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*Hanukkah begins at sundown, December 6th*

***BIJ - Your Community for Life***

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## From the Co-Presidents by Nancy Greenberg & Deborah Schweizer



### Reflections from Nancy:

I am writing this in September and you are reading it in November so it may sound crazy to you but I am still thinking about and appreciating the High Holy Days, the sermons, the prayers, the music, and all of you. I was at home in my second home.

There was the familiar and the new, there was sadness and joy, but most of all it was being with each other.

The second day of Rosh Hashanah was amazing. This was certainly a first for me, we had choices of where and how to celebrate our Jewish New Year. Bravo to the Southside Jewish Collaborative for the different styles and types of services our community could attend. I chose the walk/hike in Pacifica. Having been a 25 year resident, I dressed in layers. What an incredible day it was, intense blue sky and the ocean was an even more intense blue, going from teal to deep blue as your eyes moved toward the horizon. The fresh air was invigorating. Is it blasphemous to say it might have been more spiritual than the day before in Synagogue? Rabbi, Ricki and Dinah (their dog) led the service, stopping at various points along the way for us to read and/or sing. When we reached the top of Mori Point, each of us spent the time quietly. I have never felt so close to God. Everything around me was created by God and as I looked up into that beautiful sky I felt so close to my loved ones who are no longer here. What a special day!

Our Team Leaders, Rabbi, Ricki, Sara, Neil and all our wonderful volunteers are recovering from a very busy time organizing for the High Holy Days. Thank you for all your hard work. Our Teams are working hard to make our Synagogue community a vital part of your life. I am thrilled to be able to read from a very long list of activities that are happening at BIJ. There is something for everyone. Please visit our website and remember to read your eBlast every Wednesday. See you in "Shul."

### Reflections from Deborah:

These past High Holy Days brought home the realization that things are changing at BIJ – some due to circumstances beyond our control (like the sudden loss of our Cantorial Soloist David Morgenstern, of blessed memory), some planned and with intention, and some just "happening" as if a blessing were bestowed upon us. Yet, even in the face of change, there is the familiar – our community, long-time friends, and cherished connections.

Services were wonderfully conducted by Rabbi Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub. Some beautiful new melodies were introduced, along

with the chanting of traditional prayers in a "new voice." Our talented Nashira Choir was led soulfully by John Hirten, who in years past was the Choir Director for the professional choir that used to accompany our High Holy Day worship. On Rosh Hashanah, Ariela Morgenstern, daughter of our dear David Morgenstern, chanted two prayers with such beauty and emotion that all who listened could not help but feel as if she was channeling her father and he was close by giving her strength and bursting with pride.

Our High Holy Day services were made available to those unable to physically attend by live streaming via YouTube. From 60 "clicks" on Erev Rosh Hashanah to 150 by Yom Kippur, members and friends were included in our High Holy Day services from wherever they were. And our services are now preserved online.

Alternative options were made available for second day Rosh Hashanah through the Southside Jewish Collaborative. People could choose between a traditional service, an in-depth discussion of the meaning of life, a tashlich ceremony at Ocean Beach, or a hike along the beach to Mori Point in Pacifica. Reports from those attending each of the options are very positive. I, like Nancy, attended the Pacifica hike and found the experience to be incredible and spiritually moving. We hiked with BIJ members and new friends and experienced a glory and appreciation for the natural world around us that was both humbling and inspiring.

For the first time in five years, the address by the Temple President was not made by Josh Goodman. Instead, Nancy and I, as your Co-Presidents, were honored and privileged to speak to you all. I never before sat on the Bima. And my cousin Karla, who has Downs Syndrome, was given the great honor of dressing the Torah with me.

Our plans for the upcoming year are to continue the implementation of the Community Participation Plan in which members of our community drive the programs and offerings for our community assisted by our dedicated and hardworking staff. Our goal is to give more of you a reason to look to your BIJ community for friendship, learning, spiritual fulfillment, and opportunity to "give back" and help make this world a better place.

As a long-time attender of High Holy Day services who only recently, in the past 6 years, became engaged in BIJ leadership, I am hoping that we will have the opportunity to get to know one another better. What is important to you, matters to me. Let me know what keeps you connected to our community. Be a part of the change you want to see! And let us make this a good year together.

*Nancy Greenberg and Deborah Schweizer*

## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

### Looking Back Upon the Holy Days and Festivals By Rabbi Danny Gottlieb



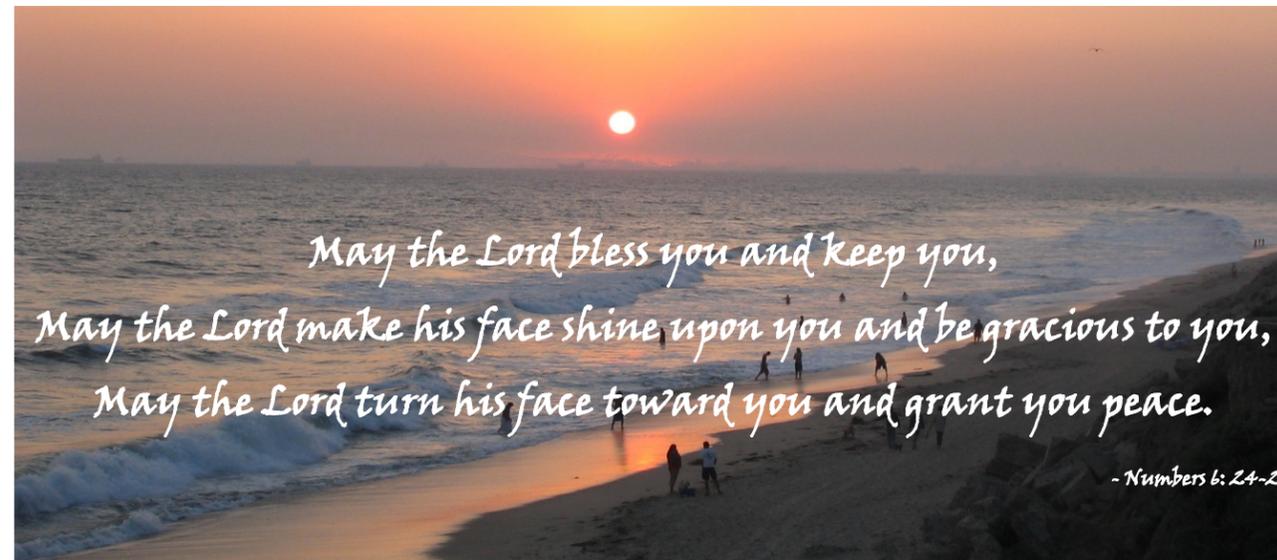
Our High Holy Day and Festival services and celebrations were very special this year. They marked a turning point in the life of our congregation, as we honoured the memory of our beloved David Morgenstern z"l through the cantorial offerings of Ricki Weintraub, Ariela Morgenstern, our choir and soloists. The warmth and connection that was present in the sanctuary, and later in the sukkah and dancing with the *sifrei* Torah in the Social Hall sweetened and enriched each of these holy moments. The participation of the congregation in music and prayer reminded us all of how much we feel a part of this loving congregational family. Ricki and I are looking forward to a good and sweet year with all of you, as we continue to grow in number and in strength...

A word of thanks to all of those who worked so hard to make our High Holy Day and Festival services so beautiful. In particular,

I want to thank the following people:

Ricki Weintraub  
Sara Heckelman  
Neil Bronstein  
Debra Braun, our High Holy Day Co-ordinator  
John Hirten and the Nashira Choir  
All of the readers, service participants, and shofar blowers  
Rebecca Goodman and her staff who led our child care programs  
All of our greeters, security and office volunteers  
Nancy Greenberg, Deborah Schweizer and the members of the Board of Trustees  
Nicholas Cole-Farrell, our sound and video technician

The beauty and harmony of our High Holy and Festival days set the tone for the year ahead, and for many new Temple events and programs that we will experience in the year ahead. May it be a year of peace and blessing for us all.



# FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY (continued)

## Looking Forward to the Year Ahead By Rabbi Danny Gottlieb

### Our Adult Education Collaboration Continues

Once again this year we will have a plethora of adult education courses and programs, offered in partnership with B'nai Emunah, Ner Tamid and Or Shalom. Please check the web site and e-blasts for details, and join us for these learning sessions throughout the year.

### Basic Judaism

Beginning in November and continuing until May, we will offer a Judaism 101 course on Thursday evenings, together with B'nai Emunah and Ner Tamid. This course is designed for people who may have taken introductory level courses in the past, and who would like to deepen their knowledge about holiday and life-cycle celebrations, Jewish belief and practice, history and literature. This course will serve as a pre-requisite for those considering Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah or Conversion to Judaism. Rabbi Mark Melamut and I will teach different segments of the course.

### Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

It has been a few years since BIJ last offered Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah. But we know that there are some of our members who did not have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah at age 13—perhaps they lived in places where that was not possible, or their congregation did not offer Bat Mitzvah to girls, or perhaps they were not Jewish when they were 13. There is also a custom of having a second Bar/Bat Mitzvah at age 83, and we welcome our members who are approaching this milestone as well. We will offer a program of study and Hebrew learning so that Bar/Bat Mitzvah can be celebrated by all who have the desire.

### Torah and Haftarah Chanting and Service Leading

Our Shabbat morning services are enriched by the participation of members chanting Torah and Haftarah. This year we are inviting all past B'nai Mitzvah to chant maftir on the anniversary of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. And we also want to invite anyone who would like to learn to chant Torah or Haftarah to learn how to do it, and then join the cohort of chanters. (If your Hebrew needs a brush-up before you take on the chanting, you can begin with a refresher in Ricki's Thursday evening adult Hebrew class.) And if you want to learn to lead the Shabbat morning service, I will be teaching this skill, individually or in a small group setting, depending on the number of students.

### Shabbat Shelanu

Shabbat Shelanu (Our Shabbat) enters its second year. Unlike our former First Friday Shabbat program, it is NOT just for families with children. While there is a service for pre-readers and their families at 5:45pm, followed by a communal "kid-friendly" Shabbat dinner at 6:30pm, the service at 7:15pm is for people of all

ages. And this year you can even volunteer to be on the "cooking team," which will meet on the Thursday evening before Shabbat Shelanu to prepare the main course, supplemented by "pot-luck" side dishes and desserts.

### Tikkun Olam – Hunger Relief

Together with our friends from B'nai Emunah, Ner Tamid and Or Shalom, we will continue the tikkun olam partnership that has done such wonderful work in the arena of hunger relief. Look for upcoming dates for sandwich-making, food bank volunteering, and more.

### BIJ Adult "March of the Living" – June/July 2016

On page 10 of this Bulletin, you will see a brief outline of our mission to Poland, the Czech Republic and Israel. We will begin in Europe, visiting the sites which stand as a Holocaust memorial and visiting the new Jewish communities that are rising from the ashes. And then we will go to Israel, where we will tour ancient and modern sites, and focus on visits to groups invested in "shared society" dialogue and partnership—Jewish-Christian, Jewish-Muslim, Jewish-Druze, Orthodox-Reform, Israeli-Palestinian.

Join us on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00pm to meet our Tour Educator, Daniel Ehrlich, who will offer a preview of the program and answer questions to anyone who is interested in joining us.

### Coming January 2016...BIJ & the Mussar Institute Present: Seeking Everyday Holiness

On Kol Nidre, I spoke about making permanent changes in the way we live our lives. Mussar is a system of applied values and ethics that can lead to permanent change, so that we "not only do what is right, but are in the habit of doing what is right." Stay tuned for more details as BIJ & the Mussar Institute present this important program.



I look forward to seeing you soon, and often, in the year ahead.

*Rabbi Danny Gottlieb*

# MUSICAL MUSINGS

## The Things That Sustain Us By Interim Cantorial Soloist Ricki Weintraub



These are the things that sustain us: Torah, avodah (service), ug'milut chasadim (and acts of kindness). Holy Days, Festivals, Shabbat, Torah, Mitzvot, Religious School, Tikkun Olam service projects, potlucks and planning; these beginning-of-the-year activities offer us a plethora of opportunities to sustain ourselves Jewishly in a very short period of time.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and thanks to all who participated in our High Holy Day choir this year. To you sweet singers: Monique Hosein, Jodi Meromy, Ann Morgenstern, Alta Lowe, Beth Weisberg, Kathy Chaikin-Bernstein, Tracey Vanik, Inara Morgenstern, Stacey Herrera, Ariela Morgenstern, Johanna Gendelman, Yvonne Lorvan, Elie Aharon, Jamie Morgenstern, Jonathan Rosenthal, and Jeff Kallman, I thank you for your voices, your support and kindness. John Hirten, thank you so very much for your expertise. Together, we prayed, we sang, we remembered, we marched with the Torahs and we k'velled (were reveling with joy) when our precious youngsters joined us on the Bima to hear the sound of the shofar and receive a special blessing from the Rabbi.

By supporting and participating in the life of the synagogue, we give ourselves and our children a rich and varied experience of Jewish tradition. Throughout the year, BIJ offers a variety of community spiritual opportunities – something for everyone, if you will. Please don't be put off by the "titles" of these services or by your memory of how these services used to be. The truth is that each of these gatherings offers something for everyone. Shabbat Shelanu (first Friday) is NOT just for families with children, and everyone is welcome to any Neighborhood Shabbat, even if it is not in YOUR neighborhood!

On the first Friday of each month, an early (5:45 to 6:15) Tot Shabbat filled with music and movement for families with very young children (grandparents, too!) precedes a dinner where people of all ages gather for a community meal. After dinner, you will find a 'mostly music' Kabbalat

Shabbat service in the Fireside Room filled with adults of all ages from BIJ, B'nai Emunah and Or Shalom, where our religious school students sometimes lead a part of the service, offer a creative d'var Torah, or share something special they have learned in Sunday school.

On the second Friday of the month, the Rabbi and I take our guitars on the road to welcome Shabbat in the homes of congregants. These intimate, soulful gatherings are really delightful! If you have not experienced one yet, they are highly recommended by folks who have.

A catered Shabbat Feast, table blessings and an interesting speaker is the menu for the third Friday night of each month. This is a very popular gathering. The food is always great and the topics have been many and varied.

Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum, on the fourth Friday of every month, is unique to BIJ and has had a loyal following for many years. This service is filled with creative prayers, a cappella vocals with lots of harmony, guided meditation and drumming. Our two drummers are amazing. The drumming touches our souls and opens our hearts. If you are searching for something different, a spiritual space where you can literally feel Jewish prayer from your head to your toes, you should come to a Chant and Drum service.

It is my hope that everyone who attended High Holy Day services this year was touched with a rich and varied experience of Jewish tradition and culture and that the shofar blast has sent us all on our way to a spiritually refreshing new year.

See you at Temple!

*Ricki Weintraub*

### MUNI Goes to Shul!!

#### You can now take MUNI to and from BIJ

Route 57 Park Merced bus now stops right in front of BIJ (at the new traffic lights) and at the pedestrian bridge on the other side of Brotherhood Way, connecting with the Daly City BART station. See the route map at <http://transit.511.org/schedules/index.aspx?#m1=S&m2=bus&routeid=43914&cid=SF>

# YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION - B<sup>3</sup>

## B<sup>3</sup> Updates

by Rebecca Goodman, RJE; Director of Education

Our Youth Education program began with Sukkah building and decorating right after Yom Kippur. We hit the ground running and haven't stopped! Some highlights from September and October:

We built a sukkah and created some awesome decorations. This year we learned about ushpizin, the traditional visitors to the sukkah and decided who we would add to the list of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and David. Our guest list included our grandparents, family, friends, Susan B. Anthony, Einstein, Sandy Koufax, and Spider-Man. You can see some of our guests depicted in the figures hanging in the sukkah.

Following Pizza in the Hut, our traditional lunch in the sukkah on the first day of B<sup>3</sup> programming, we celebrated Simchat Torah with our friends from Or Shalom. Dancing with the Torah scrolls, unrolling a Torah completely, and Israeli dancing with a room full of adults and children were extra special this year as we sent Rabbi Katie off on her sabbatical.



Our second week of classes brought Ricki into our tefillah and classrooms for music. Her voice and guitar enlivened the students and set a great tone for the year. She spent a few extra minutes working with our 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade students as they prepare to help lead the Shabbat Shelanu service on November 6.

Did I say we hit the ground running? I wasn't kidding! Week three took us on our first field trip of the year. We jumped in cars, crossed the bridge and explored Urban Adamah (*Adamah* means Earth in Hebrew), an educational farm and community center in Berkeley that integrates the practices of Jewish tradition, sustainable agriculture, mindfulness and social action to build loving, just and sustainable communities. Their organic farm produces a diverse yield of crops, all of which is donated to the local community through food banks and their weekly Farm Free Stand.

The end of October and beginning of November allowed us to settle into a regular rhythm. However, Sisterhood - Women of BIJ will shake things up for us again with the Hanukkah Fair on 11/15, followed by our first Family Education day on 11/22. We're taking B<sup>3</sup> on the road again on 12/6 when we venture over to B'nai Emunah for our Hanukkah festivities and their Hanukkah Fair.

Family Education is important to the sustainability of Jewish learning outside the synagogue walls! This fall we have three family learning opportunities. We'll focus on Tikkun Olam – in terms of

both *na'aseh v'nishmah* – the words from Exodus 24:7 when Moses took the Book of the Covenant, and read it aloud to the people, and they responded, "All that Adonai has spoken we will *do* and we will *listen*."



Our second Family Education opportunity focuses on Hanukkah. Traditional B<sup>3</sup> Hanukkah learning takes place at B'nai Emunah with a variety of activities – including making sufganiyot (donuts) on the sidewalk with the rabbis, music, art projects, and epic games of capture the menorah (Assyrians versus the Maccabees).

Finally, our third Family Education program is for our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders preparing to become Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Each year Rabbi Gottlieb and I hold four parent/child sessions for the upcoming families. Our topics this year include: 1) Find a Mitzvah that Fits Ya! 2) Tikkun Olam and Changing the World 3) Kippah, Tallit & Tefillin: But I just want to wear a hat!, and 4) Owning Your Parashah: How to Study Torah. Session One took place in October, Session Two will be in December and we'll continue in February and April with the final two sessions.

With such a busy start to the educational year, I think we're all looking forward to a few weeks off for winter break while we catch our breath and get ready for 2016! I will see you and introduce Baby Goodman #2 when I return from maternity leave in a couple of months.

11/1/15	B3 @ BIJ
11/8/15	B3 @ BIJ
11/15/15	B3 & Hanukkah Fair @ BIJ
11/21/15	Olivia and Sophia Law become B'not Mitzvah
11/22/15	All-school Tikkun Olam Family Education @ BIJ
11/29/15	No B3 for Thanksgiving
12/6/15	B3 All-school Hanukkah Family Education @ B'nai Emunah
12/13/15	B3 & B'nai Mitzvah Family Education @ BIJ with music
12/20 & 27	No B3
1/3/16	No B3
1/10/16	Happy New Year! B3 resumes @ BIJ

*L'shalom,*

*Rebecca*

## 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 & Intermediate Learners

November 12, December 3, 17

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@att.net](mailto:ricki.weintraub@att.net)



### Learn to Lead a Shabbat Service

Would you like to learn how to lead a Shabbat morning service? Rabbi Gottlieb is looking for members who would be interested in learning how to lead the Shabbat morning prayers, to assist him on Shabbat mornings and lead the service on occasion when he is away. The learning will be in a small group or private tutorial setting, depending on the number of students. A reading knowledge of Hebrew and familiarity with the morning service is required. Please let Rabbi Gottlieb know if you are interested, by email to [rabbigottlieb@bij.org](mailto:rabbigottlieb@bij.org)

### Chant a Torah Portion for Shabbat!

Rabbi Gottlieb is looking for Torah and Haftarah readers for Shabbat mornings throughout the year. IF YOU ALREADY KNOW HOW... You are invited to learn a few new verses to leyn for any Shabbat. Or, chant the maftir or your Haftarah on the anniversary of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Give Rabbi a call at 415.586.8833 or send him an email at [rabbigottlieb@bij.org](mailto:rabbigottlieb@bij.org) to schedule and discuss the details.

### Golden Thursdays: Lunch & Learn with Rabbis Gottlieb, Levin, and Melamut, PLUS Sandwich Making

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

December 17, 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, and Melamut and rotate among all three locations. A light lunch is provided, followed by sandwich making at 1:30 pm for Homeless Outreach. (Rabbi Mizrahi is on sabbatical.)

### Europe/Israel Trip: The World that Was November 18, 7:00 PM

Our Europe/Israel Tour Educator, Dan Ehrlich, will share with us the background of Jewish communities of Poland and the Czech Republic along with a preview of what we will see in Warsaw, Krakow and Prague in June. Dan will also answer any questions about the Tour, and register those of you who are ready to join the group. Join us for this informative evening!

### Hebrew Reading "Crash Course"

Monday evenings 7:00-8:30 PM

November 16, 23, 30, December 7 & 14

Never learned to read Hebrew? Hebrew reading is rusty? Learned some time ago and have forgotten? Join Ricki for a 5-session "crash course" in Hebrew reading. You'll be reading by Hanukkah!! Call the BUJ office at 415.586.8833 or send Ricki an email at [ricki.weintraub@att.net](mailto:ricki.weintraub@att.net) if you would like to attend.

### Learn the Torah Tropes

Has it been a while (years?) since you last read from the Torah? Perhaps you never learned to read the Torah but would like to do so? Would you like to occasionally read the Torah publicly on Shabbat mornings? What about being able to leyn an aliyah when your child is having their Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Are you interested in strengthening your Hebrew understanding and fluency? If so, then consider joining our upcoming adult Torah trope class. (If you are not a fluent Hebrew reader, you should sign up for Ricki's 5-session "crash course" in Hebrew reading first...) Although the starting date is yet to be determined, please let the BIJ office know of your interest.



# SHABBAT

## Shabbat Mornings

### 8:45 AM Torah Study / 10:00 AM Service

Join Rabbi Gottlieb each Shabbat morning at 8:45 for an accessible Torah study session, and then be right on time for Shabbat services led by Rabbi Gottlieb. (The first Saturday of the month is led by Or Shalom's clergy and are joint services with Or Shalom.)

## Erev Shabbat

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Shabbat Shelanu

November 6 & December 4

5:45 PM	Tot Shabbat Service
6:30 PM	Catered main dish, potluck sides & desserts
7:15 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>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Night: Shabbat in the 'Hood

November 13, 7:30 PM, Diamond Heights

December 18, 7:30 PM, The Peninsula

Typically, on the second Friday of each month, we take our Shabbat service "on the road" to different neighborhoods in San Francisco and the Peninsula. (This December, the second Friday night, 12/11, is our Hanukkah Celebration - see below.) Members host the chavurah-style services in their homes, led by Rabbi Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub. This provides an opportunity for our members to enjoy an intimate service and 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.**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Night: Friday Night Feast

#### Jewish Genealogy

November 20, 6:30 PM (No feast in December)

Hear stories of members who have traced their ancestry. We will also be joined by Janice Sellers from the Jewish Genealogical Society who will discuss what the Genealogical Society does and how you can participate. Plus, enjoy a free, catered Shabbat feast! Welcome Shabbat with tableside blessings, then enjoy delicious fare. After *birkat hamazon*, the grace after meals, the genealogy program for the adults takes place; children can retreat to the Fireside Room for supervised activity. Invite your friends! Please RSVP by 11/12 to [sisterhood@bij.org](mailto:sisterhood@bij.org).

## Hanukkah Celebration

December 11, 6:30 PM

Bring your menorah as we light the sixth candle and enjoy latkes and other delicious traditional treats. See page 11 for details!



### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday: Sacred Hebrew Chant & Drum

November 27 & December 25, 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!!!**

### Olivia & Sophia Law B'not Mitzvah

November 21, 10:00 AM



Olivia, a lifelong resident of Pacifica, is the daughter of Alisa Sosnick and Eugene Law, and the twin sister of Sophia. An eighth grader at Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School, Olivia is an honor student whose favorite subjects are History and Literature. She swims with the Pacific Sea Lions and loves to surf.

She loves music, is an accomplished singer, and an avid fan of Taylor Swift. When Olivia learned that she would be visiting France, she developed her own study program and has been learning French on her own. Those who know her recognize her generous and caring nature. If there's a fundraising program for medical research or to help those in need, Olivia is always there to participate. Olivia loves animals, and intends to be a veterinarian. Olivia wants to thank family and friends for being part of her life, and sharing this special day. She thanks Rabbi Gottlieb and Cantor Ricki, and a special thank-you to Cantor David z"l, for sharing their knowledge and love of Torah.

Sophia has lived in Pacifica since birth. She is the daughter of Alisa Sosnick and Eugene Law, and the twin sister of Olivia. An eighth-grade honor student at Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School, she particularly enjoys studying Language Arts and Dance. Sophia is a passionate dancer. Since the age of four, she has studied at, and performed with, the Spindrift Dance School of Pacifica. Sophia is known for her kindness, generosity, and her heartfelt concern for others. She often participates in fundraisers, both at school and in her community. Sophia thanks her family and her friends for being such an important part of her life, and for sharing this special day. To Rabbi Gottlieb and Cantor Ricki, and especially Cantor David z"l, she appreciates their time and commitment to sharing their knowledge and love of Torah.

### Bat Mitzvah Anniversary

December 19, 10:00 AM

Join us as our own Sara Heckelman chants Haftorah Vayigash and sponsors the Kiddush to commemorate the 50th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah. Come and make it a real simcha!



## BIJ COMMUNITY



### Jewish Roots

#### Journey to Europe & Israel

Led by Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub

June 26 – July 10, 2016

**Registration Now Open!**

Land Package Price Per Person: \$3,835

- Airfare and tips not included -

#### 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

Find Out More!

**Israel Trip Education Meeting**  
**November 18<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00 PM, at BIJ**

## BIJ COMMUNITY



### **BIJ's Annual Community Hanukkah Celebration! Erev Shabbat, December 11, 2015 at 6:30 pm**

Our annual community-wide celebration begins with  
Hanukkah & Shabbat candle lighting.  
Bring your own hanukkiyah (Hanukkah menorah) and candles,  
and we will proclaim the "great miracle" with a room filled with light.

Dinner will be partly catered and partly pot-luck.  
BIJ will provide a fish main course,  
accompanied by latkes (with applesauce and sour cream) -  
**you bring a dairy or veggie side dish.**

After dinner, we'll enjoy a dessert of sweet, sugary *sufganiot*  
(jelly donuts), with spinning dreidels and music to  
celebrate the rededication of the Temple in days of old.

**Come join us for this joyful celebration!**

Please RSVP by December 3<sup>rd</sup> to [sisterhood@bij.org](mailto:sisterhood@bij.org)

*Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up*

# SISTERHOOD - THE WOMEN OF BIJ

## Hanukkah Fair!



**Sunday, November 15th**  
**11am to 3pm**

*Hanukkah begins this year on Sunday evening, December 6th.  
 Get a head start on your holiday gifts and decorations by attending our annual  
 Hanukkah Fair!*

*Art, food, live music, and fun, including a special Hanukkah "raffle."  
 Purchase your tickets and then place them in your choice of baskets for the  
 prize(s) you would like to win.*

*Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 15th...  
 This should be a fun pre-holiday event!  
 See you there!*

Purchase online at:  
**[www.aimeegolant.com](http://www.aimeegolant.com)**

Purchase at the following events:  
**Celebration of Craftswomen**  
 November 27th - 29th, 2015  
 Fort Mason Festival Pavillion, SF

**Visit the Studio**  
 December 4th - 16th, 2015  
 167 Caine Ave, SF, CA 94112

**Open Studio Hours:**  
 Friday, December 4th: 3 pm - 6 pm  
 Saturday, December 5th: 11 am - 4 pm  
 Sunday, December 6th: 11 am - 5 pm  
 December 7th - 16th by appointment call:  
 415-533-2433



GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE & LIGHT

**Renowned artist, and BIJ member Aimee Golant is offering to donate  
 10% of purchases to BIJ's general fund. Simply mention BIJ when pur-  
 chasing either from her online store or her studio until the end of the year**

Selections include handmade jewelry and  
 Judaica ranging from earrings to pendants,  
 menorahs to mezuzahs. Check out her  
 beautiful creations at her website.



**Remember to mention 'BIJ' or add 'BIJ' to the memo line of your website order!**



# SISTERHOOD - THE WOMEN OF BIJ

## Update on Rabbi Morris Scholarship Winners, 2003 - 2014

By Lynne Rappaport

In the July/August Bulletin, you learned about the four recipients of the 2015 Rabbi Morris Scholarship: Leah Safford, Gabe Lorvan, Jordana Fuchs-Chesney, and Rebecca Goodman. Here's a wrap-up of previous winners, going back to 2003 when the first scholarship was awarded following the death of Rabbi Morris. We apologize for any gaps; please contact the office if we inadvertently omitted you!

Tori (Victoria) Gottlieb was the first winner, in 2003. The daughter of Amy and Steven Gottlieb, Tori attended Lowell High School and UC Santa Cruz, where she got her BA in History. She worked as an advisor at UC Merced while attending graduate school at CSU Stanislaus. She and her husband and their baby daughter currently live in Seattle, where Tori is an advisor at the University of Washington School of Humanities Informatics program. This summer she spent two weeks in Copenhagen overseeing a portion of the study abroad program.

In 2006 the recipient was Rachel Reves, daughter of Janet and Joel Reves of Pacifica, and grand daughter of Margaret Kaplan. Rachel went to SF State and has an MA in Special Education, along with a teaching credential. She worked at Rosa Parks Elementary School teaching a special day class for grades K-2, and now teaches grades 2 - 5 at Allen School in San Bruno.

The 2009 winner was Allison Berger, daughter of Sandra Berger, who got her multi-subject elementary teaching credential from SF State this year. She has headed north to a small school in Point Arena, near Mendocino, for a new teaching job.

Rachel Reves' sister Paula won in 2010. She got her BA in Religious Studies from UC Davis in 2014. She then went on a five month program in Israel, has completed an EMT course, and went back to Israel this summer on the Birthright staff. She works for Pro-Transport as an EMT.

In 2011 Jenna Smith received the scholarship. The daughter of Lori and Garrett Smith of Pacifica, she went to Terra Nova High School, and graduated from CSU Fresno in 2013. Her degree is in Recreation Administration with a focus on Event Planning. Jenna is currently living in Madagascar working as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Coleman Rosenberg, son of Paul and Sherrie Rosenberg, was the 2012 winner. He attended Washington High School and CSU California Maritime Academy, graduating with a BS in Marine Transportation and a minor in Marine Engineering. Coleman is a third mate who works out of his union hall (Masters, Mates and Pilots). He has spent several months working on the Maersk Alabama.

There were two winners in 2013, Matthew Smith and Victoria Villa. Matt, brother of Jenna (see 2011 above), graduated from

Terra Nova High School and attends UC Berkeley, where he is majoring in Computer Science. This summer he worked at Camp Tawonga in the kitchen. Victoria Villa is Valerie Rudee's granddaughter and lives in Los Angeles. She is majoring in psychology at CSU Northridge, and is fluent in American Sign Language. Her career goal is to work with the hearing impaired after graduate school.

2014 winner Adam Safford is the brother of Hannah and one of the 2015 winners, Leah, and the son of Andy and Reeva. He graduated from Lowell High School and attends City College, fulfilling his general education requirements and enjoying classes in child development.

Thank you to Diane Ehrlich and to the families of the winners for providing up-to-date information, as much as was available.

Editor's Note: Read the first part of this two part article, "Scholarship Winners Pursue Education" in the July/August Bulletin, page 13, at <http://www.bij.org/images/bulletin/Bulletin20150708final.pdf>. That piece includes biographical information about Rabbi Herbert Morris, in whose memory the scholarship was created.

### Applications for 2016 Rabbi Morris Scholarship

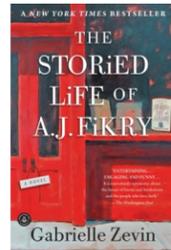
Sisterhood is pleased to announce the opening of the application period for the Rabbi Morris Scholarship. Applicants must be children or grandchildren of members of the Congregation in good standing or members of the Congregation in good standing who have returned to school.

There are three different applications – one for high school seniors, one for students presently in college or graduate school, and one for adults who have gone back to school. The scholarship is for a minimum of \$350. Applications will be available for downloading online at [www.bij.org](http://www.bij.org) or at the Temple office on Dec.14, 2015 and must be returned to the Temple c/o Diane Ehrlich no later than Friday, Feb. 26, 2016.

These scholarships may be used at any accredited 2 or 4 year college/university or at any accredited trade/technical/vocational school. All who are eligible are urged to apply. All applications should be typed or written legibly in black ink.

# SISTERHOOD - THE WOMEN OF BIJ

## BOOK CLUB



### December 2nd, 7PM, Offsite Location

Our December book is *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin, a love letter to the world of books - and booksellers - that changes our lives by giving us the stories that open our hearts and enlighten our minds.

Our next book will be the Jewish Community's One Bay One Book selection, Primo Levi's masterful *The Periodic Table*. Date TBD.

Please contact Sherrie Rosenberg via her email or phone (sherrie.rosenberg@gmail.com or 415.902.8293) to verify date, location and other details. All are welcome for an enjoyable discussion.

*Thank you, Natalie!*



Natalie Melendez-Ortiz volunteered her time, energy, and resources and put on an outstanding nutrition event in October which included a speaker from the Diabetes Association, a nutritionist, and a family of personal trainers. In addition, she showed us how to prepare a healthy meal. The event was informative and fun. Natalie plans to have another event so more of our BIJ community will have the chance to have an enjoyable experience learning about health. No matter how healthy we are, there are always new things to learn.

## COMMUNITY



**San Francisco Support Group** for women who feel unsafe in their relationships, past or present. The support group is co-led by Shalom Bayit and Bay Area Jewish Healing Center to create a spiritual healing atmosphere for women who have experienced abuse. It is free and confidential with childcare provided. All women are welcome regardless of age, religious background or affiliation, partner's gender, or current relationship status. For help or to sign up, call Shalom Bayit at (866) SHALOM-7 or (510) 451-7233. Additional information can be found at [www.shalom-bayit.org](http://www.shalom-bayit.org).



### LATKES!



**Learn to make latkes that are sure to be the stars of your Chanukah feast!**

Cooking Round the World invites you to join us in the kitchen as we learn how to make three celebrity-inspired variations of everyone's favorite Hanukkah dish: Ben Stiller's carrot-zucchini latkes, Jerry Seinfeld's pasta latkes, and Joan Rivers' curried potato latkes. The latkes fun takes place on Thursday, November 12th, from 7 - 9 pm at the San Francisco JCC, 2300 California St. You do not need to be a JCC member to sign up for the class! Other classes will be offered in 2016. Each class is \$23. Register and pay through the JCC at <https://www.jccsf.org/adult/adult-classes/food-and-wine/>. Contact Cooking Round the World Director Mindy Myers, 510-593-5285, with questions.

# COMMUNITY

## Yitzhak Rabin: Life, Death and Legacy

A Symposium Marking the 20th Anniversary of His Assassination  
Sunday, November 8, 1:00 - 5:00 PM  
The Magnes, 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley



### KEYNOTE PANEL

Fred Rosenbaum (Rabin's Life)  
Prof. Amos Giora (Rabin's Death)  
Zohar Avigdori (Rabin's Legacy)

### WORKSHOPS

Zohar Avigdori - Rabin's Values and Legacy in Israel  
Deputy Israeli Consul General Ravit Bir  
Tova Birnbaum - How the "gunshot" caused secular Israelis to ask:  
What is a "Jewish" State?  
Prof. Amos Giora - The Climate of Extremism Before and After the Assassination  
Dr. Eran Kaplan - Leadership at the Crossroads: Rabin, Oslo and a Changing Israel  
Fred Rosenbaum - Everything at Risk: How Rabin Led Israel to Victory in the  
Six Day War and Changed the Middle East  
Donna Rosenthal - Civil Discourse in Israel Following the Assassination

### CLOSING

Rabbis Peretz Wolf-Prusan and Rabbi James Brandt  
Multi-media installation Rabin: Searching for Peace Through Our Memories

Admission is free  
Due to space limitations, registration is strongly recommended:  
[www.lehrhaus.org](http://www.lehrhaus.org)  
For more info:  
510-809-4953 or  
[riva@jfed.org](mailto:riva@jfed.org)

## J Street SF / Bay Area Hosting Internationally Acclaimed New York Times Columnist, Roger Cohen



Please join us for an evening with acclaimed New York Times columnist, Roger Cohen, as he explores the ever changing landscape of the Middle East, Israel's role within it, and what the United States can do to broker a lasting peace in the region.

Congregation Beth Am - Sanctuary, Los Altos Hills  
Monday, December 7th, at 7:00 pm  
This is a FREE event

Please RSVP at [jstreet.org/rogercohensf](http://jstreet.org/rogercohensf)



# TIKKUN OLAM (REPAIRING THE WORLD)

## Southside Jewish Collaborative Tikkun Olam Programs By Lori Ganz, Steve Roditti (Beth Israel Judea), & Bonnie Lindauer (B'nai Emunah)

On September 11th, the Southside Jewish Collaborative was invited to co-host a luncheon at Jewish Family and Children's Services (JCFS) for seniors. Our Planning Committee has been working together for the past nine months planning our efforts to feed the hungry, but we haven't worked together as a whole team at any of the lunch bag sessions or the Food Bank, instead taking turns to make sure things run smoothly. This invitation was a perfect opportunity for the committee to work together and prepare for the holiday with a wonderful group of guests and staff of JCFS. Long-time BIJ member and long-time JCFS volunteer, David Zeff, also volunteered for this special day.

The Collaborative co-sponsored the holiday luncheon by providing the food and volunteer staff to serve and visit with the seniors who attended. The seniors enjoyed the entertainment by Noam Eisen on keyboard and vocals, and as you can see from the pictures, the committee members enjoyed dancing and playing tambourine before the food was served. About 50 seniors attended and each one took home a Rosh Hashanah gift bag with honey cake, apple, honey, chocolate and teas. It was a very festive event. We'll be co-hosting again in the future and would love to share the fun with other BIJ volunteers, let us know if you are interested.

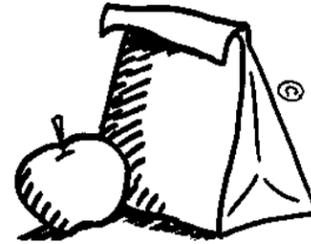


Ruth Maginnis & Steve Spector dancing at the luncheon



Noam Eisen entertaining with volunteer Bonnie Lindauer

We also wanted to introduce you to our other Tikkun Olam Planning Committee members: Bonnie Lindauer and Sharon Bleviss from Congregation B'nai Emunah, Al Zion and Ruth Maginnis from Or Shalom and Stephen Spector from Ner Tamid.



### Upcoming Tikkun Olam Events:

#### Volunteering at Food Bank Last Sunday of each month November 29 & December 27 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Food Bank

Our volunteer corps will continue helping at the SF/Marin Food Bank, 900 Pennsylvania Avenue. Come help prepare food to be distributed to thousands of people in San Francisco. We have a set number of volunteer spots, please RSVP to Lori Ganz (ljganz@yahoo.com or (415) 606-8727) if you are able to join us.

#### Sandwich & Lunch Making Sunday, December 13 1:00 PM at B'nai Emunah

Help make a difference for members of our community through the simple act of making a sandwich and packing a sack lunch.

#### Lunch Bag Assembly Thursday, November 19 at B'nai Emunah Thursday December 17 at Ner Tamid 1:30 PM Following Lunch & Learn at Noon

Join us for the Lunch & Learn program from 12:00 to 1:30, or just come to help assemble lunch bags for the homeless at 1:30 if you'd prefer.



# GIFTS & DONATIONS

## *Todah Rabah - Thank You!*

### *Annual Fund*

Barry and Evelyn Adler  
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 Michael and Betsy Dybbs  
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 Anne and John Fuchs-Chesney  
 Thank you Rabbi, Ricki, Sara, Rebecca & Neil for beautiful High Holy Day Services. In honor of Nancy Greenberg & Deborah Schweizer's Co-Presidency. In memory of Jocheved Chesney and Joseph Fuchs  
 Lori Ganz and Peter Wolff, Jr.  
 Alfred and Myra Herpe  
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### *Care and Concern Fund*

Lee and Harry Huberman  
 In honor of John Fuchs-Chesney on his 70th Birthday  
 Dena Remanick  
 In appreciation of the BIJ community for the love and shared with Robin Winburn-Woll during her life, as we approach the unveiling of her stone  
 Susan Schneider  
 In memory of Edward Pembridge

### *Friday Night Feast*

Sisterhood – The Women of BIJ

### *General Fund*

Anonymous  
 Faith and Ron Appel  
 In memory of Nettie Leiter

### **Gail Block**

In memory of Robert Charles Block

### **Debra and Ben Braun**

For the honor of Max reading Maftir on his Bar Mitzvah anniversary

For the honor of Ben and Deb's Hagbah and Gelilah

### **Neil Bronstein**

In appreciation

### **Sarah Douglas**

### **Nancy Greenberg**

In honor of Rabbi Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub

In honor of John Fuchs-Chesney 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### **Sharon Grossman**

In appreciation of Shabbat Shelanu

### **Sara Heckelman and Elie Aharon**

In honor of dear friend John Fuchs-Chesney on this 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### **Marjorie Hilsenrad**

In appreciation of Sacred Hebrew Chant & Drum Service

### **Sandra Himmelstein**

In appreciation of the Yizkor service

### **Gabriel Isaacs**

In appreciation of Shabbat Shelanu

### **Janet Jacobs**

In appreciation of Shabbat Shelanu

### **Elizabeth Jaroslow**

### **Nancy Johnson**

In memory of Walter Strauss

### **Margaret Kaplan**

In memory of Selma Kay

### **Corinne and Jennifer Kopatz**

In memory of Michael Spade

### **Daniel Miller and Dari Barzel**

Mazel tov and many happy returns to John Fuchs-Chesney on this 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### **Teresa Newmark**

In appreciation of Shabbat Shelanu

### **Geoffrey Rothman and Beth Edwards**

In memory of Milton Rothman

In memory of Arthur Yarnelle

### **Anne and Richard Ruben**

In memory of Carol Lipton

In memory of Harvey Bachman

### **Toby and Robert Rubin**

In honor of John-Fuchs Chesney's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### **Martin Segol**

Congratulations to Rabbi Gottlieb and the Toronto Blue Jays

### **Deborah Schweizer**

### **Gina Silverman**

In appreciation of Shabbat Shelanu

### **William Tarran**

In honor of Joshua Goodman and family

### **Lisa Wolf and Yehuda Golani**

With gratitude and deep appreciation for the guidance, support and encouragement provided for Ezra's Bar Mitzvah, especially to Rabbi Gottlieb, Ricki Weintraub and Sara Heckelman

### **Anne Marie Yellin**

In memory of Francine Yellin

### *High Holy Days*

#### **BIJ Board of Trustees**

Sponsoring the Rosh Hashanah Kiddush in memory of Robin Winburn-Woll

#### **Carolyn & Stanley Wiener**

Sponsoring the flowers for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

# OUR VOLUNTEERS

## Nancy Greenberg and Martin Segol

Sponsoring the Yom Kippur break-fast in loving memory of the voices we will always miss - Cantor Henry Greenberg and Cantor David Morgenstern

## Richard and Anne Marie Ruben

In appreciation of Stan and Carolyn Wiener for sponsoring the High Holy Day Flowers

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In memory of Martin Flaum

With wishes for a speedy recovery – Jose Duque

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In appreciation and with thanks to Gail Harden

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For the Bima Honor during Yom Kippur services

## In memory of Abe Miller

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In appreciation of the Aliyah honor in August

## Lee and Harry Huberman

In honor of Rosh Hashanah services

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In memory of Douglas Becksted

## Stephen Roditti

In memory of Joseph Roditti

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## Ruth Amber

In appreciation of Rabbi Gottlieb

## Sisterhood Beth Israel Judea

## Gift of Beautiful New Tzedakah Boxes

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and a special THANK YOU to:**

## High Holy Days - Deb Braun for all her work!

### Nashira Choir

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### Honey Cake Delivery

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Stella Lorvan

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### Greeters and Ushers - too many to name, Thank You!

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Deborah Schweitzer

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will appear in the next bulletin.

Please forgive us if we inadvertently omitted your name.

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## MUNI Route 57 Park Merced bus now stops at BIJ!

(See page 6 for details.)

### Erev Shabbat Schedule

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Shabbat Shelanu (Our Shabbat)

5:45 PM Tot Shabbat  
6:30 PM Table Blessings and Catered Dinner  
7:15 PM A musical family-friendly service. Our Rabbis lead us with our song leaders. Potluck dessert Oneg Shabbat follows.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: Neighborhood Shabbat

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

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday: FREE Friday Night Feast

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

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday: Sacred Hebrew Chant & Drum

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

#### Weekly Saturday Morning Services

8:45 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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