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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

From the Co-Presidents by Nancy Greenberg & Deborah Schweizer



The beginning of our Co-Presidency was marked by two significant, but markedly divergent, events: (1) The sudden loss of our beloved Cantorial Soloist, community member and friend, David Morgenstern z”l, and (2) The launching of our Community Participation Initiative.

We received the news that David Morgenstern had passed away suddenly, in his home, less than 24 hours after we were passed “the torch” at our Annual Meeting by past President Josh Goodman. The lingering joy we felt from the prior day’s well wishes was instantly replaced with shock, disbelief, profound sadness and loss. Our first task as new Co-Presidents was to notify members of the Board of Trustees of this heartbreaking news. Our official focus immediately turned to efforts to make sure that our upcoming B’nai Mitzvah students could continue their preparation, Shabbat services would be covered, and High Holiday preparations would be made. Our personal focus was thinking about David and his family. We shed tears and came together with the rest of our community. We shared feelings of grief, love and remembrance of our dear David, a truly kind, generous and inspirational person. He will be greatly missed.

The other event that began our Co-Presidency was the launch of the **Community Participation Initiative** that the Board of Trustees has been working on for the past year. The goal of this Initiative is to shift from having everything run by Rabbi, Sara and the President, to a system of shared responsibility where the essential functions of our synagogue are organized under four team leaders with teams of volunteers assisting in the implementation.

The **Community Participation Initiative** has been written up in a document called “BIJ’s Community Participation Plan” that is being shared at the parlor sessions being conducted in the homes of BIJ members (to which each member of our community is invited to attend), as well as being posted on our website and the BIJ App. We will send a hard copy of the document, upon request.

The Community Participation Plan (1) identifies the different tasks and opportunities for volunteering, (2) describes what is involved in each project, task, and volunteer opportunity, and (3) creates a structure within BIJ’s leadership for managing, supporting and recruiting for each project, task and volunteer opportunity. By defining the “infrastructure” that exists for coordinating and supporting the essential functions of the synagogue, we hope to foster broader and deeper engagement from our community.

The organizational structure is rather simple. **The essential functions of the synagogue have been divided into four main areas: (1) Education/Torah (2) Spiritual Practice (3) Community Development (4) Community Operations.** (Admittedly, there is some overlap between these areas. However,

such overlap will hopefully result in greater coordination between teams and more individuals paying attention to and helping with the issue/task/opportunity at hand.) One Board of Trustee member has been designated “Team Leader” in each area to recruit volunteers for the team, respond to questions and inquiries, oversee the tasks and committees within their team area and report to the Board.

The Team Leaders of each area are as follows:

- ◆ Lori Ganz – Education/Torah
- ◆ Debra Braun – Spiritual Practice
- ◆ Deborah Bouck – Community Development
- ◆ Gail Harden – Community Operations

Each area has opportunities for members to help with the ongoing work of BIJ, such as assisting with Friday Night Feasts (part of the Spiritual Practice team); assisting with the monthly Lunch and Learns (part of Education/Torah team); and assisting with Tikkun Olam projects, preparation of the Bulletin or updating the website (all part of Community Development). There are also opportunities to volunteer for more discreet, short-term projects, such as preparation for the High Holy Days, Hanukkah, Purim and Pesach (part of Spiritual Practice team). In addition, there are opportunities for volunteers to assist with leading Friday night or Saturday morning services, reading Torah or chanting Haftarah (part of both Spiritual Practice and Education/Torah).

As our past President Josh Goodman has said about his own experience of becoming more involved in the synagogue and we also have found: Involvement in the leadership of BIJ is gratifying. Involvement is an opportunity to be a part of something meaningful, to meet good people and forge treasured friendships. We hope all of you will take the opportunity to join us as a volunteer in an area that is particularly important to you.

We also want to thank Josh for his dedicated service as our President for these past five years. Much good has been accomplished under his leadership, vision and devotion. It has been truly a blessing to serve with and learn from him. We are happy he has agreed to continue his service on the Board as Immediate Past President.

The year ahead is one we did not imagine with the loss of David Morgenstern. Yet we are confident that as we face it together as a community, we will be strengthened by having known David and been inspired by his example.

We are a resilient community. We have much about which to be hopeful. As we move forward — even amidst our mourning — we feel honored to be your new Co-Presidents and are excited about the opportunity to get to know each of you better.

L’Shalom,

Nancy Greenberg & Deborah Schweizer

Co-Presidents, Board of Trustees
Read more from Deborah on Page 7.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The Summer of 2015 by Rabbi Danny Gottlieb



... A Time of Transition and Change

This summer represents a time of transition and change here at Beth Israel Judea. Some of this change comes about as a result of the death of our beloved Cantor David Morgenstern z"l, a profound loss for our community and all whose lives he touched. Some comes from the transition in our community leadership, as Josh Goodman ends his term as President and we welcome Co-Presidents Nancy Greenberg and Deborah Schweizer. And some comes from an initiative which our Board of Trustees and Staff have been working on over the past year to create more opportunities for engagement of BIJ members in the life of the synagogue. Let me say a few words about each of these.

David was such an integral part of the BIJ community. He was cantor, teacher and comforter. He was friend, colleague and partner. His presence was felt whenever we gathered, and his musical gifts graced our services, celebrations and memorials. We will miss him when we are together, and we send our love and offer our ongoing support to Inara, Ariela, Jamie, Ann and their families. As you have learned by now, Ricki Weintraub has taken up David's duties as our B'nai Mitzvah tutor, and she will join me and the choir on the bimah for these High Holy Days, working together with our choir and soloists. For now, I will lead Shabbat morning services, with the assistance of BIJ members chanting Torah and Haftarah. A number of folks have stepped up and volunteered already, but I am hoping that our b'nai mitzvah from prior years, and all who have the skills to chant Torah or Haftarah, will add to this growing cadre of volunteer leaders. And in the fall, we will be offering Torah and Haftarah chanting classes, so that those who would like to learn (or brush up their slightly rusty skills) can have that opportunity.

Josh has led the BIJ community for the past five years, a challenging time in the life of the synagogue. A new prayer book, a new rabbi (not so new anymore...), responding to demographic changes and a significant financial crisis, welcoming Or Shalom to Brotherhood Way, combining our education program with B'nai Emunah, expanding our collaboration programming, and identifying a new generation of leadership for the congregation. And he has done all of this in his unflappable, optimistic, forward-looking, "out-of-the-box" thinking style, and always with

understanding, compassion and great humility. No synagogue could hope for a better leader, and no rabbi could hope for a better partner. On behalf of the entire community, I want to thank Josh for his devotion and his service, and to thank Karen for lending him to us. (Of course, I will have some new projects for him to work on when he officially becomes Immediate Past President.)

Nancy and Deborah will begin their term as Co-Presidents as this Bulletin reaches you. Each brings to the task their long association and their deep love for Beth Israel Judea, and complementary skill sets that will give us a "two-for-one" presidency. Together with a "new look" Board of Trustees and a new plan for community participation and engagement, I know that they will bring new energy to leadership and growth and success to our BIJ community. Elsewhere in this Bulletin, you will read about the parlor meetings that are being organized during July to seek your input and your response to the community participation plan. I hope that you will choose one of the many opportunities offered, because you are the strength of our community.

... A Time for Study and for Gathering

Join with us and our Southside Jewish Collaborative partners (B'nai Emunah, Ner Tamid and Or Shalom) for the following events over the summer months:

On July 25th we will gather again to observe Tisha B'Av with an evening program and service at B'nai Emunah. July 31st we will celebrate Shabbat at Camp Newman, and then we will meet at Ner Tamid on August 18th to launch our Elul Study Series. Details of these programs are found elsewhere in this Bulletin. I hope you will join with us.

... A Time to Reach Out

This is the time to reach out to friends and family who are not part of a synagogue community, and invite them to join with us. Bring them along to a Shabbat dinner and service, where they can meet members of BIJ and discover the intimacy and the connection that is possible here. Make that connection real by bringing them with you to our Elul study series and to High Holy Day services in the fall.

Shalom,

Rabbi Danny Gottlieb

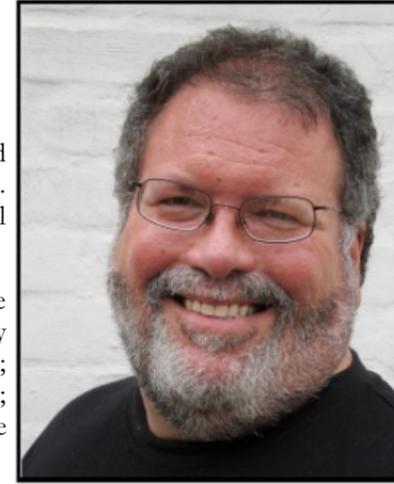
THE CANTOR'S VOICE

David Eli Morgenstern z"l

November 25, 1952 - May 4, 2015

David Morgenstern, cantorial soloist, technology writer and editor, and dedicated father and husband, died Monday, May 4, 2015 suddenly of an apparent heart attack. Aged 62, David was a longtime member and clergyman of Congregation Beth Israel Judea and resident of the Parkmerced neighborhood of San Francisco.

Born in Los Angeles, David grew up to attend both San Jose and San Francisco State Universities, ultimately taking his degree in Music from the latter. Passionately interested in Reform Judaism, he was a young member of Temple Isaiah in Lafayette; attended and worked in sculpture at Camp Swig under the tutelage of Helen Burke; and spent 1970-1971 in Israel working and learning Hebrew at Kibbutz Manara on the Lebanon border.



It was at San Francisco State that David met his wife Inara, a pianist and music teacher. The two were married in 1976 and were blessed with their daughter Ariela in 1978. David's life was marked by rich enthusiasms, from the trivial to the sublime, and a deep generosity of spirit that motivated a life of service to his many communities. He brought happiness to everyone he encountered, and always said just the right thing with kindness. His joy and energy blessed all of us and elevated us to be better and happier people.

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David's light is bright. And enduring.

I feel so much emotion for David's family and all of us who cherished him. His presence alone has been a gift; his contributions the wrapping paper and a bow, and his talents a most glorious frosting to top it all off.

I am learning a lot about him now - beyond what I knew - through the outpouring of community love and storytelling that followed David's passing. I am increasingly clear on just how much authenticity, intelligence and "loving-ness" he achieved.

*I suspect I'm not alone when I say "I want to be more like David." I find myself thinking about him often and repeating this aspiration. He's continuing to influence me, and I am grateful to be so influenced. I've tried to distill down into short phrases what I have learned from him so that I can repeat these phrases like mantras: **live life admirably; pursue your interests passionately; teach others patiently; don't just show up - create your community; and perhaps most importantly, speak "cat" fluently.***

It pains me to be away from our community for tonight's service [Chant and Drum on May 22] - though David would approve as I'm traveling to attend my cousin's son's Bar Mitzvah in New Jersey.

I wish peace of mind, body, and spirit for all of us as we remember him. Please know that in my heart I am with you tonight.

I am full of gratitude to be a part of this community, and to have known David musically and spiritually through it.

by Susanna Goldenstein

Susanna Goldenstein is known by many as one of two drummers in BIJ's regular Erev Shabbat Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum service. Along with Rabbi Rosalind Glazer, David Morgenstern and me, she was a founder of that service and in the seven years since its inception has become a valued member of our community and a cherished friend to many. Above is her memorial to David, which was read at the Chant and Drum service following his passing. I'm sure it speaks for us all. ~Elie Aharon

May his memory be truly blessed.

BIJ COMMUNITY



The Board of Trustees Hopes You Will Join Us At One of Our Community Gatherings to...

*Hear About BIJ's New Community Participation Plan
Share Your Desires for Your Community
Get to Know One Another Better*

**Choose the date/location/time that works best for you and let us know which Community Gathering you plan to attend. The full address will be given after RSVPs are received. The meetings will be 90 minutes. Light refreshments will be offered.*

Wednesday, July 1, 1:00 p.m. Debra and Benjamin Braun's home, San Francisco, CA

Wednesday, July 1, 7:00 p.m. Barbara and Eric Hammel's home, Pacifica, CA

Tuesday, July 7, 2:00 p.m. Gail Harden's home, Daly City, CA

Tuesday, July 7, 7:30 p.m. Lynne Rappaport and Jonathan Frank's home, San Francisco, CA

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 p.m. Sue and Blair Horst's home, San Francisco, CA

Sunday, July 12, 2:00 p.m. Alisa Sosnick's home, Pacifica, CA

Monday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub's home, Pacifica, CA

Saturday, July 18, 7:30 p.m. (Havdalah following) Kathy Chaikin Bernstein and Gerald Bernstein's home, San Francisco, CA

Sunday, July 19, 11:00 a.m. Josh Goodman and Karen Kerner's home, San Francisco, CA

*RSVP by phone (415) 586-8833 or on our website at
<http://bij.org/events-donations/registration>*

**For those who are traveling or unable to attend in July, there will be another opportunity to attend a Community Gathering in October.*

BIJ COMMUNITY

High Holy Day Choir 5776



Once again, our BIJ Choir will enhance our High Holy Day worship.

They need **your** help to make it a success!

If you're interested in lending your voice on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, please contact the office and let us know your interest. 415.586.8833 or office@bij.org



Jewish Roots Journey to Europe & Israel

Led by Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub
June 26 – July 10, 2016

Land Package Price ESTIMATE Per Person: \$3,900
[travel dates and price estimate to be finalized by August 15, 2015]

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP INCLUDE:

Warsaw and Krakow, Poland – The Jewish World That Was

- ✧ Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews
- ✧ Warsaw Ghetto and Okopowa Street Cemetery
- ✧ Kazmierz Old Jewish Quarter and Krakow Ghetto
- ✧ Auschwitz/Birkenau Concentration Camps

Prague, Czech Republic – Traces of Our Past

- ✧ Old Jewish Quarter
- ✧ Alta-Neu Synagogue
- ✧ Jewish Cemetery and Prague Jewish Museum
- ✧ Prague Castle, Wenceslas Square and Charles Bridge
- ✧ Shabbat at Bejt Simcha Reform Synagogue

Israel – Jewish Homeland and Land of Many Cultures

- ✧ Touring in the north of Israel – Haifa, Acco and Caesaria
- ✧ Meetings with Israeli Muslims, Druze and Christians working for Peaceful Co-existence
- ✧ Meetings with Jewish and Palestinian Leaders working for Peaceful Co-existence
- ✧ Historical Sites in Jerusalem - City of David, Kotel, South Wall Excavations, Christian Quarter
- ✧ Shabbat in Jerusalem

For information and registration, contact Rabbi Gottlieb at 415.586.8833 ext 22 or rabbigottlieb@bij.org

We Are Part of Something Bigger

By Deborah F. Schweizer, Co-President

This Spring, I joined 92 other presidents and presidents-elect from Reform Congregations throughout North America in Atlanta, Georgia, for the Union for Reform Judaism's (URJ) 17th Annual Scheidt Seminar, where we discussed solutions to everyday congregational challenges, explored Torah-based governance, and ways to improve our leadership skills, succession planning and deepen congregational participation. The experience was exhilarating and empowering. I learned that other congregations are grappling with the same 21st Century challenges we are: How to engage millennials; Dealing with social media; Better understanding and responding to the needs of the increasing numbers of interfaith families; and Adjusting to the reality of less interest in organized institutions, including worship and spiritual engagement. I came away from the seminar reassured that BIJ is moving forward in the right direction and proud that we are examples of innovative ideas that are teaching others. I was also reminded that our BIJ community on Brotherhood Way is a part of something bigger.

As a member of the URJ, BIJ is a part of and has access to the full resources made available by the URJ, like its Active Learning Networks, the Leadership Institute, and attending Leadership Events such as the URJ Biennial Convention (November 4-8, 2015, Orlando, Florida). We not only learn from others but share our experience to help others, as well.

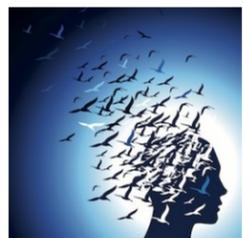
My and other Board of Trustee members' participation in URJ-led seminars and webinars for the past several years, as well as a BIJ delegation attending the Biennial in San Diego two years ago, facilitated, in no small part, the implementation of congregation strengthening practices, including a number of initiatives to increase member engagement and decrease our budget deficit. Co-President Nancy Greenberg and I want to encourage BIJ's continued use of URJ resources and participation in URJ events.

Access to URJ resources is not limited to Board Presidents or Trustees. Members of our community are welcome to access URJ resources and participate directly. To find out more, you can contact me at deborah@schweizerlawfirm.com or go directly to the URJ website www.urj.org.

We hope that each of you will consider joining Nancy and me in attending the URJ Biennial in Orlando, Florida, November 4-8, 2015. The experience of being among 5,000 Reform Congregants from all over North America, singing together and learning about other spiritual practices, methods of living Jewishly, and community building, is not to be missed! Registration is now open. If we can get a delegation together, we may qualify for a group rate (by September 10)! Find out more information on the 2015 Biennial at www.urj.org/biennial15.

ADULT EDUCATION

Mindfulness Meditation Friday Mornings, 8:30-9:30 AM



Mindfulness meditation is a spiritual practice that allows us to create for ourselves an extended period of silence, in which to focus on our inner self without the distractions of life's constant noise. It is a gift that we can give to ourselves, for getting in touch with our inner self and strengthening our spirit. We allow time to sit together quietly in silent Jewish practice, before heading off to our work or daily routine. This is a flexible work-in-progress, welcoming suggestions and open to evolving.

Adult Hebrew Lessons for Beginning and Intermediate Learners

July 9, 23; August 6, 20

Aleph Bet 6:00-6:30 PM

Continuing Students 6:30-7:30 PM

Are you interested in learning to read Hebrew? For those interested in reading the Hebrew Aleph Bet (alphabet), here is your opportunity to make that happen! An intermediate Hebrew course follows, where we are working on improving reading skills, developing the building blocks of Hebrew grammar and increasing our vocabulary. Beginning students are encouraged to stay for both classes. We meet bi-weekly. \$10/session. Contact Ricki Weintraub for more information: ricki.weintraub@me.com



Monthly Craft & Schmooze July 12 & August 9, 1:00-3:00 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.

Golden Thursdays: Lunch & Learn with Rabbis Gottlieb, Levin, Melamut, and Mizrahi July 16, 12:00 NOON at B'nai Emunah August 20, 12:00 NOON at Ner Tamid

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 and Learn sessions usually take place the third Thursday of the month, are led by Rabbis Gottlieb, Levin, Melamut, and Mizrahi and rotate among all three locations. A light lunch is provided.

Sunday Study Circle: TaNaKh

July 12, 26; August 9, 23, 10:00AM-12:00PM

On the second and fourth Sunday mornings of the month, all are invited to join the Sunday Study Circle which meets in the Fireside Room during the summer months. The Study Circle meets for an exploration of the TaNaKh, Hebrew Bible. The study is interactive, with lots of discussion. The group is led by members of Or Shalom, with occasional participation from our rabbis. July 26 falls on Tisha B'Av, and the Circle will be studying Lamentations, the traditional reading.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

July 15 & August 19, 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.



Elul Study Series

Opening the Book of Life:

Four Rabbis Wrestle with High Holy Day Highlights

August 18, 25; September 1, 8, 7:00-8:30 PM

- 8/18 Rabbi Katie Mizrahi "Unetaneh Tokef—Facing Mortality" @ Ner Tamid
- 8/25 Rabbi Mark Melamut "Kol Nidre—Promises, Promises..." @ BIJ
- 9/1 Rabbi Moshe Levin "The Akedah—The Binding of Isaac in Jewish and Muslim Traditions" @ BIJ
- 9/8 Rabbi Danny Gottlieb "Vidui—I confess!!" @ B'nai Emunah

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS

Erev Shabbat:

1st Friday: Shabbat Shelanu July 3 & August 7

5:45 PM Tot Shabbat Service
6:30 PM Catered Dinner
7:30 PM Family Friendly Musical Service

Shabbat Shelanu (Our Shabbat) is a time to celebrate Shabbat, eat together and highlight the learning of our students. We celebrate together with our friends from Or Shalom and B'nai Emunah! Our Rabbis and song leaders guide us in a fun-filled Shabbat and monthly birthday celebration! RSVP <http://bij.org/events-donations/registration>

2nd Friday: Shabbat in the 'Hood July 10, 7:30 PM in The Sunset August 14, 7:30 PM in Pacifica

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 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 Shabbat in the 'hood 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.**

3rd Friday: Friday Night Feast

A free, catered Shabbat feast! Welcome Shabbat with tableside 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.

BDS in the Bay Area with Abby Porth, JCRC July 17, 6:30 PM

Abby Porth, Associate Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council will address the BDS movement in the Bay Area. The boycott-divestment-sanctions (BDS) movement to delegitimize Israel has found fertile ground in San Francisco. It has reared its head at City Hall, in the public school district, in our children's textbooks, in Latino and African-American arts and cultural organizations, and in many other sectors. The movement is quickly and negatively shaping public opinion across the Bay Area about Israel's legitimacy. Abby will speak with us about the proliferation of this movement, what is being done to address it, and how we can participate. **RSVP** (include childcare if needed) to Sisterhood@bij.org by July 10.

Disaster Relief in Nepal – A Personal Story August 21, 6:30 PM

BIJ member Dr. Ian Brown is Assistant Medical Director at Stanford University, where he serves as Clinical Assistant Professor and Medical Informatics Director. Ian's specialty is Emergency Medicine. In the aftermath of the earthquake in Nepal, Ian was part of the disaster relief effort, lending his medical skills to the injured and the suffering. Join us as Ian shares the story of his Nepal experience with us. **RSVP** (include childcare if needed) to Sisterhood@bij.org by August 14.

4th Friday: Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum July 24 & August 28, 7:30 PM

BIJ is joined by Or Shalom 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!!!**

5th Friday: BIJ Goes to Camp Newman July 31, 4:00-9:30 PM

Join BIJ for our annual Camp Shabbat! The evening includes a reception with Camp Directors, Shabbat dinner, singing and dancing! It's a great opportunity to get a taste of camp for ALL ages! For questions, please contact Alaina Yoakum at ayoakum@urj.org or 415.392.7080 x28. Sign up and find out more at campnewman.org/summer-camp/summer-visitors



Shabbat Mornings: 8:45 AM Torah Study / 10:00 AM Service

Rabbi Danny Gottlieb leads all Shabbat Morning services except the first Saturday of the month which are joint services with Or Shalom, led by their clergy.

Tisha B'Av Observance July 25, 7:30 PM

We will gather again to observe Tisha B'Av with an evening program, service, and reading from *Eicha*, the Book of Lamentations at Congregation B'nai Emunah. Light nosh will be provided.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION - B³

What to Expect in 2015-2016 / 5776!
by Rebecca Goodman, RJE; Director of Education



Welcome to another exciting year of B³ (Beth Israel Judea + B'nai Emunah = B'yachad [together]). Our theme this year is **Tikkun Olam**, Repairing the World.

I'll start with the most important aspect for me - and I hope you are as excited about this as I – registration is completely online (<http://bij.org/events-donations/registration>)! Please register as soon as possible so we can finalize our classroom assignments and faculty hiring.

As in the past, the calendar for the year is available online. You can even download a copy into your own online calendar, so you will always have the most up-to-date information. Check our website for links to the calendar.

Our first day of “classes” is September 27. For those who have not already downloaded our calendar, here is a preview of our first two months of Sunday programming:

- 9/27/15 Sukkah Building and Decorating
- 10/4/15 B³ & Pizza in the Hut
- 10/11/15 B³
- 10/18/15 B³ field trip to Urban Adamah
- 10/25/15 B³



Shabbat Shelanu (Our Shabbat) continues throughout the summer and fall (first Friday each month):

July 3, August 7, September 4 & October 2

- 5:45 pm Tot Shabbat Service
- 6:30 pm Catered Dinner for Everyone (with RSVP)
- 7:30 pm Family Friendly Service

As we continue to **experience Judaism outside the classroom**, we offer programs off-site on Sunday mornings. Don't miss our first field trip – to Urban Adamah in Berkeley on October 18. (You must be registered for B³ in order to attend this field trip.)

B³ is also joining forces with Kol Shofar, Sherith Israel and Beth Sholom to expand teen social programming in San Francisco. Teens – stay tuned for more information as Fall events are planned.

We hope you have a wonderful summer vacation, full of travel, camp, relaxation, (maybe some homework) and visits with friends and family. Check us out online and join us on Sunday mornings to discover all that 5776 has to offer!

L'shalom,

Rebecca Goodman
Director of Education

TIKKUN OLAM (REPAIRING THE WORLD)

1,000 Thanks!

by Lori Ganz, Tikkun Olam Committee Co-Chair



Tikkun Olam Update – Time to Pause and Give Thanks

The Tikkun Olam Planning Committee is a joint effort of the members of the Southside Jewish Collaborative. The members of the committee would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has volunteered or donated to this new undertaking. **We have reached a tremendous milestone recently. Because of your help we have made food to feed 1,000 people since January of this year.** In May, we made our 1,000th sandwich to be distributed to one of our three partner community agencies. Through the simple act of packing a sack lunch or making a bologna sandwich we've helped members of our community not only have something to eat, but connect more strongly to the social workers and volunteers who can help them find a path to other needed services, like medical care, transportation and of course, housing. Spreading peanut butter and jelly may seem like a small act, but it is part of a chain reaction that creates positive change for those who receive the sandwich from a caring, compassionate professional. And your contribution towards making sandwiches, is part of that often life-changing chain reaction. We are happy to have the partnership of the San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team, At the Crossroads youth services program, and the San Francisco General Methadone Clinic, who make sure the food that we provide gets to those who need it.

For those of you who help at the San Francisco Food Bank, you have been also part of a chain reaction. On the Sunday work sessions, you are part of a team at the warehouse that packs thousands of pounds of food in the two short hours you are there. That food is distributed to soup kitchens, domestic violence shelters and individual families' empty kitchen cupboards. One in four people in the San Francisco Bay Area are food insecure, constantly having to make

choices between buying food, paying rent and other necessities. The Food Bank makes a big difference for those in our community who are struggling. And your hard work makes this happen. The food would not leave the warehouse without the help of volunteers.

The chain reaction continues with the growing volunteer corps that is helping in these efforts. We have had over 60 volunteers who helped us shop, make and deliver sandwiches, and pack food at the Food Bank. The friendships, connections and sense of community that is developing, within and between our congregations, is bringing strength and richness to our Southside Jewish Collaborative.

And to those of you who have made financial donations and non-perishable foods, your contributions provided us with the resources to make this all happen.

We look forward to seeing you at these activities:

Make sandwiches

- 7/16 & 8/20; the third Thursday of every month after the Lunch and Learn program.
- 7/12; ongoing Sunday Sandwich Making every other month, generally the first Sunday (though the Second Sunday in July).

Volunteer at the San Francisco Food Bank (7/19 & 8/30); the last Sunday of each month (except on Jewish holidays). RSVP to Lori: ljganz@yahoo.com

Our planning committee was charged with finding a way to help the synagogues in the Southside Jewish Collaborative develop a Tikkun Olam program to have congregation members come together to “repair the world” in some way. Our focus became feeding the hungry. Your efforts, financial support and hard work has brought this into being. Thank you!



Today Rabah,

*Lori Ganz and
Steve Roditti*

Tikkun Olam
Committee Members

SISTERHOOD - THE WOMEN OF BIJ

Paths to Involvement

by Sherrie Rosenberg, President

One of my BIJ friends commented about how involved I have gotten at our shul. She is right. I went from a member who went to High Holy Day Services to a very active volunteer who is at BIJ quite often. I am proof that there are many paths to involvement. I took my first step many years ago when I joined the book club. Barbara Hammel put a notice in the BIJ eblast saying that she and some others would like to start a book club if there was enough interest. I happened to read that eblast at a time when I had thought of looking for a book club. Even though I was a little nervous, I joined and made new friends and have read and talked about a lot of interesting books that I may have never heard of without this group.

Then there was an eblast notice that *Read Hebrew America* would be offered at BIJ. I knew how to read Yiddish and Hebrew when I was a child. I tried and was somewhat able to follow along with the Hebrew in the siddur when I came to BIJ but I couldn't read fast enough to keep up. So I took the class and in addition to catching up on my Hebrew reading, I made more new friends.

That initial Hebrew reading class led to intensive studying with Rabbi Rosalind Glazer and Cantorial Soloist David Morgenstern z"l. It was not always easy but it was always interesting. And that led to our *Nashot Mitzvah* (group Bat Mitzvah) four years ago. I consider the eight of us women as sisters. We have gone through so much happiness and sadness together and even a trip to Israel for three of us with Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub. The *Nashot Mitzvah* and Israel journeys led to even more new friends and deeper friendships.

Ricki Weintraub has led monthly women's Rosh Chodesh gatherings for a few years now. For a year we studied Mussar, which involves contemplation of character traits. One character trait that we studied was being grateful and I want to conclude by telling you two of the many things that I am grateful for at BIJ.

I am grateful for our Rosh Chodesh gatherings. It has been a place where we share feelings and warmth with wonderful women and it provides a beautiful opportunity to get to know one another more deeply. I am also grateful for the Friday Night Feasts for two main reasons. It too is a chance to deepen friendships. It has also been a place to hear fascinating speakers from as close as San Francisco to as far as Israel, our other home. Thank you, Rabbi Gottlieb and all those who help choose our diverse speakers.

L'shalom,

Sherrie Rosenberg

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Jewish Heritage Night @ ATT



Giants versus Milwaukee Brewers Monday, July 27

Terry Levy and Sherrie Rosenberg will be sitting in Lower Box Section 135, row 39, seats 20 & 21. As of printing, there are still seats available in that section. We hope you will attend!

Your Special Event ticket package includes a seat in one of the Jewish Heritage sections for the game versus the Brewers, a collector's-edition Giants Kiddush Cup, as well as admission to the Jewish Heritage Night pre-game party in Seals Plaza from 5:00-7:00PM! Live cultural entertainment will take place at the pre-game party, and cultural food and drink specials will be available for purchase. Partial proceeds from every special event ticket sold will benefit local charitable programs in the Jewish community. Don't miss this fun-filled night out at the park to celebrate Jewish Heritage!

JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT
KIDDUSH CUP
redemption location:
Seals Plaza from 5-7pm or
View Reserve 334
until end of 5th inning.



SAVE THESE DATES:

Women of BIJ Meeting 9/27, 10:30 AM

Hanukkah Fair

Sunday, 11/15, 11:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Contact Fair Coordinator Terry Levy to volunteer
terryalevy@netzero.com or 415.334.1005

SISTERHOOD - THE WOMEN OF BIJ

Scholarship Winners Pursue Education by Lynne Rappaport

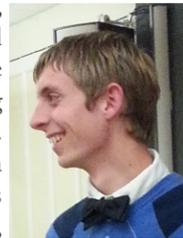
The 2015 winners of the **Rabbi Herbert Morris Scholarship** were announced at the May 15 Friday Night Feast – congratulations to Leah Safford, Gabriel Lorvan, Jordana Fuchs-Chesney, and Rebecca Goodman!

BIJ member Diane Ehrlich, a former high school teacher and counselor who oversees the scholarship on behalf of Sisterhood – The Women of BIJ, said that thanks to the donations of several BIJ members, the committee was able to award one main scholarship as well as several smaller ones this year.



Leah Safford, daughter of Reeva and Andy Safford. A recent graduate of Lowell High School, she will attend San Diego State pursuing a nursing degree. Leah was in the Lowell Science Research Program and was a varsity member of the Stanford University Interscholastic Equestrian team. Community service included tutoring kids with Reading Partners, and leading horseback riding lessons for disabled youth at the James Brady Therapeutic Riding Program.

Gabriel Lorvan, son of Stella Lorvan, grandson of Yvonne Lorvan, attended Carlmont High School in Belmont, where his extracurricular activities included Swing Club, Theatre, Robotics, and Boy Scouts. He has participated in Torah study at BIJ on Saturday mornings. Gabe will continue his studies at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, focusing on a career in Information Technology/Computer Science.



Jordana Fuchs-Chesney, daughter of John and Anne Fuchs-Chesney, attends community college in the East Bay and plans to transfer to UC Davis to study sustainable food systems or agroecology. She has had a variety of jobs since getting her GED at 16, including retail, tending bar in New Zealand, and managing the bar in San Francisco's new Tacolicious restaurant. She now wants to pursue the education she had previously dismissed as unfulfilling.

Rebecca Goodman has been Director of Education at BIJ since 2009. She holds an MA in Jewish Education as well as an MA in Jewish Communal Service from Hebrew Union

College – Jewish Institute of Religion. As an undergraduate at UC Davis, she earned a BS in Human Development with a minor in Religious Studies. She has completed specific criteria of academic and professional standards and holds the title RJE (Reform Jewish Educator). Rebecca used her award for a professional development conference of the Association of Reform Jewish Educators.



The Rabbi Morris Scholarship was created by Sisterhood in 2004 as a way to pay tribute to Rabbi Morris, who served BIJ for over three decades from 1962 until his retirement in 1998. Rabbi Morris was born in Trenton, New Jersey, in 1930 and grew up in Delaware. His own education included a history degree from the University of Delaware, where he met his wife of 50 years, Judy, and a Master's degree in 1956 and *smicha* (Rabbinic Ordination) from the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

He moved to the Bay Area in 1962 and became the rabbi for Temple Judea, a young Reform congregation in Daly City. He was instrumental in guiding the merger (the first of its kind in a large American city) between Temple Judea and the Conservative Beth Israel, resulting in Congregation Beth Israel-Judea on Brotherhood Way, starting in 1969.

Rabbi Morris was an early trailblazer in his willingness to perform interfaith marriage ceremonies. His legacy also includes firm support of women's causes, civil rights, and Israel; being among the first rabbis to step off the bimah during sermons; and writing a special High Holy Days prayer book, "Hear Our Prayer" combining the liturgy of Reform and Conservative Judaism.

In 1998 he chose to retire from the pulpit to spend more time with his four children and ten grandchildren. He also enjoyed playing tennis, singing and traveling, and continued to serve BIJ as Rabbi Emeritus until his death in 2003, at age 73.

The scholarship honoring his memory may be used at any accredited 2 or 4 year college or university, or any accredited trade/technical/vocational school. Applicants must be members, or children/grandchildren of members in good standing. There are three different applications – high school seniors, students in college or graduate school, and adults going back to school.

Editor's note: Look for updates about past Rabbi Herbert Morris Scholarship winners in a future Bulletin.

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BIJ VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

Sunday, July 19, 9:00 AM



It's that time of year again, to bring a little sparkle and shine to the building before the New Year. A little cleaning here, a little paint there, and some minor repairs... Lend a hand with others in the BIJ family!

Please contact the office by July 15, let us know what skills you have. We'll put your name on a sign-up sheet and organize teams.

Bagels and coffee will be provided.

Even if you don't think you have any know-how to offer, you do!