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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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From the President

By Joshua Goodman



Fellow members of BIJ:

Hanukkah is upon us. Some have said that Hanukkah is a relatively minor holiday that owes its modern notoriety to its proximity to Christmas. I even learned from Rabbi Gottlieb that the original Books of Maccabees were excluded from canon by the Rabbinic era Rabbis because they made heroes of the Hasmoneans, who were a priestly dynasty. The only reason we have and can read the Books of Maccabees today is because they were translated into Greek before the originals were lost, and then translated from Greek back into Hebrew.

Minor though it may be, I have always been partial to Hanukkah. I suppose receiving presents as a child was part of it, as was the fact that my Bar Mitzvah was on Shabbat Hanukkah. But that was all a long time ago, and I am still partial to it. No, I think the reason I am drawn to Hanukkah even now as an adult is that it combines four important Jewish themes. History, family, community, and food.

History: Hanukkah is an interesting and important part of our history. And it is a good story. It represents the triumph of the few over the many and the weak over the strong. It is about freedom from persecution and long before the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteed the freedom to worship as one chooses, it was about that as well. Though I do sometimes wonder whether I would have sided with the more conservative Maccabees or the liberalizing Greek influence... Needless to say, I am glad the Maccabees prevailed and were able to rededicate the Temple.

Family: This one won't come as a surprise to anyone. Hanukkah is a time that families get together. Presents may or may not be given but candles will surely be lit. In our house we light several menorahs, sometimes 6 or 7. Everyone gets one, family and friends. We have some that we have had for years and have seen better days. A dinosaur (glued many times), a train, a boat. Several were made by the kids. In recent years, when the kids were away at school, we would light candles together on Skype. Not quite the same as being together, but still nice.

Community: Have you been to BIJ's Hanukkah celebration? You should come, and bring a menorah. Everyone has a good time and we light more menorahs than I can count. People usually bring their favorite or most unusual menorahs so it is quite an interesting and eclectic

collection. Whether at BIJ or in people's homes, Hanukkah is a time for friends to get together.

Food: What can I say? I am partial to latkes. In fact, it is one of only two dishes I have been known to make. (The other is matzah brei.) My wife would probably choose *sufganiyot*, donuts, but give me latkes any day. I find support in the savory versus sweet debate from the annual Latke-Hamantash debate at the University of Chicago. I watched it simulcast online several times because my daughter's a capella group, Rhythm and Jews, performs at the debate. Latkes won every year.

So minor holiday or not, I wish everyone a happy and healthy Hanukkah and hope to see you at BIJ.

L'Shalom,

Joshua Goodman

President, Board of Trustees

The Hunger Project

A Collaboration of BIJ, B'nai Emunah, Ner Tamid and Or Shalom

PLANS FOR BIJ's TIKKUN OLAM EFFORTS -

Tikkun Olam translated means "efforts individually and collectively to repair or heal the world." This year BIJ and our three other collaboration synagogues will organize our congregations to help ease hunger in our community by providing food to those in need. Through our Hunger Project we will be coordinating volunteer efforts to make sandwiches for the homeless, help out at the San Francisco Food Bank, and conduct food drives, along with other opportunities to make a positive, healing impact in our community.

We'll have more details regarding our programs, along with information on how each of you can help; watch for it in the next Bulletin, our website, emails and the BIJ app. We look forward to working together with you.

L'shalom,

Steve Roditti and Lori Ganz
Hunger Project Committee Members

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Tikkun Olam, Shabbat & a New Year

By Rabbi Danny Gottlieb



L'taken olam b'malchut shaddai...

These words, which are a part of the aleynu prayer, speak of our sacred mission as individuals and as a people – “to repair the world under God’s dominion.” The act of repairing the world is called “tikkun olam,” and it is, for all Reform Jews, one of the fundamental pillars of our religious life. In our congregation, tikkun olam is being carried out through the programs and activities of our new Tikkun Olam Committee, which is comprised of members of each of the four collaboration congregations: BIJ, B’nai Emunah, Or Shalom and Ner Tamid. Under the leadership of BIJ members Lori Ganz and Stephen Roditti, the Committee has begun to meet, and is beginning its work by organizing programs to feed the hungry in our community. Embracing the famous teaching from the Talmud that “one who saves a single life is as though (s)he has saved an entire world,” the Tikkun Olam Committee will be reaching out and working together with our seniors, our school children, our teens and adults, repairing broken parts of the world one act at a time, one speaker at a time, one meal at a time, one life at a time.

Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul and Mary, reminds us that part of the meaning of the Hanukkah lights is to relieve the suffering of those in need:

Light one candle for the strength that we need
To never become our own foe
And light one candle for those who are suffering
Pain we learned so long ago
Light one candle for all we believe in
That anger not tear us apart
And light one candle to find us together
With peace as the song in our hearts

Over the next weeks and months you will hear about the activities of the Tikkun Olam Committee, and you will be invited to participate in this sacred endeavor. I hope that you will remember the message of the Hanukkah lights and join in the effort to relieve the suffering and repair the brokenness in our world, and I look forward to working with you.

A Shabbat Service Learning Opportunity

Do you sometimes feel “lost” in services? Do you wish that you had a better understanding of the meaning of our prayers? Have you ever felt that you wanted to “sing out,” but you didn’t know the melody? Never quite sure when to sit, stand, bow, face the ark, face the back of the room? Have you always wondered why the service is put together the way it is? Would you like, just once, to be able to STOP THE SERVICE!! to ask a question? Well...here’s your chance!!

On **Saturday, January 17**, together with our Cantorial Soloist David Morgenstern, I will be holding a **Shabbat Morning Learning Service**. We will lead the morning service as we do each week, only with “scheduled stops” to explain the structure of the service, the meaning of the prayers, the choreography (when to stand, bow, face the ark, kiss the Torah) and maybe even learn a new melody or two. And there is even the opportunity for “unscheduled stops”—you can stop the service between prayers to ask questions or offer your own commentary. I look forward to having you with us for this special service. (Of course, you can join us for bagels and Torah Study at 9:00am to get you in the learning mode...)

Welcome 2015

The Jewish calendar has 4 New Years: Rosh Hashanah, the New Year of the religious/festival cycle; Tu B’Shevat, the New Year of the Trees; 1st of Nisan, the New Year for counting the reign of kings; and 1st of Elul, the “fiscal” New Year for the tithing of animals. But we, in the Diaspora, have the gift of a 5th New Year, as the secular calendar turns from 2014 to 2015. Often, this New Year is associated with resolutions that we make to improve our personal lives and new hopes and aspirations for our community and our country. We pray that 2015 will be a year of peace and reconciliation in our country, in our community, in our homes and in our hearts. May it be a good year for us all.

Rabbi Danny Gottlieb

THE CANTOR'S VOICE

Between the Four Corners of the Tallis: Part Six By Cantorial Soloist David Morgenstern

After experiencing the just-ended annual holiday season, there can be no doubt that we live in a consumer society. When we walk into a store, we are sure to find many versions of “the same thing,” each slightly different, with varied color combinations, materials and design. After all, this is the very model of the consumer marketplace. So, why would Jews shopping for a *tallit* expect any different?

Despite the similarity in appearance to the purchase of say, a juicer-blender or a digital music player, the intention behind the selection of a tallit — a Jewish ritual object — may be quite different than that for another household item. As I've mentioned before in the earlier five installments of my series about the tallis, the intention of making a ritual object beautiful is called *Hiddur Mitzvah*, the combination of Jewish tradition and aesthetics. By investing time, effort and expense into something that is used for a mitzvah, we can increase our mindfulness and attention to the mitzvah itself. The tallit ritual involves multiple senses: seeing it, hearing its rustle, and the gentle touch of the tzitzit; and each of these sensory elements can be influenced by the design and manufacture of the tallit.

It ain't heavy, it's my tallis

Tallitot come in a wide range of sizes and styles. They are made from different fabrics; with different weaves and weights of thread and fabric; and with different woven decorations, such as stripes or motifs. Some now integrate paintings and attached decorative elements, including the corners and the atarah, not to mention the style of the tied tzitzit tassels. Some of these elements can be ordered as options when purchasing a tallit.



One may buy a tallit, bag and kippah as a set or individually and they may be customized. This image shows embroidery and custom name in Hebrew.

Once upon a time, most tallitot were woven of wool. Today's “traditional” tallitot are still made from wool. These familiar white wool tallitot (often with stripes) come in a wide variety of weights, which can express the traditions of different Jewish communities.

Turkish weave. My biggest and “best” traditional tallit is in what is called the “Turkish” weave style, sometimes called

“Echt Turkish” or “real Turkish.” It's the most heavyweight fabric used for tallitot; the thread is heavy and the weave is dense. I can really feel its weight on my shoulders and this weight gives it a presence that can't be ignored during the service — I love it for that quality. This heavyweight cloth can provide excellent support for a heavy atarah, the decorative collar, and my Turkish tallit's atarah has an array of little, decorative silver findings in the shape of leaves. This tallit is big when folded and when hanging on a hanger. It requires a special, extra-large bag with a briefcase handle to carry it.



In addition, the Turkish weave can keep you very, very warm, a feature that may be terrific in a place with cold winters and no central heating, but wearers here in the temperate Bay Area may find them a bit much. In the same breath as Turkish, tallit sellers often mention a heavyweight weave that's just a bit lighter, called “K'mo Turkish,” meaning “Turkish-like.” It's still plenty heavy.

Other weights. I own several medium- and lightweight wool tallitot. Usually, the vendor will state the weight of the fabric in the description text. Yemenite style tallitot are mostly medium-weight. You can often order a certain design in different weights of wool. The weave on these tallitot can be smooth, and since my sloping shoulders don't offer much of a ledge, my lightweight tallis does tend to slip off easily.

Recently, several tallit makers have advertised “non-slip” tallitot, using weaving patterns that reportedly help keep the tallit on the shoulders. One style uses interspersed, thick stripes that vary the weft of the weave. Another maker uses a “checkerboard” pattern in the weaving that creates a rougher texture that may provide more grip on the shoulder. I haven't tried either to see if they work, but online comments sounded positive.

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

ADULT EDUCATION & EVENTS

Introduction to Judaism

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 PM, at BIJ

An in-depth basic Judaism course, for anyone who wishes to learn more about Jewish history, holidays, beliefs and practices. This course will also serve as pre-requisite for those considering conversion. Led by Rabbis Gottlieb, Levin & Melamut. Class will resume on January 15 and continue at BIJ through February 12; it will then move to Ner Tamid.

Current World Affairs

January 6 & February 3, 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.

Lehrhaus Philosophy Circle:

**Guided Tour of The Guide for the Perplexed
5 Sessions, alternate Tuesdays, beginning
February 3, 7:00 PM**

Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan examines Maimonides' Guide for the Perplexed. Special price of \$70 for BIJ members. Register online at www.catalog.lehrhaus.org/course/2015/winter

Basic Hebrew: Siddur

January 8, 22; February 5, 19, 6:30-7:30 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.

Monthly Craft & Schmooze

January 11 & February 8, 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 on Sundays in the BIJ Fireside Room.



Women's Rosh Chodesh Group

January 21 & February 18, 7:00 PM

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.

**Golden Thursdays: Lunch & Learn
with Rabbis Gottlieb, Melamut and Levin
January 15, 12:00 NOON at Ner Tamid**

February 19, 12:00 NOON at B'nai Emunah

Designed for people with flexible schedules who would like to come to the synagogue for a bite, learn with the Rabbis, and socialize. The Lunch & Learn sessions take place the third Thursday of the month, and are now being led by Rabbi Gottlieb, Rabbi Melamut of B'nai Emunah and Rabbi Levin of Ner Tamid and will rotate among the three locations. A light lunch is provided.

4th Sunday Study Circle

January 25 & February 22, 10:15-11:45 AM

Join Rabbis Mark Melamut, Katie Mizrahi and Danny Gottlieb on the 4th Sundays of the month. At this informal gathering, we look forward to schmoozing, learning, connecting, fielding questions and being together.

BIJ Book Club

January 28, 7:00 PM - offsite

The BIJ Book Club is open to everyone, men and women alike. Our next book is *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Please contact Sherrie Rosenberg at 415-902-8293 or sherrie.rosenberg@gmail.com for location, and so we can keep you up-to-date if the date changes. We always have an enjoyable evening chatting about many things, including the book. Everyone is welcome!!!

Incredible Edibles

February 21, 6:00 PM

Mmmmmm...Incredible Edibles is back! Sisterhood – The Women of BIJ present another extraordinary hands-on culinary adventure as we explore the cuisine of the Caribbean. Stay tuned for details to follow...

SHABBAT

Shabbat Mornings:

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

The first Saturday of January and February are joint services with Or Shalom, led by their clergy. Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and/or Cantor David Morgenstern lead all other Shabbat Morning services.

Special Shabbat Morning Learning Service

January 17, 10:00 AM

Rabbi Gottlieb and Cantor David Morgenstern will lead the morning service with “scheduled stops” to explain the structure of the service, the meaning of the prayers, the choreography (when to stand, bow, face the ark, kiss the Torah), and “unscheduled stops”—you can stop the service between prayers to ask questions or offer your own commentary.

First Friday: Shabbat Shelanu January 2 & February 6

5:45 PM Tot Shabbat Service

6:30 PM Catered Dinner

7:30 PM Family Friendly Musical Service

First Friday Family Shabbat expands with Or Shalom and B'nai Emunah! Shabbat Shelanu (Our Shabbat) is a time to celebrate Shabbat, eat together and highlight the learning of our students. Check out the new addition: Tot Shabbat! Please note the start times are now slightly later to accommodate our members who could not arrive by 6:15 for dinner. A fun-filled Shabbat for all! Our Rabbis and song leaders lead us in a fun-filled Shabbat and monthly birthday celebration!

Second Friday: Neighborhood Shabbat January 9, 7:30 PM in Daly City February 13, 7:30 PM in The Sunset

On the second Friday of each month, we take our Shabbat service “on the road” to different neighborhoods in San Francisco and the Peninsula. Members host the chavurah-style services in their homes, led by Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub. This provides an opportunity for our members who find it difficult to travel at night to attend. And it's an opportunity to invite neighbors who are not yet members of the BIJ family to meet and engage with us in an informal way. If you are interested in hosting a Neighborhood Shabbat this year, please contact the BIJ Office. *There will be no BIJ-led service at BIJ, yet all are welcome to attend Or Shalom's Service at 7:00 PM.*

Third Friday: Friday Night Feast

A free, catered Shabbat feast! Welcome Shabbat with table-side blessings, then enjoy delicious fare and each others' company. After *birkat hamazon*, the grace after meals, a special

program for the adults takes place; children retreat to the Fireside Room for supervised activity. Invite friends who have never been to BIJ! This monthly event is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends to our BIJ Community.

BIJ Israel Trip Insights and Photos January 16, 6:30 PM

Rabbi, Ricki and the members of the 2014 Israel Tour offer insights and photos of their recent trip to Israel. Share with them as they recall the highlights of this past year's trip, including ancient historical sites in Jerusalem, Caesaria and Masada, sites from the establishment of the State in Tel Aviv and Rehovot, modern historical sites in Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, Shabbat celebrations in Jerusalem and Netanya, as well as our visits to Kibbutz Lotan, the Arava Institute at Kibbutz Keturah and the Red Mountain Therapeutic Riding Program at Kibbutz Grofit. Special bonus: the ancient city of Petra in the Kingdom of Jordan. **RSVP to Sisterhood@bij.org by January 9** (include childcare if needed).

David Barzilai, ARZA and Israel February 20, 6:30 PM

Our guest will be David Barzilai, Western Region Coordinator for ARZA, the American Reform Zionist Organization. David will be with us to speak about the Reform Movement in Israel and the upcoming elections for the World Zionist Organization, in which we will be able to support our Israel Movement by voting for the ARZA slate of delegates to the WZO. **RSVP to Sisterhood@bij.org by February 13** (include childcare if needed).

Fourth Friday: Erev Shabbat Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum January 23 & February 27, 7:30 PM

BIJ is joined by Or Shalom and B'nai Emunah for this 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 follows. Please bring a treat to share. **Tell a friend – all are welcome!!!**



Bonus (Fifth) Friday: Sunrise, Sunset Shabbat Café at B'nai Emunah January 30, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Rabbi Gottlieb and Ricki will lead us in the evening's music. An informal gathering of coffee, culture and community. Please bring a potluck dessert.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION - B³

Financial Opportunities for Building Jewish Community

By Rebecca Goodman, RJE; Director of Education



January/February Schedule

Our education program continues on Sundays:

January 4, 11 & 25 (no program 1/18)

February 1, 8 & 22 (no program 2/15)

9:30AM-12:00PM

Judaica, Kindergarten – Grade 10

12:00-12:30PM

Bring your lunch and schmooze

12:30-1:30PM

Hevruta Hebrew, Grades 4-7

We will team up with Or Shalom again in February for a special event with the Jewish Community Library. *Mitz Petel* (Raspberry Juice) is based on the beloved Israeli children's story that features a mysterious character who lives in a house on the edge of the woods that has yellow curtains, green windows, and red shutters. Lion and Giraffe try to find out who the mysterious *Mitz Petel* is; on the way they learn about playing, secrets, and the power of friendship. *Mitz Petel* is a new installment of the Classic Israeli Bookshelf that features favorite Israeli children's stories translated and adapted for American children. Peter Olson is a Bay Area puppeteer who makes puppets, sets, and stories for children of all ages. Ilan Vitemberg is director of the Israel Education Initiative of Jewish LearningWorks, a performer, and a member of the Up-a-Tree Puppetry troupe.

L'shalom,

Rebecca Goodman

Director of Education

There are many wonderful opportunities to continue building your Jewish community all summer. Check out these financial options to help fund your travel in Israel and summer camps!

The Haas/Koshland Memorial Award

Provides up to \$20,000 to support a year of personal growth in Israel. Each year, the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund invites students to apply for the **Haas/Koshland Memorial Award**, which provides up to \$20,000 to support a year of personal growth in Israel. The award is open to college students, from sophomore year through graduate school who are from or attend school in the San Francisco Bay Area.

To Apply: Submit an application form and brief statement outlining how your interests would be uniquely enhanced by a year's residence in Israel. Two letters of recommendation, one personal and one academic. Deadline is **February 11, 2015**, at 11:59 pm, and travel would begin in summer/fall 2015.

Questions? Contact us at 415.512.6439 or haaskoshland@sfcf.org



One Happy Camper Grant

One Happy Camper is an incentive grant that provides need-blind grants of up to \$1,000 to families with children attending nonprofit, mission-driven Jewish overnight camp for the first time. Learn more and apply online www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/

Overnight Camp Scholarships

Families with children between the ages of 6 and 18 (by June 1, 2015) are eligible for scholarships to attend a qualifying Jewish overnight camp in the U.S., Canada or Israel.

- Families may apply for one or more children.
- Children must be Jewish (as identified by their families).
- Families must contribute a minimum percentage of total tuition according to their ability to pay.
- Scholarships must be "last resort" funds, supplementing financial assistance provided by other possible sources, for families who would otherwise not be able to attend.

Scholarship funds are to be used strictly for camp tuition and transportation to and from camp. Any accredited Jewish overnight camp in the U.S., Canada, or Israel is eligible. **More information available online: tinyurl.com/sf-jewishfed**

Camp Szarvas (in Hungary): A Place for Everyone

Every summer, ~1500 Jewish teenagers from over 20 countries attend Camp Szarvas, the world's largest Jewish summer camp, sponsored by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC).

In the warm and beautiful camp setting, Szarvas Fellows meet their peers from different countries and enjoy numerous camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, and sports. They learn first-hand about the challenges and experiences facing Jewish communities around the world today and explore issues of Jewish identity, diversity and Jewish peoplehood.

The camp is nestled on the banks of the beautiful Körös river in the peaceful resort town of Szarvas, Hungary. Modern recreational, housing and kosher dining facilities are set amidst expansive landscaped grounds lined with ripe, fragrant fruit trees. The name Szarvas, pronounced "Sar Vash", is Hungarian for "Deer".

To Apply: visit www.szarvas.org, applications are due 2/15/2015.

THE WOMEN OF BIJ

Sisterhood -- The Women of BIJ

By Sherrie Rosenberg, President

Our trip to Israel was jam-packed with activities to give us a taste of the whole country. Things that I knew intellectually, I was able to experience firsthand. Israel is a small and vibrant country. Almost everywhere we went, we were near another country, or two. The people are beautiful and friendly. There are efforts everywhere to better the world. Two of the kibbutzim we visited provide examples. Kibbutz Lotan is doing amazing things for ecology like building with materials that would otherwise be trash and having a compost toilet that uses no water. Kibbutz Grofit has a horseback riding program for autistic and other special needs children.

Many rabbis and lay people are working with Arabs, Palestinians, Druze and Christians to bring peace to the land by getting to know one another, as people. Since I was a child in Detroit, in my Jewish Sunday and afterschool school, Sholem Aleichem, I have wanted to help bring about peace in Israel. I wanted to get people in a room and encourage them to talk to one another. So I am hopeful when I hear of some of the many grassroots efforts. Of course, I am deeply saddened whenever violence erupts. The rich history and the current vibrancy, along with the tensions from the extremes, make Israel a remarkable place to live or visit.

We had a wonderful group from BIJ and other places. It was great getting to know one another as we experienced Israel together, some for the first time and some returning visitors. Among the highlights were the two Shabbat morning outdoor Torah studies led by Rabbi Gottlieb. He showed how both Torah portions related directly to our being in Israel. For me, that showed the beauty of our Torah as a "Living Torah" because I think Rabbi Gottlieb could have made any portion relate to our visit to Israel. At Congregation Natan Ya in Netanya, I met Fran Hutner, their Sisterhood president. She is active in the Women of Reform Judaism in Israel.

I stayed an extra week after most people in the group went home. I visited with friends and had a lovely lunch in Jerusalem with Rabbi Rosalind Glazer, who sends her best wishes to everyone.

Our Hanukkah fair was a huge success thanks to Terry Levy's countless hours taking care of all the details. So many others helped too - thank you all. We had vendors from within and without BIJ. People, attendees and vendors, were happy and

seemed to have a great time. I know I had a great time at the Women of BIJ's tables where I could greet everyone. Attendance was good because of advertising and many of us inviting our personal lists of friends. Jon Frank, Noah Frank, and the other members of their band played beautiful music and when they were not playing, we had Hanukkah music playing. The decorations and layout were wonderful. Micha Mocha served delicious Hanukkah food. Members of Or Shalom who were at shul for a session with their rabbi-in-residence stopped by. Two of their leaders told me that our Hanukkah "shuk" was wonderful. I invited them to join us next year.

I am grateful to be part of our community of women, men, and children at BIJ who make BIJ dynamic, warm, and friendly. I am grateful for you.

*L'shalom,
Sherrie*



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RABBI MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Sisterhood-The Women of BIJ is pleased to announce the application period for the Rabbi Morris Scholarship. Applicants must be members, or children/grandchildren of members of the Congregation in good standing.

There are three different applications: one for high school seniors, one for students currently in college or graduate school, and one for adults who have gone back to school. The scholarship is for a minimum of \$350.

Applications are available online at www.bij.org or at the BIJ office and must be returned to BIJ c/o Diane Ehrlich no later than Friday, February 27, 2015. The scholarships may be used at any accredited 2 or 4 year college or university, or any accredited trade/technical/vocational school. All who are eligible are urged to apply. Applications should be typed or written legibly in black ink.

Women of BIJ Meeting

January 11 @ 10:30am

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With great sadness, we mark the passing of two BIJ members, pillars of the community

Robin Winburn-Woll

December 16, 2014 / 24 Kislev, 5775

Lee Appel

December 20, 2014 / 28 Kislev, 5775

Zichronam I'vrachah -

May their memories be for a blessing.

The families have requested that donations in their memories be made to Congregation Beth Israel Judea



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Erev Shabbat Schedule

1st Friday: Shabbat Shelanu (Our Shabbat)

5:30 PM Tot Shabbat

6:15 PM Table Blessings and Catered Dinner

7:30 PM A musical family-friendly service. Rabbis
Gottlieb, Melamut, and Mizrachi are joined by song
leader Ricki Weintraub. Potluck dessert Oneg
Shabbat follows.

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 follows -
please bring goodies!!

Weekly BIJ Saturday Morning Services

9:00 AM Torah Study

10:00 AM Shabbat Services

Light Kiddush follows.