

BETH ISRAEL JUDEA BULLETIN



BIJ - Your Community for Life

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The BIJ Bulletin

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Congregation Beth Israel Judea is a center for progressive, egalitarian Judaism located in southwest San Francisco. Our multigenerational, participatory community welcomes all Jews and interfaith families along with their partners and friends. We value celebrations of the spirit, Jewish culture, our children’s education, and life-long learning, music, social justice and Tikkun Olam.



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HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Friday, April 22: Erev Pesach
Friday, April 29: Pesach Holiday

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

From the Co-Presidents by Nancy Greenberg & Deborah Schweizer

Deborah's Message: *Leap Year - Double Happiness!*

2016/5776 is a leap year, so this year we have two months of Adar -- Adar I and Adar II. Adar is the official "happy" month where "joy increases as the month begins." As Ricki Weintraub taught us in our Rosh Chodesh class, this year we are graced with "two months of extra happiness."

The Jewish months of Adar and Nissan mark not only the end of the dark days of winter but two holidays commemorating life and emancipation. On the 14th day of Adar we celebrate Purim, the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot to annihilate all the Jews. Starting on the 15th day of Nissan, Passover marks the exodus of the Jews from ancient Egypt and our release from slavery. And as if these holidays did not provide enough reason to feel optimistic at this time of year, our modern times give us another "historic" victory to embrace: the Israeli government's recent decision to approve the creation of an upgraded egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall (Kotel) for non-Orthodox women and men to worship together. While this act is not everything we as Reform Jews hoped for, it marks significant progress in the goal to achieve true religious freedom in Israel. At a time when governments around the world, in places such as Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Poland and possibly even the United States (if certain Presidential nominees get their way), are becoming more intolerant of religious minorities, it is worth taking note of who we are as a Jewish people - our history and values - and celebrate our victories against oppression.

May the coming days of spring truly be a renewal to us all. Let us rejoice!!

Nancy's Message: *Miracles Do Happen!*

Jewish communities around the world celebrate Purim as a holiday of feasting and gladness, gift-giving and tzedakah (charity), revelry and imbibing. It is one of the most popular Jewish holidays for families and children.

Yes, we have known more than our share of "Hamans" throughout history: those who sought to bring evil and destruction to the Jewish people. But Mordecai and Esther have prevailed, and still we Jews are vibrant and a significant influence for good in our world.

Perhaps our Purim celebration is really a "mask" for the serious matter of Jewish survival in an often hostile world. So many times throughout history have there been those "Hamans" who pointed to our people and accused us of being "different" and of questionable loyalty to the countries in which we have lived.

But we are still here, and so are our values, ideals and visions for our world. Why did our ancient rabbis contend that "in the time of the Messiah that only Purim will be observed?" Because Purim represents the triumph of goodness over evil, and light over darkness. Purim declares to us that there is yet hope for a more tolerant, just and righteous world.

Purim is the quintessential community holiday. We are commanded to read the "Megillat Esther" in public. During the reading, it is customary for the congregation to drown out the name of Haman by making noise, usually using a special noisemaker called a gragger, whenever the reader utters the villain's name. Another custom is to read the verses listing the ten sons of Haman in one breath. (Can the Rabbi or Rebbitzin do it?) People of all ages, I hope you will join with us for our celebration and affirmation of our heritage.

As we approach the festival of Passover, we are about to partake in that delicacy that most of us eat only once a year during the days of Passover. Of course, I am speaking about Matzah and the central place it takes in our observance of such a profound holiday as Passover.

It has been written: "For a symbol of freedom, you are not very impressive. You do not sparkle like wine; you are not sweet like charoset, or delicious and sumptuous like the festive meal. On a night of families coming together to rejoice, you are just your simple self. Shouldn't freedom have a more striking representative than you? You remind us of our humble beginnings as slaves, and yet you show that the lowly, not just the high and mighty, can become free. You are the symbol of the possibility of change for all."

Passover is for retelling the story of our quest for freedom; it reminds us that we have experienced another year of living. Passover is our festival of hope. The slave can go free. Visions of a better world can be realized. And miracles do happen, however we define them.

We come together as a community to tell this story of slavery to freedom.



Nancy Greenberg and Deborah Schweizer

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

It's a Big Megillah, not a Purim Shpiel

By Rabbi Danny Gottlieb



It is hard not to feel totally inundated by the Republican and Democratic primaries. Television and radio news coverage, social media, bumper stickers, late night and Sunday morning programs are increasingly saturated by the events, the debates, the demagoguery and the name-calling. Occasionally, they even deal with qualifications and policies of the candidates, though that seems rare.

Sometimes, I feel like I am in Shushan!

The beauty contest; with contestants lining up to be the King's choice, primping and fussing to get the King's attention, all with the hope of being chosen. The power of the royal crown is the prize.

The characters; lots of choices for Haman this year, each with a different version of disparaging women who demand autonomy (and equal pay), and who do not conform to the king's ideas of "proper place." Lots of choices indeed, each with a different idea of how to deal with "a certain people, scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; and their laws are different from every other people, nor do they keep the king's law." (Esther 3:8) And then, of course there is Esther and her 74-year old uncle Mordechai (the Jew).

The play; many who would like others to bow down, parades and festive gatherings, cheering crowds, searching in the Books of Records for one's enemy's past words and deeds, demagogues and fools, accusations and retorts, self-aggrandizement and crushing defeat. One hopes for a hero at the end of it all to save the people from themselves.

But, my friends, the race for President of the United States, the primaries and the election next fall are NOT a Purim shpiel. They are a BIG MEGILLAH. On the outcome of the election rests the direction that our country will follow for a very long time. Will we continue to be a nation divided on racial, economic and political lines? Will the Congress continue to be stuck in the mire of partisanship that has eschewed compromise and paralyzed our government's ability to legislate according to the will of the people? What will be the composition of the Supreme Court, and how will that affect our nation's social policy and our electoral practices? What will be our foreign policy and how will that inform our relationships with our strategic partners and adversaries around the world?

These are big questions. They are no joking matter. They must be taken seriously. The rabbis teach that on Purim, you may drink "until you cannot tell the difference between 'Cursed be Haman and blessed be Mordecai.'" But there is a difference!

Now most of you know that I am not eligible to vote in November, (though I hope to be eligible to vote in the mid-term elections in 2018), so I cannot vote. BUT YOU CAN!! AND YOU MUST!!

This is the month of Adar. And since this is a leap year on the Hebrew calendar, next month is also Adar. Tradition tells us that in the month of Adar, we should be happy. The truth is that when the results are all in, some will be happy and some will not, but those who keep themselves informed and vote their conscience will have reason to be grateful for the freedom and the privilege of sustaining our democracy and giving direction to our future. It is time to cast the lots...

Shalom,

Rabbi Danny Gottlieb

OY YEA!! OY YEA!!



BIJ ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, May 1 at 10:00 am

Come One, Come All!!

*Consultant Extraordinaire Jenni Mangel will be our Guest Speaker

*Learn About Our Progress Implementing our Community Participation Plan

*VOTE! Elect New Board of Trustee Members

*Meet the Team Leaders

*Hear about the State of the Synagogue

Light refreshments and plenty of opportunity to schmooze will be provided.

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.)

Special Shabbat, Festival and Yizkor Service

April 30, 10:00 AM

The conclusion of Passover falls on Shabbat this year. Therefore, our morning service on April 30 will include the special prayers for the Passover Festival, including Hallel. Yizkor will also be included in this service.



1st Friday: Shabbat Shelanu

March 4 at B'nai Emunah

April 1 at BIJ

5:45 PM	Tot Shabbat Service
6:30 PM	Dinner
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>

Note: March 4 is a POTLUCK dinner (main course and sides); please bring a dish for 12 people. On April 1, main dish will be provided; please bring potluck sides & desserts.

2nd Friday: Shabbat in the 'Hood

March 11, 7:30 PM in Twin Peaks

April 8, 7:30 PM, location to be announced

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 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.

3rd Friday: Friday Night Feast

March 18 & April 15, 6:30 PM

A free, catered Shabbat feast! Welcome Shabbat with table-side blessings, then enjoy delicious fare and each others' company. After *birkat hamazon*, the grace after meals, a special program for the adults takes place; children retreat to the Fireside Room for supervised activity. Invite friends who have never been to BIJ! This monthly event is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends to our BIJ Community.

Programming for both upcoming Friday Night Feasts will be announced at a later date.

RSVP to Sisterhood@bij.org by March 10 for March 18.

RSVP to Sisterhood@bij.org by April 7 for April 15.

Childcare can be arranged if needed—make sure to let us know when you RSVP.

4th Friday & Special 5th Friday:

Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum

March 25 & April 29, 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.



Since the 4th Friday in April is the first night of Passover, and all will be at their seders (no service at BIJ that night), our Chant and Drum will be on the 5th Friday. As it falls during Passover, please make sure that any treats you bring for the Oneg are Kosher for Passover.

Tell a friend – all are welcome!!!



HOLIDAYS

PURIM

B3 Purim Carnival

March 20, 9:30 am

The Purim Carnival will be at BIJ this year. Check our website and weekly emails for details!

Community Purim Celebration

Peter Pan a'Purim

March 23, 6:00 pm



The Southside Jewish Collaborative partners gather at BIJ for our fabulous Purim Celebration, featuring potluck supper, noshes and schnapps, Purim sing-a-long, Megilah reading and hamantashchen. Got any great costume ideas for a character from *Peter Pan*?

Bring a veggie or dairy potluck dish for 8-10 people. And bring an unopened box of mac & cheese to use as a gragger, which will then be donated to our Hunger Relief Project.

Check our website and weekly emails for more details.

PESACH

Do a Mitzvah for Passover!

Thursday, April 21, 1:30 PM

Pesach Time and the Kitchen Needs Cleaning...This year we will be kashering the Temple kitchen for Pesach on Thursday afternoon and we need your help. We will

begin immediately after our Lunch & Learn—there will be no Tikkun Olam sandwich making that day, so consider staying to kasher the kitchen instead! We will learn together with Rabbi Gottlieb about the fine points of Pesach kashering as we prepare the kitchen for the Festival.

If you would like to be among the volunteers, contact the BIJ Office.



Gefilte Fish, Chrain & Charoset

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 PM



This year will it be their fish...

or Rabbi's fish...



Join Rabbi and Ricki for a Gefilte, Chrain & Charoset Workshop:

- ✧ Learn to make gefilte fish...the Rabbi's way "add a fist of salt and some pepper" and chrain Ricki's way "fresh beets and horseradish root"
- ✧ Learn to make charoset
- ✧ Help to make the fish for our Community Seder We'll need about 100 pieces
- ✧ Make some fish and charoset for your own 1st night seder \$1/piece – order in advance with your rsvp – pick up on Friday

RSVP no later than April 15 to office@bij.org or 415.586.8833

HOLIDAYS

BIJ Community Second Night Seder April 23, 6:30 PM



The Pesach Seder is meant to be celebrated with family and friends. Join us for our annual Second Night Community Seder on Saturday, April 23rd, as we retell our People's most cherished story, with discussion, food and song.

The Haggadah reminds us, "Let all who are hungry come and eat!" We encourage you to invite your family and friends to join Rabbi Gottlieb, Ricki Weintraub and our BIJ family for this special night that is different from all other nights.

Members: \$40 (children under 12, \$20)

Non-Members: \$50 (children under 12, \$30)

RSVP and send in your payment by April 17 to the BIJ Office: 415.586.8833/office@bij.org

Or register and pay on our website at www.bij.org/events-donations/registration

Donations to BIJ's *Elijah Fund* will enable everyone to attend.

No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

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.

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

March 17, 12:00 NOON at Ner Tamid

April 21, 12:00 NOON at BIJ

Designed for people with flexible schedules who would like to come to the synagogue for a bite, learn with the rabbis, and socialize. The Lunch & Learn sessions take place the third Thursday of the month, 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 Hunger Relief Project. (*Rabbi Mizrahi of Or Shalom is on sabbatical.)

Note: there will be no sandwich making on April 21, as we will be kashering the kitchen for Pesach. Consider staying to help with that, if you usually stay to help with the lunches.



ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Hebrew Class

March 3, 17 & 31, April 14

6:30-7:30 PM

This is an intermediate Hebrew course, where we are working on improving reading skills, developing the building blocks of Hebrew grammar and increasing our vocabulary. We meet bi-weekly (with the exception of the Pesach Break on April 28). \$10/session. Contact Ricki Weintraub for more information: ricki.weintraub@att.net

Sunday Study Circle

March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24

10:00AM-12:00PM

On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, join the Sunday Study Circle for an on-going study of the Tanach. The group is led by members of Or Shalom. What a wonderful opportunity for parents to study while their children are attending B3! Check the weekly emails for location.

Monthly Craft & Schmooze

March 13 & April 10, 1:00 PM

In every culture since the beginning of memory, tribal groups have gathered to make things. Men formed groups to invent and manufacture hunting tools, women gathered to make clothing and useful items for their daily tasks. Within these groups, the elders taught the young people the purpose for their crafts, instructed them in how to make them, and – the added bonus – shared an oral history of their people and their myths.

Craft & Schmooze is one of these rich opportunities to give us a place to renew those customs. Once a month in the Fireside Room, a group of BIJ women (men are invited to join too!) meet to share skills and stories. There is inspiration in being present in the creation of something useful, beautiful, nurturing. The stories of the elders and the shared discoveries of the young are irreplaceable. This is more than a pastime activity. It is still meaningful in keeping the oral history and culture of our spiritual family alive.

Bring your skill to share with someone who would like to learn it, come to see what you might like to learn. Everyone is friendly and enthusiastic. That's how it is in the tribal circle – always was, always will be.



Yvonne Loran

Women's Rosh Chodesh Group

March 9, 7:00 PM

No Rosh Chodesh Group in April

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.

The Feminist Seder is taking the place of the April Rosh Chodesh Group (see next page).



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 publically on Shabbat mornings? What about being able to chant an aliyah when your child or grandchild is celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah? If so, then consider joining our upcoming adult Torah trope class. Although the starting date is yet to be determined, please let the BIJ office know of your interest.

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 to schedule and discuss the details.

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 email Rabbi Gottlieb if you are interested.

THE WOMEN OF BIJ

FEMINIST SEDER

For Men and Women

Sunday, April 17, 2016

6:00 PM - Seder

Followed by a Dairy Potluck Dinner

\$15.00 for Women of BIJ - Sisterhood members

\$18.00 for non-members

Sisterhood - The Women of BIJ

By Sherrie Rosenberg, President

April is a busy month full of important and fun events. We have activities on three Sundays in a row.

On April 3rd, we will have our **Election of Officers Meeting**. We decided to move up our election to April so that the officers-elect and the current officers will have time to work together before the new officers begin their terms at our June meeting. Please consider running for a Sisterhood - The Women of BIJ office. Feel free to contact any of us with questions. Active membership is what allows us to do so much for BIJ.

On April 10th at 2 pm, we will have our second **Comedy Afternoon with Will Durst**. With the race to the November presidential election going on, Will has a lot of very funny material to share with us. We almost filled up the room the last time he was here so hopefully we'll do it again. Please spread the word (details on the next page).

On April 17th at 6:00 pm, we will have our second annual **Towards Freedom - A Feminist Seder for the New Millennium** led by Ricki Weintraub.

Last year was a wonderful success. It was very well enjoyed by members and guests.

The **San Francisco Giants Jewish Heritage Night** is Tuesday, August 30, 2016. If you are interested in helping create a BIJ group, please contact Terry Levy by April 18th at 415-334-1005 or terryalevy@netzero.com.

L'shalom, Sherrie

sherrie.rosenberg@gmail.com or 415.902.8293

Women of BIJ Meeting

Election of Officers

April 3rd @ 10:30am



Pesach is the festival of our liberation from enslavement. In both ancient and contemporary times, we find ourselves enslaved, one way or another. Congregation Beth Israel Judea is hosting a Feminist Seder, using the haggadah, **Towards Freedom: A Feminist Haggadah for Men & Women**, by author and artist **Heather Mendel** who writes:

"As spiritual seekers who hold our Judaism dear, we wish to "un-silence" and release the voice of the women who have gone before us. We acknowledge their role in our history. We wish to look at our beloved tradition from a new perspective; one that honors all as equal and one that is relevant to our lives today." Led by Interim Cantorial Soloist **Ricki Weintraub**, using the music of Debbie Friedman and other contemporary musicians, we will participate in a Kabbalistic interpretation of the ancient exodus from Mitzraim. Our seder is a wonderful way to prepare for Pesach.

- Teens age 13 and up are welcome, free of charge.
- Please bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to share (no desserts, please).
- Copies of the haggadah will be available for sale for \$20 each. You are not required to purchase a haggadah to attend and participate in the seder.

Questions? Contact Ricki Weintraub -

ricki.weintraub@att.net

THE WOMEN OF BIJ

Sisterhood – The Women of BIJ Present

An Afternoon of Political Comedy with

Will Durst

What's not funny about a Presidential Election?

Congregation Beth Israel Judea
625 Brotherhood Way, S.F.

Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

\$25.00 Advance - \$30.00 at the Door
Student Price with ID:
\$15.00 Advance - \$20.00 at the Door

Ample Parking!
Refreshments Provided



Will Durst

Tickets may be purchased online at our website:
www.bij.org.

To purchase by mail, send a check for \$25 per person, payable to BIJ Sisterhood.

Mail check to BIJ with the number of tickets, names of all ticket holders, and your contact information (phone and email).

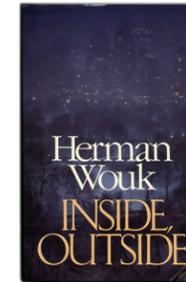
If you would like childcare, we must receive your request by April 3rd; cost is \$10 per child.

For more information, contact Sherrie Rosenberg.

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The BIJ Bulletin is available online!

Check out these pictures in full color at <http://bij.org/news-blogs-a-photos/newsletters>

BOOK CLUB



March 30th, 7PM, Offsite Location

Our book is *Inside, Outside*, a Herman Wouk novel telling the story of four generations of a Russian Jewish family and its travails in Russia and America.

Please contact Sherrie Rosenberg at 415.902.8293 or sherrie.rosenberg@gmail.com for location and other details. All are welcome for an enjoyable discussion.

Need A Lift to Shul?



Please let us know if you would like a ride to and from BIJ for any services or events. Contact Myra Herpe at 650.992.3330, or Sherrie Rosenberg at sherrie.rosenberg@gmail.com or 415.902.8293 and we will do our best to get you rides.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION - B³

While Rebecca Goodman was on maternity leave, the fun and learning continued at B3.

The B3 Religious School went on a field trip to the Contemporary Jewish Museum in January. Docents took our students through the museum and led conversations and art projects to integrate the concepts of the exhibits with Jewish ideas and traditions. It was a great opportunity to get out of the classroom and enrich the learning experience for the students.

Please note: The March 4 Shabbat Shelanu will be at B'nai Emunah.

B3 Schedule March/April 2016:

3/4/16	Shabbat Shelanu at B'nai Emunah
3/6/16	B3, 9:30 AM
3/13/16	B3, 9:30 AM
3/20/16	PURIM CARNIVAL, 9:30 AM
3/27/16	NO B3
4/1/16	Shabbat Shelanu at BIJ
4/3/16	B3, 9:30 AM
	BAR/BAT MITZVAH FAMILY ED, 12:00 PM
4/10/16	B3, 9:30 AM
4/17/16	B3, 9:30 AM
4/24/16	NO B3—PESACH/SPRING BREAK



TIKKUN OLAM

The Southside Jewish Collaborative Tikkun Olam Committee

The Southside Jewish Collaborative Tikkun Olam Committee has completed its first year of programming. We're in the process of planning for the next twelve months and appreciate all of the comments and ideas we received in our recent survey. We'll let you know what new endeavors we will be adding to our work.

We'd like to thank all of you who have filled our tzedakah boxes and helped out with our Hunger Relief focus this year. We want to thank the volunteers who helped us with packing food at the Food Bank, serving lunch at St. Anthony's Dining Hall and making over 3,000 lunch sacks and sandwiches for the homeless and hungry. In our start-up efforts, our recordkeeping may have missed a few of you, and we sincerely apologize if we missed anyone from this list. We are so appreciative of the support from the BIJ Community.

Lori Ganz and Steve Roditti
Hunger Project Committee members

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| Barry Adler | Evelyn Adler |
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| Nina Espinoza | Johanna Gendelman |
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| David Zeff | Avril Zielin-Brodey |

And... The B3 Parents and Students who helped make an additional 300 lunches themselves!

Upcoming Tikkun Olam Activities:

Sandwich & Lunch Sack Preparation after Lunch & Learn

12:00 - Come for lunch and study with one of the Southside Collaborative rabbis

1:30 – Help prepare lunch sacks for the Homeless Outreach Team

** Join us for either or both! **

March 17 at Ner Tamid

April 21 at BIJ, no sandwich making, as we prepare the kitchen for Pesach

Food Bank Volunteering at San Francisco/Marin Food Bank

900 Pennsylvania Avenue, SF

Sunday, March 27 9:00 – 11:00

Sunday, April 17 9:00 – 11:00 ** Please note, this is NOT the last Sunday in April, due to Passover.

WINTER WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

With a motto of "Clean out your closets and do a mitzvah," BIJ congregants came together to help local families in San Mateo County in need of warm clothing this winter. A large donation of warm coats, socks, shoes, sweatshirts, baby clothes and more was collected throughout January. The YMCA Community Resource Center in South San Francisco and the Community Action Response Team/Daly City Partnership each received nine bags. Their thank you letters are posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Thank you to all who brought in donations; to Sara, Neil, and Rabbi Mark Melamut; to Terry Levy for hand-lettering the sign; and to Yvonne Lorvan and Sandie Spacek for sorting everything with me at the end!

Lynne Rappaport



COMMUNITY

Introducing the Bay City Odd Fellows Lodge #71

It is fast approaching the second year that our organization will be meeting at Congregation Beth Israel Judea (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm). So, it is only fitting that we, Bay City Lodge #71, introduce ourselves to you.

IOOF is an acronym for Independent Order of Odd Fellows - a fraternal and benevolent organization which began in 1819 in the US and Canada, striving to make the world a better place. We use the guidelines of Friendship, Love and Truth to influence our daily lives and to work toward giving aid to those in need or for the benefit of all mankind. It is thought that the name "odd fellow" derived from the fact that back then it was considered "odd" for a "fellow" to help others so unselfishly.

Bay City Lodge #71 is one of eight Odd Fellow lodges in San Francisco. Bay City Lodge #71 was instituted on September 4, 1857. Most of the founding members were Jewish, as is the current membership. Many of our lodge members are familiar faces at BIJ - coming here to worship, celebrate bar and bat mitzvahs, or attend events.

Throughout the year, we have social functions like activities with other Odd Fellow Lodges, a Ladies' Day Brunch, an annual picnic in San Mateo, a Bingo Night, and the occasional field trip. However, we also deal with social needs such as making charitable donations to nonprofit organizations and our "Season of Sharing," which purchased, wrapped, and donated gifts, toys, and books to foster care children during the holiday season.

Bay City Lodge would like to express our appreciation to Sara Heckelman and Neil Bronstein for their constant support - graciously accommodating our needs/requests. We look forward to another successful year at BIJ. Any BIJ members interested in joining our Lodge are welcome to speak with one of our members.

Karen Chin, Noble Grand

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****

Plans are underway for the URJ San Francisco Bay Area Community to march in the **SF Pride Parade, Sunday, June 26, 2016**. For the third year running, Reform Jews from across the Bay Area will march together as one united group to show our solidarity with the Pride movement, proclaim our support of civil and human rights, and demonstrate our own strength in numbers.

As the date gets closer, we'll have more information to share. Any questions? Contact Lori Ganz @ LJGanz@yahoo.com

20TH ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO MULTICULTURAL PASSOVER FREEDOM SEDER

The 20th Annual SF Multicultural Passover Freedom Seder

April 20, 6:00 PM at JCCSF

Why is this night different from all other nights?

Twenty years ago, JCRC began its own discourse with the story of Exodus and the Jewish celebration of freedom. The SF Multicultural Passover Freedom Seder celebrates our community as a bastion of freedom. Be part of this participatory, cross-cultural, interfaith exchange, and honor one of the most important Jewish holidays of the year!

Purchase tickets at www.jcrc.org/news-events/events

Cooking Round the World

This fun series at the JCCSF continues with two classes celebrating the foods of our upcoming holidays...

Better Than Bubbe's Hamantaschen

March 17, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Maybe you've eaten the apricot, poppy seed and strawberry jam hamantaschen. Now it's time to go hamantaschen alternative! We'll make one basic dough and stuff it with several unexpected fillings, including: Caramelized Onion and Goat Cheese Savory Hamantaschen, Coffee Cake Hamantaschen, Lemon Bar Hamantaschen, Chocolate Ganache and Salted Caramel Hamantaschen.

A Sephardic Passover

April 14, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Spice up your Passover feast with these traditional dishes from the Middle East. Learn how to make lemony dolmas de verduras (stuffed vegetables) from Greece, smoky baba ganoush from Lebanon, fragrant kofte de pirasa (spiced meatballs) from Turkey and nutty baklava cake.

For more information and to register:

www.jccsf.org/adult/adult-classes/food-and-wine/

COMMUNITY



INCLUDE Special Needs Family Camp

Fri, May 6, 2016 - Sun, May 8, 2016

Camp Newman

4088 Porter Creek Rd. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Each year, children with special needs and their siblings, parents, and grandparents enjoy three days of community, creativity, and fun in a Jewish setting at Special Needs Family Camp. Together they participate in Jewish communal and life cycle events and worship services. They attend workshops, relax, find support, and share experiences.

Special Needs Family Camp is a magical weekend for all attendees. Parents attend workshops, relax, share common experiences, and receive support while siblings and campers challenge themselves and make new friends while engaging in outdoor and indoor activities.

“The acceptance we feel at camp is like no other place. ‘No-shush’ gatherings are wonderful. We love this weekend and this community.”

“We look forward to Camp every year. Before we left, my child wanted to know the dates of Camp next year. The talent show this year was so moving. I love seeing the ‘typical’ kids and the ‘not typical’ kids interact and share space.”

All activities are geared towards families and youth ages 3 to 25. All children with special needs will have one-on-one attention from highly-trained staff.

Families stay in beautiful private cabins at Camp Newman in Santa Rosa. Each cabin has its own full bathroom. Kosher meals and snacks provided.

Scholarships are available through both the SF-based and East Bay Jewish Community Federations.

For more information and to register, to go:
<http://www.jewishlearningworks.org/events/include-family-camp-2016>

Contact for questions:
Cheryl Cohen: chercohen1@gmail.com

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Annual Fund

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In memory of David Morgenstern

Friday Night Feast

Sisterhood – The Women of BIJ

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In appreciation of Shabbat Shelanu

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Shabbat Shalom!

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In memory of Jerome Field

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In appreciation of Shabbat Shelanu

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In appreciation of Shabbat Shelanu

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In appreciation of the Holiday Celebrations

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Jane Field and Family

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Youth Awards & Scholarship Fund

Gail Harden

In memory of Evey Abramowitz

Gift-in-Kind

Paul and Carol Kameny

Books for the BIJ Library

*Donations received after February 15
will appear in the next bulletin.*

VOLUNTEERS

***THANK YOU to all our volunteers, and a special
THANK YOU to our members who give of their
time, energy and skills:***

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And many other wonderful volunteers.

Please forgive us if we inadvertently omitted your name.



Share the Joy

Shabbat at BIJ

Shabbat is for sharing victories, celebrations, and special times with your BIJ community! Whether it's an anniversary, a birthday, a Yahrzeit, a graduation, a new job, a new pet, or a new hairdo - these are great reasons to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat or a Kiddush! It's easy and fun for everyone - you can even co-sponsor with a friend. Call the BIJ Office to reserve your date today!

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Erev Shabbat Schedule

1st Friday: Shabbat Shelanu (Our Shabbat)

5:45 PM Tot Shabbat
6:30 PM Table Blessings and Dinner
7:15 PM A musical family-friendly service. Our Rabbis are joined by our song leaders. Potluck dessert Oneg Shabbat follows. RSVP.

2nd Friday: Neighborhood Shabbat

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

3rd Friday: FREE Friday Night Feast

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

4th Friday: Sacred Hebrew Chant & Drum

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

Weekly BIJ Saturday Morning Services

8:45 AM Torah Study
10:00 AM Shabbat Services
Light Kiddush follows

OY YEA!! OY YEA!!

BIJ ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, May 1 at 10:00 am
Come One, Come All!!



*Consultant Extraordinaire Jenni Mangel will be our Guest Speaker

*Learn About Our Progress Implementing our Community Participation Plan

*VOTE! Elect New Board of Trustee Members

*Meet the Team Leaders

*Hear about the State of the Synagogue

Light refreshments and plenty of opportunity to schmooze will be provided.