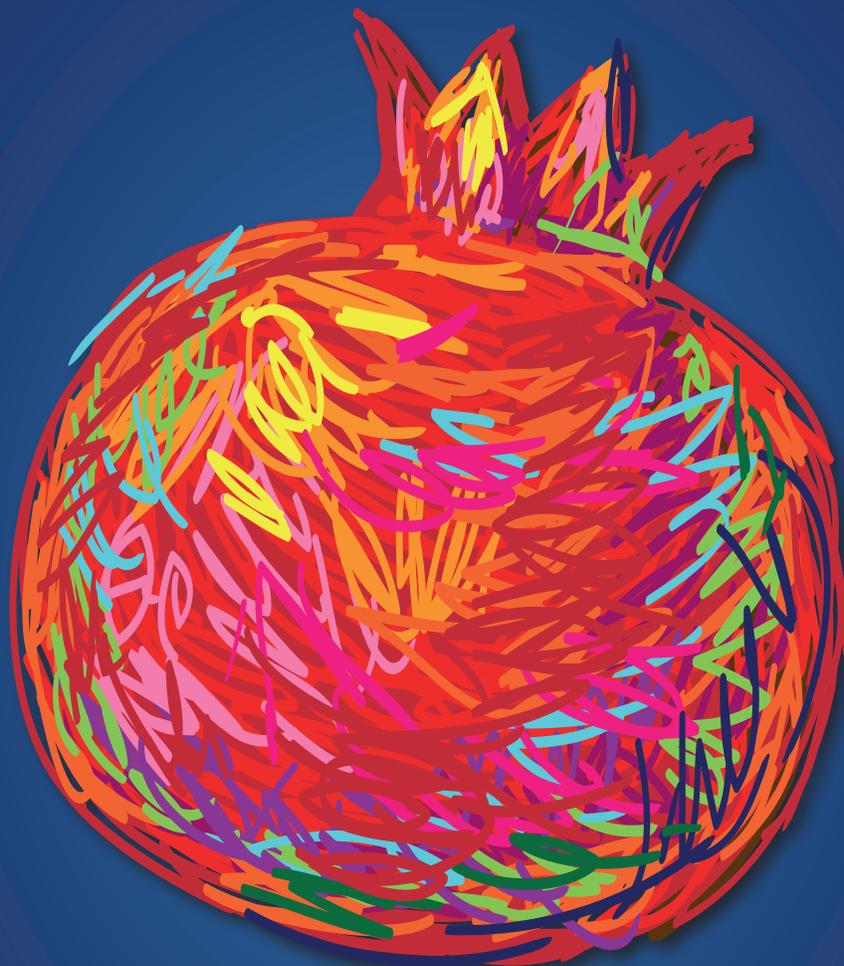


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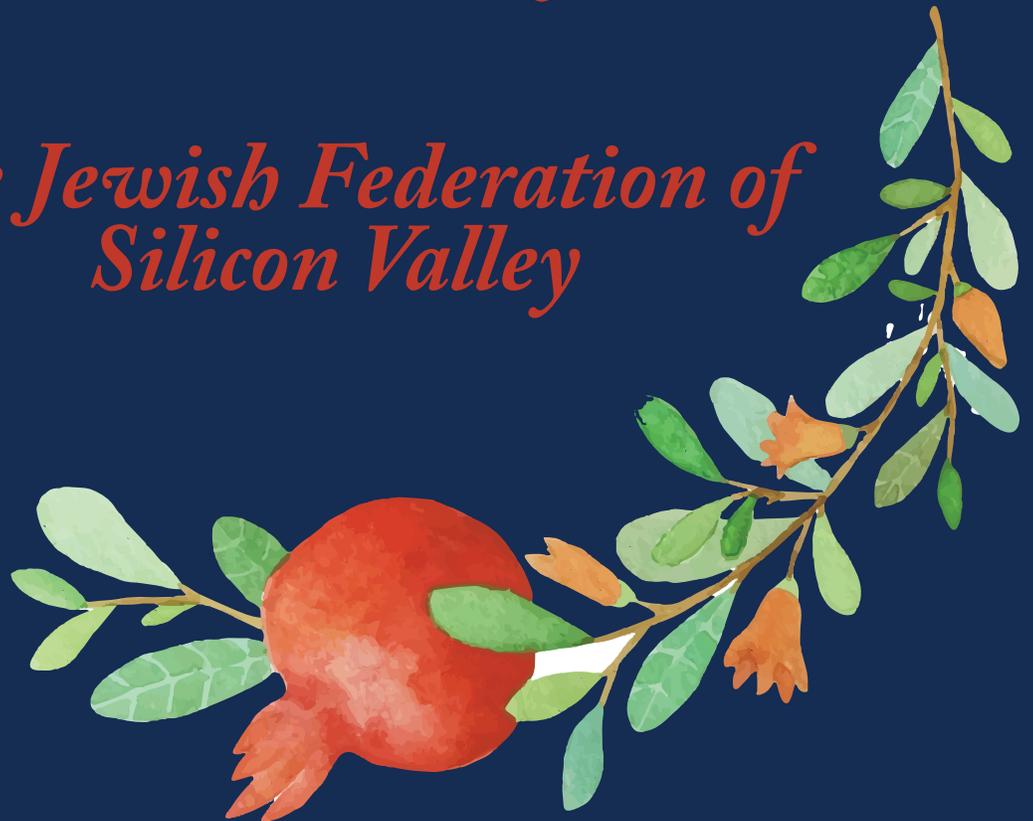
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*Shana Tova!*

*Wishing our community  
all the best in 5779.*

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**From the CEO**  
Jyl Jurman

*“An eye for an eye makes  
the whole world blind.”*  
- Mahatma Gandhi

**T**'shuvah is a central part of our High Holidays tradition. While we generally define t'shuvah as repentance, the Hebrew verb literally means a turning. During Yom Kippur we pray for a fresh start. A return to the right path of the commandments of the Torah and the work of seeking justice.

The liturgy during the Yom Kippur service reflects our responsibilities as a community and our personal commitments as individuals. When we think back on our actions of the past year, how often have we chosen the easier path of ignorance or indifference to policies and behaviors that we know in our hearts to be wrong? Standing up for social justice and cultural equality may be challenging at times. But the road to peace is lined with understanding, compassion and respect.

The current climate in which bullying, xenophobia, and racism run rampant moves us away from that road to peace. Policies on immigration, registering of Muslim Americans, and banning travel for those from predominantly Muslim countries have touched a responsive chord in many of us. We have a history of standing with our interfaith friends and neighbors to combat Islamophobia and will continue to do so in these troubling times. I am extraordinarily proud of this issue of JValley magazine, in which we shine a spotlight on some of these concerns.

This Rosh Hashanah, 5779, we look forward to all the possibilities a new year brings. I encourage you all to learn, to love and to live a life that supports social justice and peace for all. On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley, I wish you all a very happy, healthy and sweet new year!

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## AROUND THE COMMUNITY



(Above) The APJCC Russian-speaking Jewish Program hosted an end-of-year picnic for the families whose children participated in HEDER and Club Noar, Jewish education programs for Russian-speaking kids ages 4-12 years old. For more information about Russian-Speaking Jewish Programs at the JCC, see [apjcc.org/russian](http://apjcc.org/russian)



(Below) A new playground at South Peninsula Hebrew Day School will be the delight of students when they return to school. This special "outdoor classroom" is filled with innovative, all-natural wood structures designed to enhance the students' creativity and free play.



(Left) JFS SV Chaplain Aides (left to right, Harry Cornbleet, Ken Abrams, Kristin Gustavson, Sheila Monheit, Judy Holtzman, Joanne Cornbleet) who lead monthly services at senior facilities recently met for a thought-provoking teaching by Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia (3rd from left in photo).



(Above) JFS SV volunteer Alanah Rosenbloom and summer intern Molly Ball helped local students become ready for school through JFS SV's 4th Annual Equipped to Learn Back-To-School Drive.



(Above) Fun & games are the order of the evening as the community enjoys an APJCC-hosted summer float night.



(Above) Yavneh Class of 2018



(Above) Yavneh's Modern Band at the APJCC Music Festival



**From our  
Federation  
Chair**

Dr. Jeff Kanel

**Y**ou may know that PACT (People Acting in Community Together) has chosen to honor Zahra Billoo at their annual luncheon in October. Their decision is solely based on the work Ms. Billoo has done in relation to the Muslim travel ban. The concern within our Jewish community and among our interfaith friends is that PACT acted without considering Ms. Billoo's long history of using social media and other platforms to spew hate-filled, anti-Semitic messages.

We are fortunate to be able to build on the strong relationships the JCRC and our synagogues have created over the past years. Many of our friends have stepped forward in support of the Jewish community in response to PACT's decision. (See section beginning on p. 15).

In addition, Congregation Beth David, Congregation Shir Hadash, Temple Emanu-El and the Federation are working in concert to address the longer-term concerns that have resulted from PACT's decision. This process is complex; it takes time and careful consideration. As we approach the High Holy Days, we draw from our Jewish tradition to guide us as we navigate through these turbulent waters.

Our rabbis and tradition teach us that the High Holy Days are a time of reflection, introspection and renewal. It is a time to look deep within ourselves and our relationships. The voice of the shofar calls us to waken from our spiritual slumber and to rectify our behavior and deeds. This year let the shofar move you forward with a purpose to do good, to care for our Earth and all its humanity and to perform acts of mitzvot and loving kindness. On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley, I wish you all a year filled with peace. Shana Tovah!

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:**

**LEGACY PLANNING  
WORKSHOP**



**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** APJCC Auditorium

**O**n May 29, the Silicon Valley Jewish Community Legacy Project and Congregation Beth David sponsored a workshop that included coverage of estate planning changes under the new tax laws. The event got such high marks from attendees that a second presentation will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the Addison-Penzak JCC. Presenters will be David Hoffman, tax attorney, and Alan Werba, wealth manager.

Changes under the 2017 tax bill were significant, increasing the lifetime estate tax exemption to more than \$11 million per person. The first half of the workshop will focus on the impact of this bill. According to Hoffman, "Anyone with a trust that is more than five years old should review it with their attorney to measure the impact of the new law and see if an overhaul is desirable."

The second half of the workshop will focus on the role of legacy giving in a thoughtful estate plan. "Balancing your need to provide for your family upon your death with your desire to sustain organizations and causes that are near and dear to your heart can be challenging," said Werba. "For people who have been philanthropic throughout their lifetime, legacy giving is an essential part of their estate plan."

The Silicon Valley Jewish Community Legacy Project is a community-wide effort supported by four South Bay synagogues (Congregation Beth David, Congregation Shir Hadash, Congregation Sinai and Temple Emanu-El) and five local agencies (APJCC, Hillel of Silicon Valley, Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley, Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley, and Yavneh Day School).

Questions? Contact Jyl Jurman at [jyl@jvalley.org](mailto:jyl@jvalley.org).

# Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley Installs Three New Board Members

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## Rachael Berman Huck

Rachael Berman Huck is the owner of Rachael's Outrageous Desserts, a delectable dessert catering company that has delighted attendees of many functions around the Bay Area, including the Power of Women event last May. When not creating sweet treats in her kitchen, Rachael can be found at comedy clubs throughout California performing her own brand of Jewish mom humor.

Rachael is very involved with the local Jewish community. She has two children at Yavneh and has been active with the school, serving on event committees and dedicating her energies to other school efforts. Rachael also served on the board of Shir Hadash.

Rachael's deep community involvement extends to the Jewish Federation. She has co-chaired Super Sunday for the past two years, and serves on the Women's Philanthropy board. She is also a member of the Giving Circle.

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## Abigail Gavens

Abigail Gavens is a graduate student at San Jose State University, pursuing a masters' degree in Speech Language Pathology. Before going back to school, she worked as a special-education teacher for several years and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in South Africa.

Abigail currently serves on the board of the California Speech and Hearing Association as the Northern California Student Liaison, and is focused on increasing student involvement throughout the state.

Abigail has grown up immersed in the Jewish community. From attending local Jewish day schools to serving as a regional board member for USY, volunteering has always been central to Abigail's core. By serving on the Federation board, she continues the legacy started by her mother, Susan, z"l, Gavens, the former co-president of the Jewish Federation. She and her family are members of Congregation Beth David, and she is a member of the Federation's Giving Circle.



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## Iris Sagi

Iris Sagi is a senior nonprofit executive and philanthropy expert. Iris began her professional career in development and international nonprofit management affairs with the UN, where she worked as the UN Liaison Officer for the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As a fundraising consultant and a philanthropic advisor, Iris assisted a great number of organizations from small, all-volunteer start-ups to multi-million-dollar funders, including International Rescue Committee, Friends International and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Iris joined Jewish National Fund last year as the JNF Northern California Associate Director, focusing on the Peninsula, South Bay, and Monterey Bay communities.

Iris and her husband Ofir, along with their children Nicole and Eric, live in Los Gatos.



# RECIPES

## Wishing you a sweet and prosperous New Year, fueled with traditional (and new!) recipes for Rosh Hashanah!



### EASY BRISKET

from Susan Sweedler, President, Women's Philanthropy

### Ingredients

- 4-5 pound brisket, second cut is better because of the fat content
- Salt & pepper
- Garlic cloves, slivered (number depends on size of brisket and personal taste)
- Two onions, sliced into thin rings
- 1.5 cups of liquid: your choice of red wine, beer (one bottle), or beef broth

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Wash and dry the brisket. Cut slits (like pockets) all over the front and back of the brisket so you can insert the slivered garlic into the meat. Generously season on both sides with salt and pepper.
2. Lay the brisket into your choice of lined, cooking vessel. If using a clay cooker, line with parchment paper; if using a roasting pan, line with enough heavy-duty foil so that it can completely cover the brisket.
3. Top the brisket with the sliced onions and add the liquid.

### Bake:

Clay cooker -- at 425° for approximately 2.5 hours.  
Roasting pan -- at 350° for approximately 3.5 hours.

Brisket is finished when soft. Allow the brisket to rest on the counter for 10-15 minutes. Slice against the grain. For gravy, pour any remaining liquid into a sauce pan on the stove and add cornstarch/flour (or potato starch to make kosher for Passover) until thick.



### LUCIOUS APPLE CAKE WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

from Jay Friedman, Federation Chair-Elect

### Ingredients

#### Cake:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups sugar
- 3 large (about 4 cups) unpeeled Pippin apples, cut into ¼ inch cubes
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup neutral vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs, beaten

#### Frosting:

- 3 ounces cream cheese at room temperature
- ½ cup unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1 cup powdered confectioner's sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Butter and flour 13x9 inch baking pan.
3. Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt in a bowl. Set aside.
4. Combine sugar and apples in a larger bowl. Add walnuts, oil and eggs. Mix well by hand.
5. Add dry ingredients to apple mixture. Stir until dry ingredients are just moistened. Spread evenly in the prepared baking pan.
6. Bake 50-60 minutes. A toothpick inserted into the center should come out clean.



7. Cool cake in the pan on top of a wire rack.

8. Prepare frosting by whipping all ingredients together using an electric mixer until it becomes light and fluffy. Spread on cake once cake has completely cooled.

### Notes:

1. If Pippin apples are unavailable, use a mixture of Granny Smith and Golden Delicious apples.

2. The frosting is delicious and can be easily doubled for this cake.



## APPLE-FILLED STAR CHALLAH

from Abigail Gavens, Federation Board Member

*"This is a recipe that my mom made many times and it was always a huge hit!"*

### Ingredients



#### Dough:

- 2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 6 cups white bread flour
- 2 packages rapid-rise yeast
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 cup corn oil plus 1 tablespoon for greasing bowl
- 4 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1½ cups unfiltered apple juice or apple cider
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 recipe for apple filling
- Egg wash (1 egg mixed with 1 tablespoon water)

#### Apple filling:

- 4 large honeycrisp or fuji apples, about 1½ pounds
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground allspice
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch combined with 2 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons coconut oil or unsalted butter
- 1/3 cup honey, as needed

### DIRECTIONS:

#### Dough:

1. In a large mixer bowl combine 2 cups whole-wheat flour with 5 cups of the bread flour, yeast, cinnamon, and salt. Turn machine to low (#1) for 10 seconds to combine.
2. Measure 1 cup oil in a one-cup liquid measuring cup. Set aside.
3. Lightly beat eggs and vanilla with a fork in a 1-quart bowl until combined. Set aside.
4. Measure the apple juice or cider in a 2-cup glass measuring cup. Add the sugar and stir once or twice. Microwave juice/sugar mixture on high for exactly 1 minute 20 seconds.
5. Turn mixer to low (#1). Immediately add the hot juice/sugar mixture straight from the microwave, and then add the eggs and then the oil.
6. Turn mixer to medium (#2) and continue mixing with dough hook for six minutes. Scrape down sides of bowl as necessary to incorporate all the flour before adding any additional flour. If dough is too sticky, add as much as 1 cup more flour or until a floured finger poked into the dough comes out clean.
7. Grease a 4-quart bowl with the tablespoon of oil. Add the dough to the bowl, turning the dough over to coat it on all sides. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let the dough rise in a draft-free spot until doubled in size, about 1 hour. (I like to use an out-of-the-way corner in my kitchen or a warming drawer set on low.) Dough can also be put in the refrigerator to rise overnight.

#### Apple Filling (make the apple filling while dough is rising):

1. Peel, core and cut apples into ¼ inch dice.
2. Heat a 10-inch, non-stick pan over medium-high heat for 10 seconds and then add the diced apples and brown sugar. Stir the apple mixture until the apples begin to give up their juices (about 3-4 minutes). Turn down heat if apples look like they are browning.
3. Add the spices to the apples and cook, stirring often, until the apples are tender but not mushy and some of the liquid has evaporated (about another 4 minutes).
4. Stir the cornstarch and water together to dissolve and then add to the apples, stirring constantly. Mixture will be shiny and no liquid will be visible.
5. Turn off the heat and add the coconut oil or butter. Stir to combine and set aside to cool while dough is rising.

#### Assemble Bread:

1. Punch down the dough and divide into 4 equal pieces.
2. Roll the first piece of dough into a 12-inch circle on a floured board. Spread a thin layer of honey over the dough and then 1/3 of the apple mixture over that.
3. Repeat the previous step with the remaining pieces of dough ending with the fourth circle of dough. Gently pull the top layer over and tuck in all the edges underneath.
4. Place a 3-inch glass bowl or cup face down in the center of the bread and lightly trace around it with a knife to mark a circle. Remove the glass. Make 12 cuts from the line of the circle to the end of the dough. (Continued on next page.)

# RECIPES



## APPLE-FILLED STAR CHALLAH CONTINUED

I find it easiest to imagine a clock making my first cuts at 12, 6, 3 and 9 and then filling in the other cuts evenly. Make sure to cut through all layers of the dough.

5. Working in pairs around the dough (clock!), take a wedge of dough in each hand and twist them over once, away from each other. Pinch the middle bottom of the pair together. Repeat with the remaining 5 pairs and then pinch the ends of each dough pair together to form a circle that has the design of a Jewish Star in the middle and little stripes of spiced apple peeking through.

6. Carefully transfer the dough to a parchment-lined cookie sheet and allow it to rise for 30-45 minutes.

### **Bake**

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Use a pastry brush to coat the top of the loaf with the egg wash and place the cookie sheet in the lower third of your oven.

2. Bake for 30-35 minutes depending on the size of the round and the heat of your oven. When the bread is done, it will be golden brown and have a hollow sound when tapped. You can also insert an instant-read thermometer into the center; the bread is done at about 195-205°F.

3. Allow the bread to cool for at least 20-30 minutes before cutting.



## SFRATTI - HONEY NUT COOKIES FROM PITIGLIANO

*From Paula Barbarito-Levitt (wife of Marc Levitt, Federation VP Treasurer)*

### Ingredients

- 3 cups of AP or 00 flour
- 1 cup of granulated sugar
- Large pinch of kosher salt
- ¾ cup of dry white wine
- ½ cup olive oil
- Grated zest of one lemon
- 1 cup of flavorful honey (I combined a floral honey and artichoke honey)
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- Grated rind of 2 oranges
- 4 cups of walnuts, lightly toasted and hand chopped
- Flour for rolling the pastry



### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine the white wine and olive oil in a pitcher. Place the flour, sugar, salt, and grated lemon peel into the work bowl of a food processor and pulse until mixed thoroughly. With the processor running, pour the wine and oil mixture into the processor and run until a soft dough begins to form, do not over-process. Remove the loosely formed dough to a work surface and knead for a few minutes until the dough comes together and is smooth. Cover in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least two hours.

2. Line two heavy-duty baking sheets with parchment paper.

3. Assemble the ingredients for the filling. Place the honey, spices and orange rind in a medium-sized saucepan over medium heat and bring to a boil. Watch the pot carefully, you do not want the honey to boil over. Reduce the flame if necessary and gently boil for about 3 minutes, stirring to be sure that the spices and orange rind are well combined.

4. Add the nuts and give the pot a good stir to be sure that they are evenly coated with the perfumed honey mixture. Continue to stir for an additional 5 minutes over medium heat. Remove from the stove and allow to cool for 5 to 10 minutes, giving the walnut filling a good stir every so often; you do not want it to get completely cold and solidify.

5. In the meantime, remove the pastry from the refrigerator and divide into 6 even pieces, forming each into a ball which you will hand stretch into a small rectangle of about 2 inches by 4 inches. Lightly flour the work surface and roll the dough into a 10 x 4 inch rectangle; arrange the finished rectangles on the work surface to be filled.

6. Preheat the oven to 375°.

7. Using a large spoon, place a row of filling down the center of each of the pieces of rolled pastry, dividing the filling equally among the 6 pieces of pastry. Roll the pastry dough around the filling, turning the “sticks” so the seam is at the bottom. Pinch together both ends of each of the logs and place 3 on each of the baking sheets.

8. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the pastry is light golden. Halfway during the baking process reverse the position and shelf of the trays. Remove to a rack to cool completely. Once the Sfratti are completely cool, you may cut them into slices or on the diagonal. The “sticks” may also be wrapped in foil for several weeks or frozen. Slice when you are ready to serve.

*Serves 48 to 60 pieces depending on how they are cut.*

*Prep time: 15 minutes. Cook time: 25 minutes.*



## VEGETARIAN “MOCK LIVER”– A MODIFIED VERSION OF NAVA ATLAS’S RECIPE *From Sherry Gordon, Federation Staff*

## RECIPES

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1½ cups chopped onions
- 1 clove fresh garlic, chopped (optional, but delicious)
- ⅓ cup (160 ml) lightly toasted/roasted cashews, walnuts or a combination of the two
- 1 cup steamed green beans, cut into 1-inch lengths, or
- 1 cup thawed frozen cut green beans or 2 cups sliced mushrooms, white, baby bella, cremini, or any combination
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice or to taste
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) Bragg’s liquid aminos or soy sauce (optional)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat the oil in a medium skillet. Sauté the garlic and onions slowly over medium-low heat, stirring frequently, until nicely browned.
2. Combine the garlic and onions with the remaining ingredients in the container of a food processor. Process until smoothly pureed, scraping down sides as needed.
3. Bring to room temp before serving. Can make ahead.
4. Serve on crackers, bread, matzah, and/or with or on raw veggies. Makes about 2 cups. Recipe can be easily doubled.



## GRANDMA’S NOODLE KUGEL *From Barb Tobias Chappell, Federation Staff*

### Ingredients

- 8 ounces broad noodles
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 tablespoons softened butter
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 cups sliced, peeled apples

### DIRECTIONS:



1. Cook, drain, rinse noodles.
2. Mix with butter, salt, sugar and cinnamon.
3. Alternate layers of noodles and apples in greased casserole, beginning and ending with noodles.
4. Dot with 2 tablespoons butter.
5. Bake at 325° until tender, about 45 minutes.

Serves 6 - 8



## PALEO SWEET POTATO NOODLE KUGEL WITH APPLES, PEARS AND RAISINS

*From Jyl Jurman, CEO*

Grain, dairy, soy and added sugar-free sweet potato noodle Paleo kugel (pie) with apples, pears, and raisins spiced up with the flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger. Whole30 friendly!

### Ingredients

- 1 large sweet potato peeled and spiralized (or peeled into ribbons with a veggie peeler)
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1 medium honeycrisp apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 medium pear peeled, cored and chopped
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon dried ginger
- ¼ teaspoon allspice
- ⅔ cup full fat coconut milk
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup raisins
- Drizzle of raw honey, optional

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Heat a large sauté pan over med heat. Add coconut oil to melt.
3. Add sweet potato noodles and sauté, tossing and stirring to evenly cook for 2-3 minutes.
4. Add chopped apples and pears to the pan. Continue to sauté, stirring often until apples and pears are soft and light brown and the sweet potato noodles are tender.
5. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, coconut milk and all the spices. Add the sweet potato sauté mixture to the bowl and thoroughly combine.
6. Stir in the raisins and pour into a 9-inch pie dish or baking dish, spread evenly.
7. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until completely set and lightly browned on top.
8. Cool slightly before slicing. Drizzle with the honey (optional). Serve warm.

**Makes 8 servings.**

**Prep time: 15 minutes.**

**Cook time: 50 minutes.**

## FROM THE CANTOR

By Devorah Felder-Levy, Congregation Shir Hadash

**T**ruth be told, I love the High Holy Days, though the preparation leading up to them for clergy is often stressful and time consuming. Once they begin, I am truly in the moment. For me, it has always been about the music. I remember being moved by the music at services as a child and singing along with the cantor. It is one of the experiences that lead me to the cantorate. But there is another part of the High Holy Days that also resonates very strongly within me and that is observing Yizkor.

Yizkor is traditionally recited 4 times a year: Yom Kippur, Simchat Torah, Pesach and Shavuot. The traditional Yizkor prayer asks G-d to remember the souls of our loved ones and to shelter them for Eternity. It is a reminder that even in times of solemn or joyous prayer, we remember those who have been a part of our lives in a positive way or even if there has been conflict and estrangement. For some of us, losing a loved one is compounded by the fact that our relationship with the deceased may not have been perfect. This means that the stages of grief that are experienced may be different. And that is okay. Grief has many different shapes and sizes and there is no wrong or right way to grieve. But when we attend Yizkor, we can share that grief with others who have lost their loved ones or struggled with their loved ones.

Yizkor allows us to come together to grieve as a community and to take solace in knowing we are not alone. Rabbi Joel Mosbacher said, "It is precisely at moments of loss that we most need the strengthening, comforting presence of other people." Yizkor allows us to be alone in the presence of community.

The rabbis who designed the Yom Kippur service realized the importance of remembering those who came before us during this most holy of days. Even before I became a cantor, it was important to me to attend Yizkor to honor the memory of a close aunt who had passed away when I was a child. In addition to my aunt, I now include in my prayers others from my family and the many congregants I counted as friends, who have all passed on.

Losing a loved one is never an easy thing, but we have our memories to sustain us and to carry us forward. As the poem "We Remember Them" closes, it says, "So long as they live, we, too, shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them."

May this year 5779 be one full of good health and happiness in all of your lives and may the memories of our loved ones be a guide to us to live our lives in the fullest way possible.

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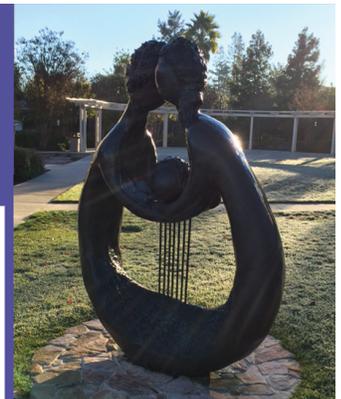
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LEVITICUS 19:34

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

CONSTITUTION  
OF MEDINA,  
ESTABLISHED BY  
MUHAMMED THE  
PROPHET  
"TO THE JEWS  
WHO FOLLOW  
US BELONG HELP  
AND EQUITY. HE  
SHALL NOT BE  
HARMED NOR  
HIS ENEMIES BE  
AIDED."

QUR'AN,  
(109:6)  
"TO YOU  
BE YOUR  
RELIGION,  
TO ME  
BE MINE."

Psalms  
133:1  
Behold,  
how  
good and  
pleasant  
it is for  
brethren  
to dwell  
together  
in unity!

"Invite to the way of G-d with wisdom and good advice, and debate with others in the most dignified manner. For G-d knows best who is astray from the way of G-d, and knows best who are the ones who are guided."

(Qur'an, 16:125)



Josephus: 1st Century Roman Jewish Scholar  
A wise man's duty is to be scrupulously faithful to the religious laws of his own people, and not to abuse those of others.  
...Our legislator (G-d through Moses) expressly forbade us to deride or blaspheme the gods recognized by others.

## MUSLIM-JEWISH RELATIONS



### Jewish and Muslim Communities Share 20-Year Interfaith Relationship

**A**t a time when we seem to be bombarded by one negative message after another, it's reassuring to know that there is a lot of good going on in Silicon Valley between the Muslim and Jewish communities. While it is sometimes easier to follow the loudest noise, it is those who are making their voices heard in a different way that should command our attention. These are the voices that speak with sincerity and integrity to consistently promote social justice, understanding and respect for cultural diversity.

Diane Fisher, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, recently sat down to speak with Rabbi Melanie Aron, senior rabbi of Congregation Shir Hadash, and Maha Elgenaidi, executive director and founder of ING (Islamic Networks Group). These three women combined have more than 60 years of experience working to bring interfaith people together in a common cause. For the past 20 years, they have focused on building the groundwork for Muslim-Jewish relations in the Bay Area.

A condensed version of their interview follows. To read the interview in its entirety, go to [www.jvalley.org/jcrc](http://www.jvalley.org/jcrc).

**Diane:** Working on interfaith relations is not new to either of you. What was the driving force behind your passion in this area?

**Maha:** I started ING 25 years ago to increase Islamic literacy through the engagement of Muslim Americans in Silicon Valley. After 9/11, Islamophobia was pervasive, and it became clear to me that the focus of ING needed to broaden to combat bigotry and racism through interfaith engagement. The local Jewish community immediately embraced the idea. In truth, working with the Jewish community came naturally because there is actually quite a lot we share in common, including our Abrahamic traditions. I always felt like I had real partners that were genuinely interested in working together.

**Melanie:** Early in my career I was working in Brooklyn, where I was in the minority as a woman and a non-Orthodox rabbi. I became a liaison between our African-American neighbors and the Orthodox community, whose relationship was often tense. It was important for the African-American clergy to see that the Orthodox rabbis weren't shaking my hand either. Soon I was sitting on panels with other interfaith groups including Muslims. I found that the Muslims and I saw things in much the same way. We shared a strong sense of peoplehood and of midrash (commentaries along with the text) and this became a commonality that connected us.

**Diane:** What are some other areas of commonality between Jews and Muslims?

**Melanie:** Both communities have practices that engage our daily lives. Following the rules of halal and kashrut, for example, are symbols of deeper religious practices we both observe in our homes. There are parallels in our scripture as well. Even when the stories in the Bible and Qur'an are different, it is enriching to study them together. For me, it's the idea that we have an evolving halacha, while Muslims have an evolving Islamic law.

**Maha:** I think what motivates Muslims the most in working with the Jewish community is that Jews believe in the same G-d of Abraham. This belief helps tremendously in terms of being immediately understood when we have conversations on religion. We also share many practices, traditions and values as we are two of the largest religious minorities that have to confront bigotry.

**Diane:** How can you disagree on important issues and still move the conversation forward and work together effectively?

**Maha:** For Muslims to be a force of influence, we first have to become known and understood as well as respected for who we really are. Focusing our engagement, therefore, on the many things we share in common is important to building a sustainable, supportive relationship. The reality is that in authentic relationships people will disagree all the

time. But if you remain focused on your shared goals - in our case it's building peaceful communities -- then you'll find a way to remain in a relationship despite those disagreements.

**Melanie:** Getting to know each other personally as individuals is also critical. Sitting face-to-face across the table from each other, engaging in a cooking class, holding interfaith seders, sharing tips and concerns about our children. It's activities like these that build bonds and help us overcome our differences.

Fighting racism is something we also share. I think we both feel that when prejudice is the most overt in the U.S., it comes at us both at the same time. It's one of the reasons our Jewish Family Services and HIAS joined with the JFS of Seattle to sue the government over the Muslim ban (see related story p. 20) They did that for a couple reasons. First, they had Muslim clients they were trying to bring to the U.S. who had already left their home. Because of the ruling, they were left abandoned at an airport somewhere. Second, the ban touched a sensitive chord. Even the most apolitical Jews could relate because of our history of being refugees and having no one open the door for us.

**Maha:** It was even surprising to me how outspoken the Jewish community was against the Muslim travel ban. When we saw the statements made by the JCRC, the Federations, the ADL, we were so thankful and grateful to have this type of allyship.

**Diane:** Xenophobia affects both the Jewish and Muslim communities. Along with the commonalities are distinct experiences as well. Can you address these?

**Maha:** The most troubling impact of xenophobia is the Muslim ban, which is now sanctioned by the Supreme Court. In doing so, it dismissed the Islamophobic comments the president made throughout his candidacy and now his presidency. The concern is that it could expand from the current five nations to other Muslim nations as well. Also, my husband is from Pakistan and I was born in Egypt; we are both naturalized U.S. citizens. We worry, are we going to remain citizens if the federal government chooses to revoke

citizenship of some of its naturalized immigrants?

Government officials have also called for the racial profiling of Muslims, surveillance of our Mosques and Muslim registries. We are in a very precarious position in the U.S. I honestly feel that our strongest allies are Jewish communities. Their history of persecution parallels what is happening in the U.S. today.

**Melanie:** The Muslim and Jewish communities are close mirrors of each other in many ways. The other thing we are learning is that while some Muslims are Arabs, many come from Southeast Asia, bringing a different perspective to the Israeli situation, further facilitating conversation.

**Maha:** That's a good point. Interestingly Palestine is not central to the identity of many Muslims as Israel might be to Jews. I really think it would be of benefit to Muslims to learn more about the significance of Israel to Jews, not necessarily for acceptance but for understanding. As long as Jerusalem is open to all for pilgrimage, we should be able to find a compromise that works for Palestinians and Jews primarily, and for Muslims and Christians around the world.

**Melanie:** The difference between anti-Semitism and xenophobia is that anti-Semitism is often this hidden, but consistent undercurrent that can pop-out in different ways. People may not fully appreciate how White Nationalists are inherently anti-Semitic, for example.

**Diane:** What can we do to build on the work that has already been done to encourage people to be more respectful and tolerant?

**Maha:** I think we need to do a better job of publicizing the work that is taking place between the Muslim and Jewish communities to bring light to it.

**Melanie:** This is not a quick solution, but we need face-to-face dialogue. We can grapple with differing opinions in a much different and more personal way when we sit across the table from someone rather than communicating online.

**Maha:** Thinking in black and white terms will destroy us. Those that proselytize and expect an "all or nothing" following of their viewpoints make it difficult to come to compromise and understanding. And I absolutely agree we need many more face-to-face and heartfelt conversations.

**Melanie:** We need to really listen to each other both within and outside our communities. Listening doesn't mean you agree...it simply means that you are listening.

**Diane:** That's what we try to do with the JCRC. We try to find consensus within our own community before we work with others outside of it.

**Melanie:** I also think that the relationships we have worked so hard to build over the last 20 years are very precious to both communities. And we don't want hot-button issues that we may not be altogether ready to discuss to damage the relationship in any way or to hijack other important work we want to accomplish together.

**Maha:** Each Muslim-Jewish relationship is going to be different. Some may bond more over their children and families or on how to assimilate without losing their religion or culture. For those in business, networking and religion in the workplace may become their common bond. We shouldn't expect that every Jewish-Muslim relationship is going to focus on a political issue. But when it does, we need to make sure it's civil and constructive so we can continue to meet. Even in politics, we have much more in common than we do differences.

**Melanie:** That's good too. Because when you take the time to genuinely know someone, the differences become far less significant and the steps toward a shared understanding become so much easier to take.

If you are interested in joining the Muslim-Jewish dialogue and participating in shared events, contact: Diane Fisher at [diane@jvalley.org](mailto:diane@jvalley.org). More information can also be found at:

ING: [www.ing.org](http://www.ing.org)

JCRC: [www.jalley.org/jcrc](http://www.jalley.org/jcrc)

Shir Hadash: [www.shirhadash.org](http://www.shirhadash.org)

## OPINIONS

*The decision of PACT to honor Zahra Billoo, executive editor of CAIR of Northern California, has touched a raw nerve in many people across both our Jewish and interfaith communities, who have worked tirelessly to engender mutual respect. These letters are just a few of the responses we have received.*

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Recent statements attributed to Zahra Billoo are so incompatible with the purpose of PACT [People Acting in Community Together] that she should not be considered for a humanitarian award at their luncheon in October. PACT is a multifaith, grassroots organization that provides leadership training and experience to community members of many different ethnic, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Through PACT, people work together to solve the most pervasive social problems of our day. Although Ms. Billoo does excellent work as a lawyer on behalf of the Muslim community, her recent "Tweet" that "Israel is an apartheid, racist state, which engages in terrorism against Palestinians" is totally incompatible with the true nature of the Israeli state.

My own experience with Israel has taught me their sincere humanity. In April 1975, North Vietnamese totalitarian communists invaded South Vietnam. Thousands of Vietnamese secretly fled South Vietnam to escape communist persecution and torture. Many escaped in small, unreliable boats and faced

harsh weather and threats from pirates as they were turned away by neighboring local authorities. On June 10, 1977, an Israeli cargo ship en route to Japan crossed paths with a boat full of 66 Vietnamese. They were out of food and water, were lost at sea and scared, and their boat was leaking. The Israeli ship's captain and crew immediately offered food and water and decided to bring the passengers on board and transport them to Israel. Prime Minister Menachem Begin compared their situation to the plight of Jewish refugees seeking a safe haven during the Holocaust.

Between 1977 and 1979, Israel welcomed hundreds of Vietnamese refugees. This is hardly the work of a racist state. Ms. Billoo needs to adjust her attitude before being considered for an honor by PACT.

Sincerely,  
*Teresa TH Nguyen Hung, Esq.*

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*(The following are letters sent to Akemi Flynn, Executive Director of PACT.)*

Dear Akemi,

We write to you on behalf of the Hindu American Foundation (HAF), a non-profit advocacy organization, regarding the recent events surrounding the PACT award for CAIR leader, Zahra Billoo. We were informed about these events by members of the Jewish American community, and read articles about them in the San Jose Mercury News and the San Francisco Chronicle.

As an organization that represents a small but growing religious minority with members from diverse ethnic and immigrant backgrounds, we wanted to take this opportunity to share our unique perspective on this issue.

Like many other immigrant groups, Hindu Americans have faced a number of challenges ranging from immigration to inequitable portrayals of their culture and religion in K-12 textbooks to civil and human rights. Unfortunately, despite sharing these issues of concern with other communities, we have often been excluded from interfaith and social justice coalitions due

to international conflicts in South Asia being interjected into domestic issues. As a result, the needs of Hindu Americans have often been marginalized or ignored.

While all individuals and communities should certainly speak out on international issues, as Ms. Billoo did, differences of opinion on these issues and conflicts should not devolve into vitriolic attacks on other communities and should not become barriers to finding common ground on domestic issues. Allowing such international issues, that are often highly complex and involve long-standing historical factors, to divide us will only compromise our efforts to advance social justice for immigrant communities here in America.

And given our current political climate, collaboration amongst interfaith groups is needed now more than ever...

Sincerely,  
*Easan Katir, California Advocacy Director*  
*Samir Kalra, Esq., Managing Director*  
*Hindu American Foundation*

Dear Ms. Flynn,

"PACT strives to be an inclusive organization ... that treats people with dignity."

In choosing to honor Zahra Billoo, who is proudly anti-Zionist, you have fallen short of your mission of inclusion. As a Jew and proud Zionist, PACT is not treating me or Jewish people with dignity or respect. It is sad and disappointing that an organization like PACT, which draws its inspiration from the Bible, would honor someone who denies the Jewish people a national homeland, like every other people, in the land that God promised to the Jewish people in the Bible.

Coming together in common cause is the most effective way to combat hate, social injustice and racism. The Jewish and Muslim communities have a 20-year history of working together in Silicon Valley to create bonds of trust and respect. Recent events relating to PACT (People Acting in Community Together) and Zahra Billoo, executive director of CAIR, sadly undermine these long-time joint efforts.

Billoo's work on behalf of the civil rights of Muslim-Americans is laudable. As a people tragically deprived of our civil rights in the past, we also applaud PACT's decision to build interfaith partnerships in support of this cause. The parallel world on social media can be used to further build these partnerships, or it can destroy them with inflammatory hate speech. Whether spewing bigotry against Jews and Israel, or against any faith or ethnic group, we would stand strongly opposed. It goes against our common cause.

We urge you to take the time to research Zahra Billoo on social media. You will find admirable expressions of support for human rights of Muslim-Americans, Palestinians and immigrants. And then you will find vitriol against Israel—not opposition to policies or officials, but extreme accusations of racism and terrorism. It is an absolutist landscape in which there is no possibility of moving towards a peace beneficial to both peoples.

When PACT honors a community leader, the goal is to highlight a unique and special individual who draws together all the faith communities into their best and even most aspira-

While there is room for disagreement about any government's policies and actions, including the State of Israel, to honor a person who denies the right of the Jewish people to a state of their own, is not only anti-Zionist, but anti-Semitic!

I will not be attending your fundraising luncheon or contributing to PACT. There are many other progressive organizations that are making our community better and doing so inclusively and respectfully. I support these groups, not PACT.

Please share my note with your board of directors.

*Jeff Rosen*  
District Attorney, Santa Clara County

tional joint efforts. Zahra is free to reject our long-standing ability to find common cause across differences. But past experience has shown how much impact PACT congregations can have on important issues when we intentionally seek out common cause.

As leaders in the local Jewish community, we have been proud of our synagogues' active participation in PACT. The very basis of this grassroots organization is firmly built on the ideals of equality and acceptance for cultural and ethnic diversity. This past decade we have worked together to dispel hatred, racism and bullying of all people within our community. It is because of what we have in common as humans that we refuse to give up the relationships we have worked so hard to build.

We are profoundly disappointed that PACT wavered in its purpose of advocating for solutions to local problems. We call on PACT to reaffirm its role as the genuine voice of our interfaith community and to return to its powerful focus on the lives and needs of those living in our county where it has made a tremendous impact and can continue to do good work.

We believe it is imperative, especially now. We cannot win our democracy back if we allow the splintering of our hard-built progressive coalition to occur because of one partner's intolerance of another.

*Rabbi Melanie Aron, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Shir Hiddash*  
*Rabbi Dana Magat, Senior Rabbi, Temple Emanu-El*

# MUSLIM-JEWISH RELATIONS

## Act with TACT for a Better World

By Iris Bendahan, Founder, CHAIM



*Beth David teamed with Bay Community Church, Cupertino Bible Church and AAI members for interfaith dinner.*

It would be totally cool if this tagline was familiar to everyone! ‘Act with TACT’ is one of the mottos of CHAIM, a mobile Holocaust education exhibit that visits schools and institutions around the Bay Area. CHAIM serves as a valuable tool to fight hate and promote tolerance through the lens of Holocaust education.

Working side-by-side with others is another valuable tool. It’s why I encourage involvement with AAI, Abrahamic Alliance International, an organization that brings together Jewish, Muslim and Christian groups to do social action projects. Through this process, individuals get to know and learn from each other. As a history of intolerance seems to be repeating, these two activities seem to be uniting in their mission.

Act with TACT has a double meaning. We all enjoy it when people interact with a measure of diplomacy and consideration in their speech and actions. Imagine a world where all people could Treat others with Acceptance, Compassion and Tolerance! So much strife that fills this world comes from hating those who are different without even knowing any of the ‘those’ personally! We’ve all heard the heart-warming stories of ardent anti-Semitic white-supremacists backtracking on their hate once they’ve gotten to personally know a Jew. Perhaps there would have been even fewer righteous gentiles, had some of them not been the neighbors and friends of Jews.

As a member of Congregation Beth David’s social action group, I have been the liaison with AAI, bringing our Jewish members to join with other interfaith groups to “do

good together.” Working together to feed the hungry at Citi-team or to repair a home through Habitat for Humanity, we get the chance to know each other on a personal level. These opportunities to personally interact with our Muslim and Christian neighbors - who also find it important to engage in the same manner - gives me hope that humanity might yet have a chance against hate.

For more information, contact Iris Bendahan at [irisbendahan@gmail.com](mailto:irisbendahan@gmail.com).



*Congregation Sinai and AAI work together to prepare meals at local shelters.*

## JFS SV Sues Government

Mindy Berkowitz, Executive Director

The Torah teaches that silence in the face of injustice is a sin. Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley proudly protects refugees from all over the world. It is out of our deeply held values and unwavering commitment to this lifesaving work that we joined with Jewish Family Service of Seattle as co-plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit challenging the third refugee ban Executive Order of October 2017. This Executive Order blocks refugee resettlement from eleven countries and indefinitely pauses the program for refugees already living in the United States to be reunited with their spouses and children.

Although the lower court judge ruled in our favor, since October 2017 refugee resettlement has been sporadic at best. The U.S. has accepted the lowest number of refugees in any year since the establishment of the Refugee Act in 1980. In a year we typically resettle 125-160 refugees. In the past year we resettled only 46.

Elie Wiesel said, “There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.” JFS SV is proud to take a stand promoting justice as our Jewish values command us to do.

## The Care and Feeding of Social Media Use

By Zach Fabrick, UC Santa Cruz Rising Junior & Kohn Intern

We, the millennials, have a confession to make. At this point, our entanglement with social media has nearly reached the point of muscle memory. Every morning, like clockwork, so many of us make checking Facebook and Instagram our first activity du jour. In 2018, it seems almost unimaginable to fire up the French press before checking to see if your beach photo from yesterday got any more likes. All humor aside, it doesn't take an expert to note that social media is inseparable from most of our daily lives. This is not necessarily a bad thing.

Since last October, over 1.7 million people have taken to social media to share their experiences with sexual violence, using the #MeToo hashtag. This nexus of similar experiences proved to us that social media does in fact have the power to unite those with a collective struggle. Unfortunately, there are all too many examples of how social media has destroyed countless relationships, reputations and lives. We've all seen the solemn news broadcasts and articles; young people in middle and high school who have been driven to suicide by a gross misuse of social media. However, we rarely see adults being held accountable for responsible social media use when they all too often misuse it as well.

Closer to home here in Silicon Valley, the use of social media to voice a vitriolic anti-Semitic private viewpoint collided with the public persona of a Muslim-American leader. When PACT opted to honor this leader despite her deliberate, inflammatory use of social media, it felt like all of our years of interfaith work had been undermined. When sensationalized headlines began to appear that Jews pressured PACT into rescinding the offer, we were once again victimized on social media by those who shared the honoree's beliefs.

This situation quickly became a learning opportunity which allowed us to examine how easy it is for social media to be used in a defamatory way. Further, it allowed us to think critically about the intersection between the use of social media and Jewish values. Whether it be online or in person, lashon hara, or evil tongue, is not a Jewish value. Further, as a Jewish community, we believe strongly in menschlicheit, or decency towards others.



This subversive use of social media violates what we believe to be a right to human decency.

In our community, local synagogues and the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley have engaged in interfaith work for over 20 years and counting. Organizations such as the Abrahamic Alliance International, ING (Islamic Networks Group) and the Federation's JCRC make it possible for our community to collectively engage in programs and events that enable us to better understand our neighbors. It is work that we believe makes our community inherently stronger and more resilient. Our interfaith work transforms discord into discourse, a discourse that is indispensable to promoting harmony in these tumultuous times.

Putting responsible social media use into action could be as simple as using Shabbat as a day of freedom from remote communication, opening the door for personal relationships. Like most things in life, there are responsible and irresponsible ways to use social media and this time it's on us, the millennials, to cultivate gemilut hasadim, acts of loving kindness, in every click.

### Get Involved!

AAi Meal Service: Sunday, September 2, 1:00 - 8:00 pm. AAi, Congregation Sinai, Evergreen Islamic Community and Lincoln Glen Church join together to prepare and serve dinner to the homeless and hungry of Silicon Valley. Register at <https://arcs-sanjose2018ii.eventbrite.com>.

CBD/AAi event: Sunday, October 21, with West Valley Muslim Association and Saratoga Federated Church. For information contact: [irisbendahan@gmail.com](mailto:irisbendahan@gmail.com)

Join a SoSS Chapter—Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom: <https://sosspace.org/what-we-do/join-interfaith-chapter/>

Join the Interfaith Speakers Bureau, to promote religious literacy and mutual respect: <https://ing.org/becoming-a-speaker-in-the-interfaith-speakers-bureau/>

Read a book to further your knowledge: Muslims and Jews in America: Commonalities, Contentions, and Complexities, by Reza Aslan and Aaron Hahn Tapper

AAi: For more information contact: [www.abrahamicalliance.org](http://www.abrahamicalliance.org)



## Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning Returns to the APJCC

**D**id your Jewish education stop at the bar/bat mitzvah or confirmation level, while your secular education continued through college or beyond? If so, the APJCC invites you to come back to class this fall.

The APJCC is proud to announce the return of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning. Melton offers university-quality education using curricula from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This adults-only program provides serious, ongoing Jewish study, with no homework or exams.

Attendees can choose from a wide selection of courses, including Torah study, Jewish mysticism, Israeli literature, the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the history of Jews in America, and more. The APJCC will kick off the program with a Jewish humor class this fall, taught by Rabbi Leslie Alexander, followed by a class on Jewish mysticism taught by Rabbi Philip Ohriner in the spring.

You can find the complete Melton course list at [www.melton-school.org](http://www.melton-school.org). To sign up for a course, contact Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia at [rabbihugh@apjcc.org](mailto:rabbihugh@apjcc.org) or 408.357.7413.

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## Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival Celebrates 27th Year! 29 Films + 49 Screenings + 6 Premieres + 3 Teen Screenings = 1 Terrific Program

The 2018 Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival (SVJFF) kicks off its 27th season, October 14 - November 11.

Twenty-nine films with forty-nine screenings - three just for teens will be shown at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center (OFJCC) in Palo Alto and at the AMC Saratoga 14 Cinema in San Jose.

"We have a great program for this year," says Margalit Raviv, SVJFF's program director. "There are more films and more screenings than ever before with six movies that are Northern California premieres. We also have a fantastic lineup of guests and speakers that will follow several of our films."

According to Tzvia Shelef, executive director, "The SVJFF promotes cultural diversity through rich film-going experiences. We are very thankful to our many sponsors and patrons, who have enabled us to bring this robust lineup of films to our 2018 season."

**Opening Night Gala: Sunday, October 14, 6:00 at OFJCC:**  
Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me  
*Special Guests:* Manny Davis, son of Sammy Davis, Jr., and Obba Babatundè, friend and actor who portrayed Mr. Davis in stage play, *Sammy*.

**Centerpiece Screening: Thursday, October 24 at OFJCC:**  
Standing Up  
*Special Guests:* Director Jonathan Miller and comedian David Finklestein, who is featured in the documentary.

**Closing Night: Sunday, November 11, 6:00 pm: OFJCC:**  
Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds: The Conductor Zubin Mehta  
*Special Guests:* Director Bettina Ehrhardt and Jamie Bernstein, daughter of the late American composer, Leonard Bernstein.

For more information, go to [www.svjff.org](http://www.svjff.org) or call 408.498.0904. If you wish to become a patron of the Film Festival, go to [www.svjff.org/securedonation](http://www.svjff.org/securedonation).



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# Start the New Year By Giving Back

By Lori Cinnamon, Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

**A**s we approach this New Year and days of reflection, consider enriching your life and the lives of others by volunteering. Help JFS welcome the stranger and support the frail and isolated.

**Refugee Mentors** support recently arrived refugees by driving them to their appointments, filling out applications and helping with their acculturation.

**Refugee Hosts** temporarily host new arrivals in their home until processing is complete and they can rent their own apartment. Training and support will be provided.

**Food Package Sponsors** organize a group or chavurah to sponsor and coordinate food packing assembly to benefit frail and/or isolated seniors and low-income families.

**Friendly Visitors** create a lasting friendship with an isolated senior or disabled adult for weekly visits. Friendly Visitors always say they get so much more than they give.

**Shabbat Meal Delivery Volunteers** bring joy, connection and nutrition to an isolated senior. Deliveries take place on Friday. Volunteers must have their own transportation.

**Chaplain Aides** lead monthly services at a local senior facility on Friday afternoons, bringing Jewish connection and memories to an appreciative audience.

**Office Volunteers** help with data entry, quarterly mailings, office greeting and more.

**Event Committee Members** help with planning and executing JFS volunteer and donor appreciation events.

**Centerpieces for Tzedakah Volunteers** use their artistic talents to create and deliver beautiful centerpieces for Simchas that benefit JFS's Project NOAH Food Assistance Program.

**Knitzvah** meets monthly and creates beautiful handmade items over 30 organizations in our community. They knit, crochet, quilt, and more. No experience necessary.

**Embrace-A-Family Volunteers** are needed October through December, to support the gift program for low-income families, homebound seniors, and Holocaust survivors in the community.

**YA-LIVE! (Young Adult volunteers)** Join JFS's young leadership group of people in their 20s and 30s who want to make the world a better place.

For more information contact Lori Cinnamon, JFS SV Manager of Community and Volunteer Engagement, 408.357.7467 or [loric@jfssv.org](mailto:loric@jfssv.org). Vetting and background checks are required for most positions.



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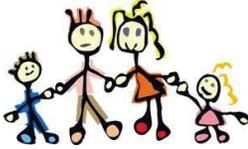


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# WELCOME

## New Dean of Learning and Instruction K-3 Joins Yavneh Day School

**E**rin Ostilly has joined Yavneh Day School, Los Gatos, as dean of learning and instruction for the lower school (K-3rd grade). Ostilly brings a wealth of experience to her new job. Before moving to the Bay Area, Ostilly was the dean of student academics at the Leo Baeck Day School, one of Toronto's largest Jewish day schools. Ostilly began her teaching career 16 years ago. She has worked as a learning support professional, supervising other support teachers and designing individualized student programs.

According to Zvi Weiss, head of school, "We are impressed by Erin's knowledge, the breadth of her professional experience and her warm and engaging ability to connect with both students and adults. We are delighted to have found such a treasure within our own community and look forward to a great school year!"



## Hausner Hires Director of Development

**K**erin Nash has joined the staff at Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School in Palo Alto as director of development. Nash has experience working in the Jewish community, making her uniquely qualified for her new position. Nash most recently served as associate area director for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in San Francisco. Prior to that, Nash worked as a development manager for the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) in Los Angeles. Nash began her career in sales and marketing for TeaZazz Sparkling Tea.

According to Head of School David Zimand, "Kerin impressed us all with her personal warmth, her experience in both raising funds and managing events, and her enthusiasm for our mission as a community Jewish day school."

A day school graduate, Nash holds degrees in biology and Hebrew language from UCLA.



Ostilly holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Western Ontario and received her master of teaching degree from Griffith University in Queensland, Australia. She also holds a reading specialist certification and participated in the Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University.

Ostilly and her husband, Dean, have two children, both of whom are students at Yavneh.

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**Kindergarten-8th Grade**  
Mon, Oct 15, 8:30-10:30 am

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## Congregation Beth David Welcomes New Rabbi

**R**abbi Jaymee Alpert has joined Congregation Beth David in Saratoga as its new senior rabbi, replacing Rabbi Philip Ohriner, who along with his wife, Rabbi Shoshana, is developing a permaculture farmstead in Los Gatos.

Rabbi Alpert brings 13 years of experience as a rabbi at Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel in Port Chester, NY. She also brings a unique practice of worship that combines movement and spiritual reflection. A co-founder of Neshama Body and Soul, Rabbi Alpert seeks to connect the physical and spiritual selves. Neshama integrates prayer and sacred text with various forms of exercise, bringing together body and soul in a Jewish-based context.

Passionate about Jewish life, Rabbi Alpert strives to create a warm, inviting atmosphere, where people from all backgrounds are welcome. She was a founding member of the Port Chester Interfaith Clergy Group and served as the chaplain for the Port Chester Police and Fire Departments. Rabbi Alpert is a past president of the Westchester Board of Rabbis and served on various local boards and committees, including the Port Chester Board of Ethics. She was a member of the inaugural cohort of the UJA Federation of New York's Rabbinic Fellowship for Visionary Leaders, and is proud to be a Rabbis Without Borders Fellow.

Rabbi Alpert holds a bachelor's degree in French language and literature from Brandeis University and a master's in Jewish education from Hebrew College, Newton, MA, where she graduated as valedictorian.

Rabbi Alpert earned a second master's degree in Jewish women's studies from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 2006, three years after she was ordained there. While at JTS, she served as a cantorial soloist and chaplain at Beth Israel Hospital in NY.

## Jewish Youth Education Program Congregation Beth David

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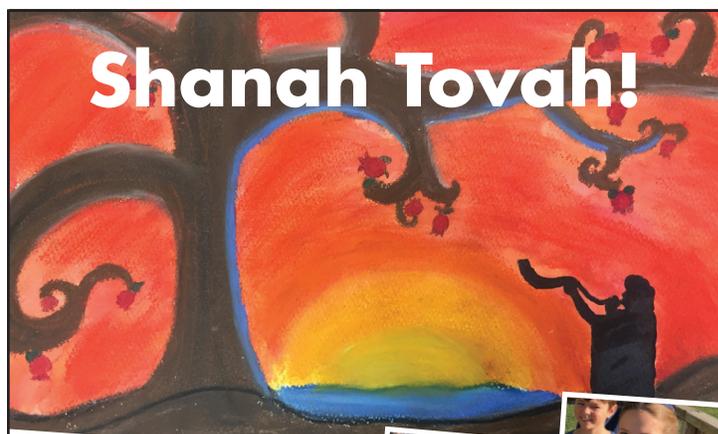
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Information to come about Baby & Parent classes and Religious School classes for Hebrew speaking students.



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# COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GREETINGS



## SHANA TOVA

L'Shanah Tovah to our  
Jewish Community!



Holiday Greetings  
from the  
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שנה טובה

Warm wishes to you and your  
loved ones for a sweet, happy,  
and fruitful New Year.

*L'Shanah Tovah,  
Congregation Shir Hadash*

May this new year be  
sweet and full of blessings.

*L'Shanah Tovah,  
Debbie & Jay Friedman*



Wishing You Good  
Health & Happiness!

*Avi Hochberg, Marcia Klein  
& Jonathan Hochberg*



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Rosh Hashanah greetings to our  
wonderful community

*from Robyn, Eric,  
and Ben Stone*

Best wishes for a sweet, happy  
and joyful New Year!

*Barb & Jim Chappell*

שנה טובה SHANA TOVA HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the shofar blast awaken us all to new possibilities  
and much gratitude.

*Diane & David Fisher*

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*Happy New Year from the  
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in Israel and throughout the world.

*Jyl & David Jurman*

שנה טובה SHANA TOVA HAPPY NEW YEAR

# COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GREETINGS

## SHANA TOVA



L'Shanah Tovah!  
*Jacob Chappell*

## SHANA TOVA



Happy, Healthy New Year!  
*Rachel Long*

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שנה טובה TOVA  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
新年快樂  
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Wishing everyone  
a Shana Tova!  
  
*Marci, David  
& Jacob Gordon*

Shana Tova to our friends and the entire community  
from  
*Paula Barbarito-Levitt & Marc Levitt*

שנה טובה SHANA TOVA HAPPY NEW YEAR

## SHANA TOVA



Wishing our community a happy,  
prosperous and sweet New Year!  
*From Susan & Mark Fredkin*

Shana Tova. We hope you and  
your families find compassion,  
understanding, generosity of spirit  
and strength in the New Year.  
*Robert & Kimberly Chortek*

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שנה טובה TOVA  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



Wishing everyone  
a sweet year!  
*From Renee and Jeff Kanel*



Wishing our entire  
community a healthy,  
happy and sweet New Year.  
  
*Warmly,  
The Sweedler Family*

Wishing the community  
a sweet and healthy New Year!  
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# SIMCHAS

## Called to the Torah



**Shira Minkowski**, daughter of Julia and Yuval Minkowski, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 9, at Congregation Sinai. Her parsha was Shlach Lekha. During her drash, Shira spoke about the scouts and

their lack of faith in G-d when they were leading the tribes to Israel. Joining Shira on her special day were her grandparents, Lilliane Kretz, who had traveled from Belgium; and Nina Bogdanova and Aron Bashinsky, recent new residents of California. Shira's two brothers were also happy guests.

A rising seventh grader at Yavneh Day School, Shira enjoys drawing and hanging out with her friends. At Yavneh, Shira volunteers in the after-school art program for the elementary students. A student of both the piano and guitar, she most enjoys playing the guitar.

## Wedding Anniversary



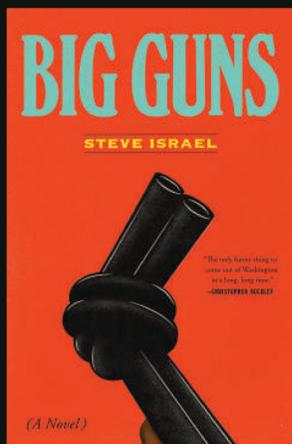
**Amber Leigh Lundy and David Arthur Brenner** were married at Yakayo Ranch in Ukiah, August 4, 2017. The newlyweds have just celebrated their one-year anniversary. Amber is the daughter of

Michelle Anderson of Paris, France, and of Bruce and Izumi Leigh of Sendai, Japan. David is the son of Susie and Steve Brenner of San Jose.

Amber is a photographer and helps run a local dress shop. David is the founder of Habitat Horticulture, a living green wall business. The couple live in San Francisco with their new dog, Romeo.

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## OBITS



**Rev. D. Andrew Kille**  
**January 6, 1950 - June 30, 2018**

The Rev. D. Andrew Kille, writer, teacher, editor, musician, preacher, biblical scholar, and interfaith activist passed away surrounded by his family on June 30, 2018, after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Andy Kille worked closely with Lil Silberstein, z"l, at the National Council of Christians and Jews in the 1970s, and proceeded to spend the next four decades creating welcoming and thoughtful dialogue between Christians and Jews, as well as all other faith communities. Rabbis, JCRC staff and Jewish lay leaders all recognize that our interfaith work stands on the foundation created by Andy Kille.

The eldest of three children of David and Ruth Kille, Reverend Kille grew up in Ventura until moving to Ojai in 1960. He attended Stanford University (A.B. '71 in English Literature), where he met Pamela Bjorklund, whom he married August 31, 1972.

In 2003, Rev. Kille created Interfaith Space, developing opportunities for dialogue and shared sacred spaces among interfaith groups. Together with other interfaith projects, Interfaith Space gave rise to Santa Clara County being proclaimed a Partner City of the Parliament of the World's Religions. A founder of Silicon Valley Interreligious Council (SiVIC), he served as its first chair. Since 2007, he edited the Bay Area Interfaith Connect newsletter published by the Interfaith Center of the Presidio.

Andy is survived by his wife Pamela, his sons Jabin (Michelle) and Russell, grandson Hart, father David W. Kille, sisters Laurel Buhler (Michael), Shannon Frew (James), nieces Laurie and Beth Buhler and nephew Davey Frew (Rosie).

Andy's memorial service will be on Sunday, September 9, 2018, at 2:00 pm at the Chung Tai Zen Center, 750 E. Arques Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085. Donations may be made to: The Educational Center, Charlotte, N.C., or the Silicon Valley Interreligious Council (SiVIC).



**Regina Keenan**  
**April 17, 1929 - July 21, 2018**

Regina Keenan was a Holocaust survivor who will be remembered as a vibrant, outgoing woman with a zest for life and learning. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Regina and her family were forced to leave their home during WWII to live in Shanghai, China. For 10 years, she and her parents lived in the Hongkew District, virtually a city prison surrounded by occupying soldiers. She survived many childhood hardships. At age 18, Regina met and later married Owen Keenan, a U.S. merchant marine on an official U.S. rescue mission to bring the "Shanghai Jews" to America.

Regina was a charter member of the Silicon Valley Holocaust Survivors Association and shared her courageous experiences at local and state levels as a member of the SVHSA Speakers Bureau.

Regina is survived by her loving children, Patrick Keenan of Fremont, Margaret Jacobs of Los Gatos and Park City, UT, and Maureen Smerdon of Monte Sereno; her grandchildren Ryan and Brendan Keenan, Jamie Buranich, and Rebecca and Benjamin Smerdon.



**Wayne Rose**  
**August 26, 1944 - July 21, 2018**

The Jewish community extends its condolences and mourns with the family of Wayne Rose, husband of Iva Rose and father of Daniel Rose and Elisabeth McCrae.

A native of San Jose, California, for many years Wayne served as the administrator of Home of Peace Jewish cemetery in San Jose and as associate executive director of Sinai Memorial Chapel. Wayne was the face of the Jewish community to those who had lost a loved one. He was patient, compassionate and kind. Wayne knew just how to "work the system" to handle a variety of challenges from expediting death certificates to securing financial aid for those in need.

According to Rabbi Dana Magat, Temple Emanu-El, "Wayne was a one-of-a-kind person. He served our congregation and community for nearly 50 years with an unparalleled dedication and commitment to his profession. He was truly present for others. Wayne Rose was also a true character with his incredible sense of humor, ability to tell a great story and his genuine concern for others."

Wayne was an active and dedicated volunteer within his community. He was a past board member of the Family Service Association and Mental Health Advisory Board, both of Santa Clara County; the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation; the Masonic Service Bureau and Masonic Temple Association, also of Santa Clara Valley. Wayne and his family were members at Temple Emanu-El, San Jose.

Wayne rose will be deeply missed. May his memory always be a blessing.

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*Congregation Shir Hadash: Sacred Heart Church, Saratoga*  
*Congregation Sinai: Congregation Sinai*  
*Temple Emanu-El: Heritage Theater, Campbell*

**Saturday, September 1**

**Selichot Services**

7:00 - 10:00 pm Temple Emanu-El  
 8:00 - 11:00 pm Congregation Shir Hadash  
 8:15 - 11:55 pm Congregation Sinai  
 9:00 - 11:30 pm Congregation Beth David

**Sunday, September 9**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

**Congregation Beth David**

6:00 - 7:15 pm Early Service  
 6:00 - 7:15 pm Jr.K - 3rd Grade  
 6:00 - 7:15 pm 4th - 7th Grade  
 8:00 - 9:15 pm Late Service

**Congregation Sinai**

7:00 - 9:00 pm Mincha/Arvit

**Congregation Emeth**

7:15 - 9:00 pm Main Service

**Temple Emanu-El**

7:30 - 9:30 pm Main Service

**Congregation Shir Hadash**

8:00 - 9:30 pm Main Service

**Monday, September 10**

**Rosh Hashanah**

**Congregation Emeth**

10 - 12:30 pm Main Service

**Congregation Beth David**

8:30 - 1:15 pm Kehillah Gadolah (traditional)  
 8:15 - 1:15 pm Kehillah K'tanah (less traditional)  
 10:00 - 11:00 am JrK - 3rd Grade  
 10:00 - 11:15 am Netivot Hateshuvah  
 10:00 - 11:30 am Young Adult Brunch (22-30 yrs)  
 10:00 - Noon Youth Service 4th-7th Grade  
 10:30 am - Noon Honey Hut & Shofar Shack  
 Noon - 1:00 pm Teen Service  
 Noon - 1:00 pm Tot & Young Family Service  
 12:15 - 1:00 pm Netivot Hateshuvah  
 4:00 - 6:00 pm Tashlich at Calabazas Park

**Congregation Shir Hadash**

10:00 am Morning Service  
 10:00 am Babysitting  
 10:15 am Teen Program  
 3:30 pm Family Service

**Congregation Sinai**

8:30 - 12:30 pm Shacharit  
 9:00 - 10:00 am Children's Service  
 11:00 - 12:30 pm Youth Service  
 12:30 - 1:30 pm Teen Discussion  
 5:30 - 6:00 pm Tashlich at LG Creek Trail  
 7:00 - 8:30 pm Mincha/Arvit

**Temple Emanu-El**

9:00 - 10:00 am Children's Service  
 10:00 - 12:30 pm Childcare - RSVP required  
 10:00 - 12:30 pm Main Service  
 5:00 - 6:00 pm Tashlich at Oak Meadow Park

**Tuesday, September 11**

**Congregation Beth David**

8:30 - 1:15 pm Kehillah Gadolah  
 10:30 - 11:30 am Apple Fest/Tot Service  
 10:30 - 11:30 am Youth Program  
 11:30 - 1:00 pm Conversational Musaf

**Congregation Sinai**

8:30 - 12:30 pm Shacharit

**Saturday, September 15**

**Congregation Shir Hadash**

10:30 am Tashlich at Vasona Lake

**Sunday, September 16**

**Beth David & Emanu-El**

1:00 - 2:00 pm Kever Avot at Home of Peace

**Shir Hadash & Sinai**

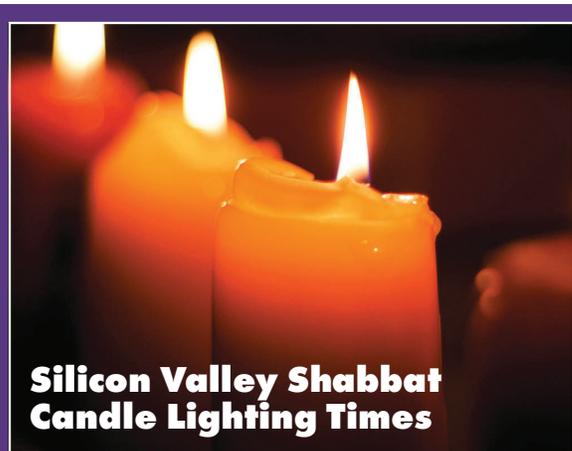
1:00 - 2:00 pm Kever Avot at Shalom Gardens

**Tuesday, September 18**

**Kol Nidre**

**Congregation Beth David**

6:30 - 7:30 pm JrK-3rd Grade  
 6:30 - 8:30 pm Youth Service 4th-7th Grade  
 6:45 - 9:30 pm Kehilla Gadolah  
 6:45 - 9:30 pm Kehilla K'tanah



**Silicon Valley Shabbat Candle Lighting Times**

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Friday, August 17    | 7:39 |
| Friday, August 24    | 7:29 |
| Friday, August 31    | 7:20 |
| Friday, September 7  | 7:09 |
| Friday, September 14 | 7:06 |
| Friday, September 21 | 6:48 |
| Friday, September 28 | 6:37 |
| Friday, October 5    | 6:27 |
| Friday, October 12   | 6:16 |
| Friday, October 19   | 6:07 |
| Friday, October 26   | 5:58 |

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**Congregation Emeth**

7:00 Kol Nidre

**Congregation Shir Hadash**

8:00 Kol Nidre

**Congregation Sinai**

6:30 - 9:00 pm Kol Nidre

7:00 - 7:45 pm Children's Programs

**Temple Emanu-El**

7:30 - 9:00 pm Main Service

**Wednesday, September 19**

**Congregation Beth David**

9:00 - 2:00 pm Kehillah Gadolah

9:00 - 2:00 pm Kehillah K'tanah

10:00 - 11:00 am JrK - 3rd Grade

10:00 - Noon Youth Service 4th-7th Grade

11:00 - Noon Teen Service

11:30 - 3:00 pm Netivot Hateshuvah: Russian Service

11:30 - 12:30 pm Tot & Young Family Service

12:30 - 1:15 pm Netivot Hateshuvah:

Prayer & Breathing

2:30 - 3:30 pm Netivot Hateshuvah:

Israel and the Yom

Kippur War

3:30 - 4:30 pm Study Session

4:45 - 7:45 pm Minha & N'ilah Services

7:45 - 9:00 pm Break-the-Fast

**Congregation Shir Hadash**

10:00 am Morning Service

10:00 am Babysitting

10:00 am Religious School Program

10:15 am Teen Program

1:15 pm Adult Study/Discussion

3:00 pm Afternoon Service

3:30 pm Family Service (@ CSH)

4:45 pm Yizkor

6:00 pm Concluding Service

7:15 pm Havdalah

7:30 pm Break-the-Fast

**Congregation Emeth**

9:30 am Main Service

3:30 pm Study Session

4:30 pm Yizkor Memorial Service

5:00 pm Concluding (Mincha & Neilah)

**Congregation Sinai**

8:30 - 12:30 pm Shacharit

10:30 - Noon Youth Service

11:30 - Noon Sermon & Yizkor

Noon- 1:00 pm Teen Discussion

4:00 - 5:15 pm Study Break

5:15 - 6:16 pm Mincha

6:30 - 7:30 pm Ne'ilah

7:50 - 8:20 pm Mass Blast and Glow-in-the-Dark Havdallah

8:20 - 9:30 pm Break-the-Fast

**Temple Emanu-El**

9:00 - 10:00 am Children's Service

10:00 - 12:30 pm Childcare -

RSVP required

10:30 - 12:30 pm Congregational

Service

12:30 - 1:00 pm Sermon Discussion

1:00 - 2:00 pm Social Action/

Tikkun Olam

Discussion

1:00 - 2:00 pm Teen Discussion

2:15 - 3:15 pm Yoga

3:30 - 4:15 pm Afternoon Healing

Service

5:00 - 6:30 pm Yizkor, Neilah and

Havdalah

**WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS**

For more information on community events, go to [www.jvalley.org/calendar](http://www.jvalley.org/calendar).

**Mondays, September 3 - December 17**

**JCC Torah Study**

3:30 - 4:30 pm, Chai House

**Tuesdays, September 4 - December 18**

**Classic Jewish Texts**

9:30 - 11 am, APJCC

**Wednesdays, September 5 - December 26**

**JCC Kaplan Roundtable**

9 - 10:30 am, APJCC

**Wednesdays, September 5 - September 12**

**Meditation Group**

10:30 - 11:30 am, Shir Hadash

**Thursdays, September 6 - December 27**

**JCC Hasidic Havurah**

11 am - noon, APJCC

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**BI-MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS**

**Tuesdays, September 4 - July 3, 2019**

Israeli Dancing  
 7:30 - 9 pm, Emanu-El

**Fridays, September 21 - May 17, 2019**

Erev Shabbat Service  
 7 - 8 pm, Emanu-El

**MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS**

**Wednesdays, September 5 - July 3, 2019**

Lunch & Learn with the Cantor  
 12:00 - 1:30 pm, Emanu-El

**Fridays, September 7 - May 3, 2019**

Erev Shabbat Family Service  
 7 - 8 pm, Emanu-El

**Saturdays, September 8 - May 11, 2019**

Baby Shabbat  
 9 - 10 am, Emanu-El

**Wednesdays, September 12 - July 24, 2019**

Lunch & Learn with the Rabbi  
 12:00 - 1:30 pm, Emanu-El

**Fridays, September 14 - April 12, 2019**

Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group  
 10 - noon, Shir Hadash

**Sundays, September 16 - June 2, 2019**

Knitzvah Group  
 10:30 - noon, JFS @ APJCC

**Fridays, September 21 - May 17, 2019**

Tot Shabbat Service with Catered Dinner  
 6 - 7:30 pm, Emanu-El

**Friday, September 28**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Emanu-El

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS**

**Wednesday, September 5**

Back-to-School Night for K-3rd Grade  
 6 - 8 pm, Yavneh Day School

**Thursday, September 13**

Back-to-School Night for 4th-8th Grade  
 6 - 8 pm, Yavneh Day School

**Sunday, September 16**

Back-to-School BBQ & Open House  
 12:30 - 1:30 pm, Emanu-El

**Wednesday, October 17**

Kindergarten Information Night  
 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Yavneh Day School

**HOLIDAYS**

**Sunday, September 23**

Interfaith Parents Raising Jewish Children  
 9:30 - 10:45 am, Shir Hadash  
 Erev Sukkot Experience  
 5 - 7 pm, Emanu-El

**Monday, September 24**

Sukkot Services  
 9 - 1:30 pm, Sinai

**Tuesday, September 25**

Sukkot Services  
 9 - 1:30 pm, Sinai

**Sushi in the Sukkah for 20s & 30s**

6 - 8 pm, Emanu-El

**Thursday, September 27**

Family Sukkot Celebration  
 3:45 - 6 pm, Yavneh Day School

**Sangria in the Sukkah**

6 - 8 pm Emanu-El

**Sunday, September 30**

Hoshanah Rabbah Joint Service  
 8 - 10 am, Sinai & Beth David @ Beth David

**Simchat Torah Celebration w/Joel Nelson Band**

7 - 9 pm, Shir Hadash

**Monday, October 1**

Shmini Atzeret & Yizkor Service  
 9 - noon, Sinai

**Simchat Torah & Yizkor Service**

9 - 10 am, Emanu-El

**Simchat Torah Experience**

5 - 7:30 pm, Emanu-El

**Simchat Torah Pasta Dinner & Service**

5:30 - 9 pm, Sinai

**Simchat Torah & Yizkor Service**

6:00 - 9 pm, Shir Hadash

**Tuesday, October 2**

Simchat Torah Service  
 9 - 1:30 pm, Sinai

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Thursday, October 25 @ APJCC**

**Vodka & Latkes: Celebrating the 13th Birthday of the Levy Family Campus  
Saturday, December 1 @ APJCC**

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