting music ready for the services. Please consider adding your voice in new and old songs for the New Year. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, starting on August 20. Call Cantor David at 415.672.1751 if you have questions.

Yes, it's the beginning of summer, but High Holy Days preparations are in full swing! Members, look for your tickets in the mail in August.

SHABBAT IN AUGUST

First Friday Goes to Camp Newman!

August 1 - No services at BIJ



By popular demand, we return to URJ Camp Newman for a Magical Camp Shabbat on the First Friday in August. You must register online and there is a requested contribution of \$36 per adult. Join your BIJ friends and see what camp is all about!

For more details and to register:

<http://newman.urjcamps.org/alumni/reunions/groups/>

August 8 - Neighborhood Shabbat on the Peninsula 7:30 PM

Back "on the road," this time to the Peninsula. For details, or if you are interested in hosting, contact the Office.

While there will be no BIJ-led Erev Shabbat service at BIJ, all are welcome to attend the Or Shalom Friday Night Service at 7:00 pm.

August 15 - Friday Night Feast & College Student Send-Off 6:30 PM

Join us for this free, catered Shabbat feast. We'll welcome Shabbat with tableside blessings, then enjoy delicious fare and each others' company. After *birchat hamazon*, the grace after meals, we'll have a special program for the adults; children are welcome to go into the Fireside Room for supervised activity.

This evening's program will be announced at a later date.

A special invitation is extended to our college students to join us and receive a special blessing from Rabbi Gottlieb.

RSVP to sisterhood@bij.org by August 7 (include childcare if needed).

August 22 - Erev Shabbat Sacred Hebrew Chant & Drum 7:30 PM

Join us for our unique Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum service. Our joyful band of vocalists and drummers lead us as we welcome Shabbat in an uplifting evening, layered with harmonies and rhythms, creating a sacred space. A potluck Oneg Shabbat and schmooze to follow. Please bring a treat to share. *Tell a friend – all are welcome!*

August 29 - Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

HAPPENINGS

Current World Affairs

July 1 & August 19 10:30 AM

Join us for stimulating discussion, vigorous debate and intellectual exploration of global events and the Jewish approach to issues facing our international community. Discussion is facilitated by Eric Gattmann, Professor Emeritus in Social Sciences, College of San Mateo. Please note: Current World Affairs now meets only once a month, usually on the 1st Tuesday. Since Tisha B'Av falls on August 5, August's date is on the 3rd Tuesday.



Basic Hebrew: The Siddur

July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21 6:30 PM

Do you want to learn to read Hebrew? Do you read Hebrew, but you want to read more fluidly? Do you want to learn the meaning of Shabbat evening and morning prayers? Join Ricki Weintraub on alternate Thursdays as the journey continues. \$10/session.

Craft & Schmooze

July 13 & August 10 1:00 PM



Do you enjoy making friends, making or learning crafts or maybe a little knitting? Then join us for a fun afternoon of schmoozing, crafting, artistic and spiritual exploration. We meet on a monthly basis.

Golden Thursdays: Lunch & Learn

With Rabbi Gottlieb and Rabbi Melamut

July 17 at B'nai Emunah / August 21 at BIJ

12:00 NOON

This program is designed for people with flexible schedules who would like to come to the synagogue for a bite, learning with the Rabbis, and some socializing. The Lunch and Learn sessions will be led by Rabbi Gottlieb and Rabbi Mark Melamut of B'nai Emunah and will alternate between the two synagogues. A light lunch will be provided.



A Community Tisha B'Av Commemoration August 4

Time and Location to be Announced...

BIJ joins together with its collaboration partners Ner Tamid, Or Shalom and B'nai Emunah in commemorating the destruction (twice) of the Temple in Jerusalem as well as other tragedies which have befallen our people through the ages.

SISTERHOOD - THE WOMEN OF BIJ

We wish to thank so many of you and Rabbi Gottlieb for attending our election and planning meeting in June. Thank you also to all of the women who have been serving and to all who are newly elected to serve. Fortunately, we are not losing volunteers, some people have just shifted their responsibilities. And we have new volunteers as well!! We ALWAYS welcome new volunteers. We have some exciting ideas for events during this coming year and would love to hear yours as well. The officers and committee chairs are:

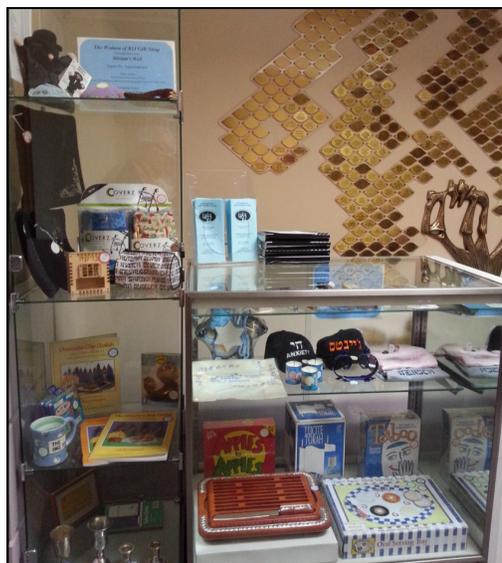
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The Women of BIJ are excited about our new Judaica gift store located in the entryway to the Fireside Room. Our store includes items from Miriam's Well, a Foster City store run by Michelle Booth. The store will be open at designated times and by appointment with Myra Herpe, 650-992-3330, or Sherrie Rosenberg, sherrie.rosenberg@gmail.com or 415-902-8293. Check the email blasts and Women of BIJ emails for information.

If you are looking for a special item that you don't see at BIJ, like a *tallit*, please contact Michelle Booth at 650-341-4400 and let her know you are from BIJ. If you find it online, she will usually be able to get you a better price and she will donate 30% to The Women of BIJ.

L'Shalom,
Sherrie

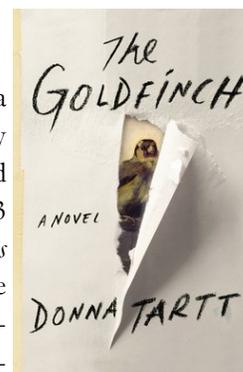
The Gift Shop is Open!



Book Club (offsite)

July 23 7:00 PM

Time to start reading *The Goldfinch*, a Pulitzer Prize winning third novel by Donna Tartt. The book was selected as one of the 10 Best Books of 2013 by the editors of *The New York Times Book Review*. Contact Sherrie Rosenberg at sherrie.rosenberg@gmail.com or 415-902-8293 for details. All are welcome for an enjoyable discussion.



Rosh Chodesh

July 30 & August 27 7:00 PM

Have you wondered what Rosh Chodesh is all about? Have you been searching for a spiritual space to feed your spirit and your soul?



The Women of BIJ celebrate the new moon each month. Led by Ricki Weintraub, we begin with a short ritual welcoming the new moon followed by discussions, activities

and meditations that help us find ways to connect more deeply to Judaism, ourselves, our lives and each other.

Each gathering will stand alone - so if you are unable to make them all, please come whenever you can. Bring a friend (and a nosh, if you are able).

COMMUNITY



BIJ Co-Presents at the SF Jewish Film Festival!

“Run Boy Run”

Srulik is running for his life. Literally. His once happy family is now dead or dispersed following the Nazi occupation of Poland, and he is alone in the world. Based on a true story, *Run Boy Run* tells the harrowing tale of young Srulik as he struggles to evade capture by the Nazis and ward off starvation, a harrowing story comprised in equal measures of cruelty and compassion, despair and hope. *Run Boy Run* is a remarkable testament to the human will to survive against all odds.



San Francisco, Castro Theatre
 Tuesday, July 29 6:15pm
 Palo Alto, CineArts @ Palo Alto Square
 Wednesday, July 30 6:00pm
 Berkeley, California Theatre
 Thursday, August 7 6:30pm

“A Place In Heaven”

A fiercely non-believing, war-weary soldier sells his place in Heaven to an army cook for a plate of scrambled eggs. With this fable-like incident at its heart, *A Place in Heaven* charts how the unholy bargain resonates through four decades in the life of a war hero/criminal, asking epic questions like: Are the sins of the father inevitably visited on the son? Who really deserves a place in Heaven?



San Francisco, Castro Theatre
 Wednesday, July 30, 6:25pm
 Palo Alto, CineArts at Palo Alto Square
 Thursday, July 31, 7:00pm
 Berkeley, California Theater
 Friday, August 1, 7:00pm
 San Rafael, Rafael Smith Film Center
 Saturday, August 9, 8:55pm

For tickets and full Festival information, contact
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Erev Shabbat Schedule

1st Friday: Family Shabbat Potluck Dinner and Service

6:30 PM Blessings and Dairy/Fish/Veggie Dinner, followed by a musical family service with Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and song leader Ricki Weintraub.

2nd Friday: Neighborhood Shabbat

7:30 PM BIJ goes "on the road..."

3rd Friday: FREE Friday Night Feast

6:30 PM Tableside Shabbat Blessings & Community Dinner. Includes program for adults. RSVP to office.

4th Friday: Sacred Hebrew Chant & Drum

7:30 PM Soulful singing, joyful rhythms and meditative worship. Potluck Dessert Oneg Shabbat to follow - please bring goodies!!

Weekly BIJ Saturday Morning Services

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:00 AM Shabbat Services

Light Kiddush follows.

Beth Israel Judea Mission Statement

Congregation Beth Israel Judea is a center for progressive, egalitarian Judaism located in southwest San Francisco.

Our multigenerational, participatory community welcomes all Jews and interfaith families along with their partners and friends.

We value celebrations of the spirit, Jewish culture, our children's education, and life-long learning, music, social justice and Tikkun Olam.



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