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You've probably noticed that we've been changing things a bit.

The Jewish Federation's newspaper has a long and storied past. Started in 1959 as the *Jewish Community News*, the publication has served as the collective voice of the South Bay's Jewish community. The publication was originally monthly, became quarterly, and has most recently gone to six times per year.

Just like all print news sources, the publication has been faced with a changing readership. Local and niche publications survive only if they're willing to embrace the changes dictated by the marketplace.

The changes we've been introducing over the past several issues culminate in this inaugural issue of *JValley Magazine*. Our goal is to continue to provide all the features longtime readers have come to expect (Simchas, synagogue perspectives, community happenings), and include new features and stories that engage with your entire life. Because you're not just a member of the South Bay's Jewish community. You're a member of the community at large. Being Jewish means being an active participant in South Bay life. *JValley Magazine* aims to reflect that.

In the coming issues, we'll talk about a wide range of topics. Technology will be a big one (this is Silicon Valley, after all), but our focus will be on how innovation (particularly Jewish innovation),

is making your life better. But Silicon Valley's a lot more than startups, venture capital and Gorilla glass. We live here. We grow up, fall in love, have children, explore, shop, eat, drive and we all want to know the best ways and places to do all of these.

Think of *JValley Magazine* as that great Jewish friend who knows all the best places to eat, where to get the best deals on everything, and who always seems to know what the holidays really mean. We want to provide life hacks for Jewish life in Silicon Valley.

We'll present different points of view, because being Jewish isn't a one-size-fits-all faith. Part of our mission is to help facilitate the exchange of new ideas. We may not always agree with each other, but we'll always do so respectfully.

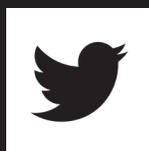
And most importantly, *JValley Magazine* is about you. We want to know what you want to know. What do you want to learn more about? Who's an interesting person you'd like to get to know better? We'll have conversations with fascinating people from all walks of life.

The format may have changed but the heart that beats between these pages is the same one that's been going strong since 1959. Let us know how we're doing. What do you like, what you dislike, what are we missing, what else do you want to know? *JValley Magazine* and the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley are here for you.

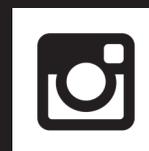
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COMMUNITY PHOTOS

Yavneh's Striking Gold Spring Benefit



Yavneh Day School's annual fundraising benefit took a decidedly Western twist. Renee Fine, an award-winning teacher and community activist, was honored for her chai years of service. Andrea and Joel Rubnitz were also saluted for their own chai years of dedication to the Yavneh family.

Jewish Family Services

(above) The Romantics (a Russian speaking volunteer chorus group from the WWII Veterans Association) singing beautiful songs at the JFS Volunteer Appreciation event. They entertained JFS volunteers with American, Russian, Hebrew and English songs. They showed us how senior volunteers can thrive and get so much nachas from giving from their hearts.

(right) JFS Chaplain Aides led Passover Seders at senior facilities throughout the community. Shell Rubenstein leading a Seder at Brookdale San Jose.

Kehillah Gala Fundraiser

Kehilla Jewish High School hosted its successful gala fundraiser on April 28.

Congregation Beth David

Tikkun Olam Action Day combination Mitzvah Day and Earth Day event included guest speakers Eric Rosenblum who spoke about water recycling and Liz Braun from Mazon who spoke about food insecurity. Attendees, which included students from both CBD's and Sinai's Religious School engaged in a variety of projects. Liz Braun led a food mapping project where one could see how much food could actually be purchased using the SNAP (food stamps) program.

Assemblyman Ash Kalra (District 27) meeting with the South Bay delegation of the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California on Advocacy Day, May 9. Left to right, Susan Brenner, Olivier Minkowski, Ginny Baird, Jane Jacobson, Diane Fisher and Marci Gerston. Not pictured from the delegation: Rina Zolotusky.

Births

Izabella Rose Miller was born on December 23 in San Francisco. Her parents are Derek & Melissa Miller who are members of Temple Emanuel in San Francisco. She weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces. Her big sister, Ava Flora Miller, 2 ½ is very proud to be the big sister. Her maternal grandparents are Rich & Carol Zbriger of Congregation Shir Hadash in Los Gatos.

Aarika & Joshua Hess proudly announce the birth of their second daughter, **Virginia Grace**, on February 17.

Proud grandparents are Mike & Shannon Hess of Incline Village NV, Sylvia & Dennis Schoonover of Thompson Station TN and Barry & Mary Cohen, long-time members of Temple Emanu-El and residents of Saratoga. Virginia was named after her paternal great-grandmother, but her big sister, Carlee, calls her "My Baby"!



singing, dancing, baking, laughing and playing guitar. She has participated in more than ten Children's Musical Theater productions and can hardly wait to do more. For her mitzvah project, Samara put together a team ("Team Poppop") to participate in the San Jose Purple Stride last fall to raise money for PanCan, an organization that raises funds for pancreatic cancer research and also helps build awareness around this disease. She spoke at the event and received a proclamation from the Los Gatos Town Council recognizing Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day. Samara was pleased to have family and friends join her from all over the country.

Hannah Nathan

Daughter of Jennifer Nathan, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 22 at Congregation Sinai. She is a seventh grader at Monroe Middle School and likes to participate in track and field, drama, band and Girl Scouts. She played the Wicked Witch in a production of *The Wizard of Oz*. She is very fond of animals and volunteers at Happy Hollow Park; for her mitzvah project Hannah will be donating funds to help with the restoration of Happy Hollow which was damaged by the floods of 2017.



Called to the Torah



Jonathan Osband

Son of Steve Dick & Lynn Osband, was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on March 18 at Congregation Sinai. He is a seventh grader at Dartmouth Middle School and a student at Congregation Sinai's religious school. He is the younger brother of Rachel and the older brother of Sarah. He enjoys playing soccer, spending time with his friends and playing trombone in the Dartmouth marching band. On hand

for this special occasion were grandparents from Chicago and southern California and aunts, uncles and cousins from all over the country. For his mitzvah project Jonathan is donating money to KaZoom, an organization which builds playgrounds for the underprivileged.

Samara Yellin

Daughter of Jennifer Copaken & Todd Yellin, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 25 at Congregation Sinai. She is the big sister of Oliver Yellin She is a seventh grader at Yavneh Day School and can usually be found



Samantha Wiesner

Daughter of David & Sherri Wiesner, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 6 at Temple Emanu-El. Samantha is a seventh grader at Redwood Middle School. She enjoys reading, acting, writing and art. In addition to her busy school life, studying for her Bat Mitzvah and spending time with friends, Samantha loves everything Camp Newman! For Samantha's Mitzvah project, she is collecting new and gently used books to donate to the Jewish Coalition for Literacy in order to support underserved children throughout the Bay Area.

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Weddings

Talia Shahna Salzman and Frank Aaron Schiff were married on March 26 at Congregation Beth David. Rabbi Philip Ohriner officiated. The reception followed at the San Jose Woman's Club. On the Shabbat preceding the wedding, the couple had their auf-ruf at Congregation Sinai in San Jose where Rabbi Joshua Berkenwald officiates. The groom is a third generation member of Congregation Sinai.



The bride is the daughter of Marina & Michael Salzman of Saratoga and the granddaughter of Zina Kharag of San Francisco. Talia earned her bachelor's degree from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and her Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Illinois in Chicago. She works in the field of maternal and child health.

The groom is the son of Amy & Daniel Schiff of San Jose. He is the grandson of Ruth & Alfred

Sporer of San Jose and Ed Schiff of Boca Raton, Florida. Frank earned his bachelor's degree, with honors, from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Frank works at Quantcast in San Francisco.

Frank and Talia met in 1999 at Yavneh Day School in Los Gatos and continued on for middle school together at Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School in Palo Alto. Following a honeymoon in Maui, the couple resides in Alameda, California.

Chaim Jacobson and Tehila BenHamou were married at Olmaya Jerusalem Promenade which overlooks the Old City on March 24. He is the son of Dr. Jeffrey & Michelle Jacobson and she is the daughter of Yisroel & Chana Djian .

Chaim is a graduate of Hebrew University and is a computer engineer with IBM in Tel Avi. In addition, he teaches Salsa and other Latin Ballroom dancing.

Tehila has a degree in hospital administration Hadassah College. She also has a teaching credential from the Yalin School of Education. She teaches at-risk teens at Seligsberg High School, is a life coach and runs a Tai Kwon Do school.

Rita and Jerry Jacobson, Chaim's grandparents who were in Israel for the wedding and for Pesach, are long-time members of Congregation Sinai in San Jose.

Arlene and Rubin Jurman celebrated the 65th wedding anniversary. Married on February 10, 1952, the two San Jose natives marked their anniversary with a family celebration at the Plumed Horse in Saratoga. They are blessed with three children, twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Arlene and Rubin are long-time members of Temple Emanu-El in San Jose.



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Marvin and Joan Fox today and at their wedding in 1956.

Robert and Ruth Fox today and at their wedding in 1953.

Love at the Heart of the Jewish Community

Before the tech revolution changed the landscape of Silicon Valley, the Santa Clara Valley was lush with orchards and farmland. Bobby Darin, Paul Anka and Elvis Presley poured out of radios tuned to KYA-FM. A new house cost \$12,000 and a gallon of gas cost 25 cents.

Marvin and Robert Fox worked at their family business, Markovits & Fox, a scrap metal recycling operation in San Jose. The business had been in the family since 1886. Prior to joining the business, both boys served in the military (Marvin in the Navy and Robert in the Army), and both attended and graduated from UC Berkeley.

The boys' parents, Evelyn and Milton Fox, were active members of the Jewish community. They belonged to the Bikor Cholim synagogue at the corner of Third and San Antonio streets in San Jose. After the synagogue burned down, Milton Fox was co-chair of a committee that arranged construction of a new house of worship for the congregation called Temple Emanu-El. The Fox family are all members of that congregation, many of whom have served on its board and various committees. During the Bikor Cholim years, Rabbi Freund officiated at the Bar Mitzvahs of both Marvin and Rob.

It was Berkeley, however, that would provide the most important relationships in the brothers' lives. Rob met his wife, Ruth, while the two were students. Ruth was a native of Santa Monica. It was at her parents' home there in 1953 where she and Rob were married in a lovely ceremony officiated by Rabbi Gitin from Temple Emanu-El. Some years after graduating from UC Berkeley, one of Marv's fraternity brothers said he had a cousin named Joan Levin who would be attending school later that year, and that Marv should call her for a date. That date in spring 1956 led to marriage later that year. Marv and Joan's marriage was officiated by Rabbi Gitin at Temple Emanu-El, where Joan's parents Winnie and David Levin were active and engaged members of both Temple Emanu-El and Bikor Cholim.

For Temple Emanu-El's fifth grade life cycle project this year, Ruth and Rob and

Joan and Marv were asked to renew their vows. The couples had a combined total of 123 years of marriage. Rabbi Magat conducted a meaningful renewal ceremony, where the couples were surrounded by family and the fifth grade pupils.

Family has been a prominent focus for both couples. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have been integral parts of their lives. Over the years, the extended family has bonded together for many life cycle events such as Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, marriages, anniversaries and more.

As the Fox couples shared with Temple Emanu-El's fifth grade class, although a great deal has changed, the fundamentals of Jewish life have remained constant. Attending religious school and celebrating Jewish holidays together as a family are threads that connect the fabric of life.



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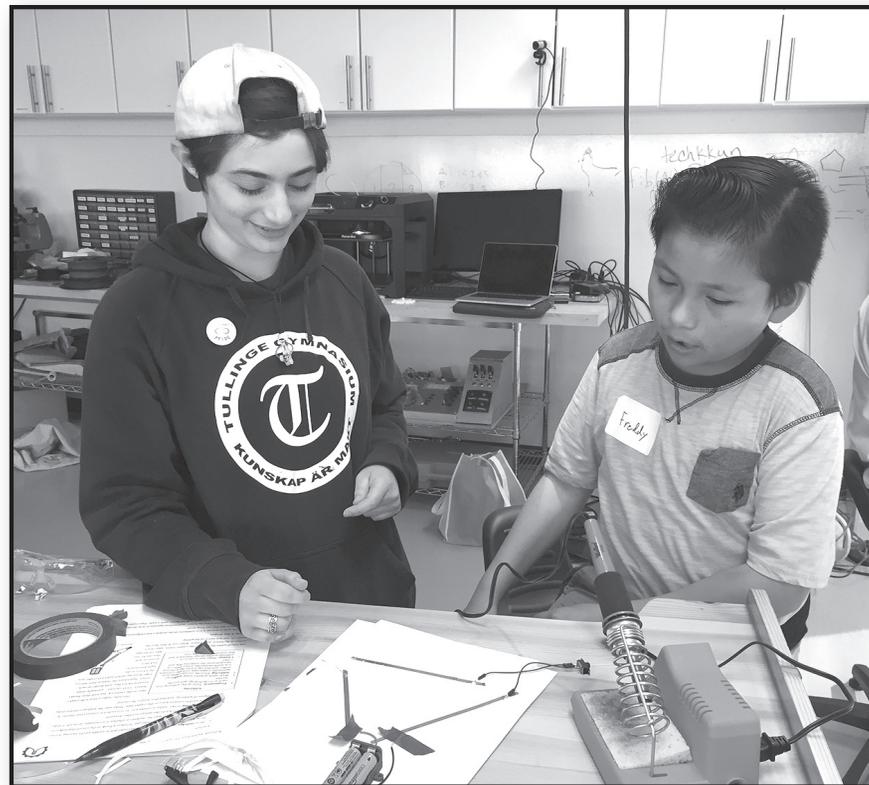
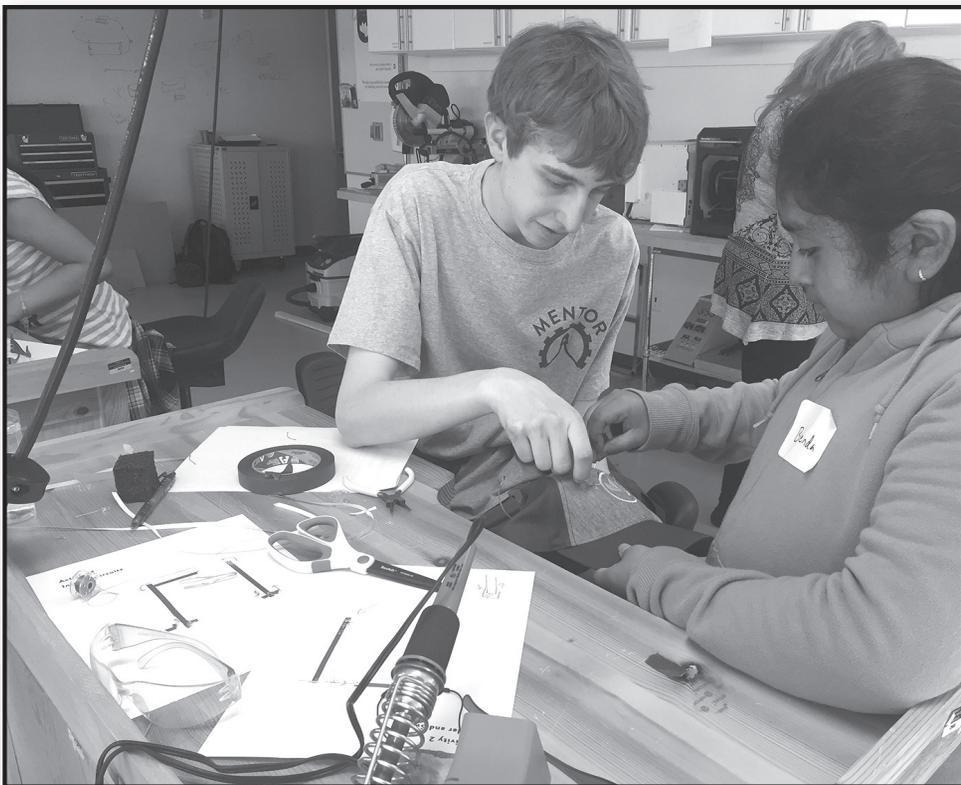
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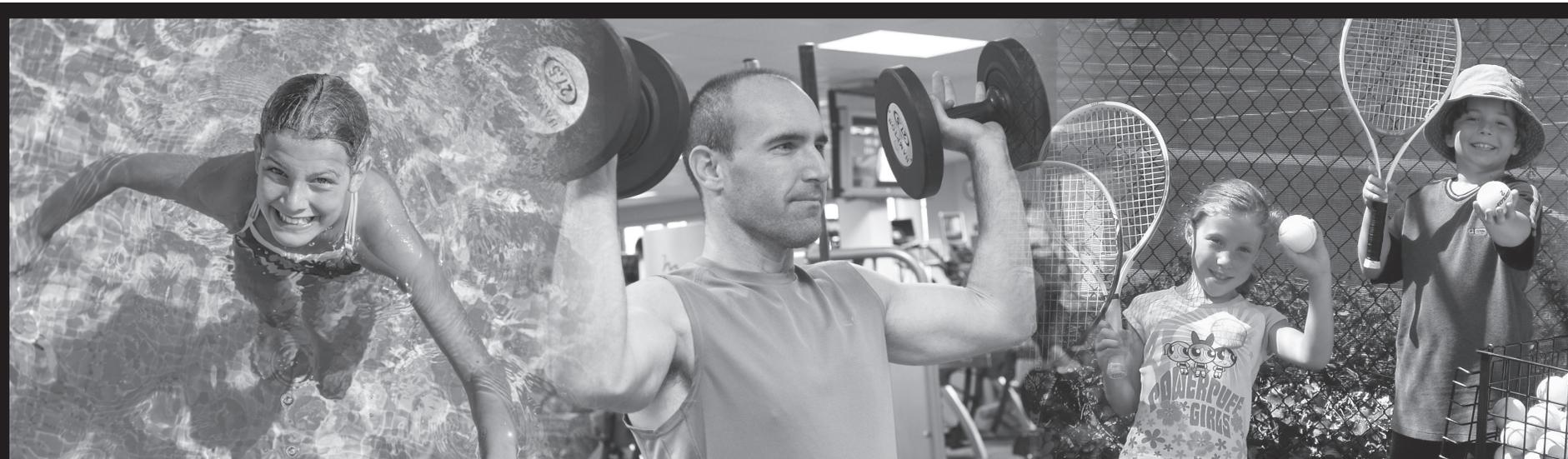
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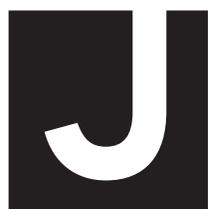
Kehillah Tech Club Mentorship Program

The Kehillah Tech Club recently started a mentorship program that uses the Laboratory for Engineering Arts to connect to the larger community. The Kehillah Tech Mentorship Program has been meeting with 5th grade students from a nearby elementary school once a week for a 2-hour workshop in basic circuitry, 3D printing, and wearable electronics. It has been such a success, that the principal and teachers decided to extend the program to all 50 5th graders! This program is completely created and driven by Kehillah students. To learn more about this program, call Kehillah Jewish High School at (650) 213-9600 or visit them online at www.kehillah.org



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Managing Soil and Water Usage in Israel

A recent Congregation Beth David Koffee Klatch event was devoted to Israel's environmental concerns. Norman Rosenberg, who lived and worked as a soil conservationist with Israel's Ministry of Agriculture in the 1950s, spoke about Israel's range of climates and complex topography. The wide variety of soil types, such as terra rosa in the Galilee, basalt in the Golan, and loess, the powdery silt of the Negev, demand different methods to be watered, fertilized for ionic balance, and utilized for optimum productivity and conservation. The loess soil of the Negev, for instance, must be fertilized at the right time or nitrates could leach into the water table.

The Israeli Agriculture Ministry's understanding of the varied soil types stems from Rosenberg's original soil survey work. His assignment came about as a response to the recommendation of then-Assistant Chief of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Walter Clay Lowdermilk. Unlike the British assessment that the land was incapable of sustaining a large population, which was one of the reasons they gave for limiting Jewish immigration, Lowdermilk reported Palestine as a "Land of Promise" (which also became the title of his 1944 book on the topic). Rosenberg explained that during the Byzantine era, the land had been productive for the Nabateans who had developed techniques for catching water run-off in order to grow grapes and trees in the desert.

In his book, Lowdermilk also laid the foundation for a water resource plan in Palestine. The Lowdermilk strategy was the basis for water resource and hydroelectric plans which led to the building of the HaMovil HaArtzi, Israel's national water carrier which was completed in 1964. HaMovil removes fresh water from the Kinneret, the Sea of Galilee, and transports it down to the Negev. By 2007, although Israel was recycling 86% of its waste water, the Sea of Galilee was so badly drained that it was in danger of becoming another Dead Sea. Necessity led Israel to become the leader in water desalinization, with five plants which now produce a surplus of freshwater.



Water from the Mediterranean Sea rushes through pipes en route to be filtered for use across Israel. Photo courtesy Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Water desalination isn't without its own problems, Rosenberg explained. 50% of the water that passes through the desalinization process comes out fresh. The other 50% becomes a brine that is dumped back into the sea, leading to areas of higher salt content. Current water worries are focused on the decline of the Dead Sea and how to stop and hopefully reverse its decline. Lowdermilk had proposed building canals from the Mediterranean to help refill the Dead Sea, however, currently plans are for a desalination plant on the Red Sea coast, with a pipeline to transport the brine to the Dead Sea, generating hydroelectric power in the 400m drop into the basin, which could be used by Jordan promoting neighborly cooperation. It is unknown if the brine mix with Dead Sea water will change its unique turbidity, thereby necessitating adjustments to its industrial uses.

Congregation Beth David's Koffee Klatch is open to anyone interested in discussing Israel issues. Contact irisbendahan@gmail.com or (408) 257-3333 if you have questions or comments.

The Lighter Side The Singing Veterinarian Graduates

By Rachael Berman

It's that time of year again when the graduation announcements start flooding your mailbox and you wonder where has the time gone. This year I'll have my own graduate, believe it or not. I know many of you might wonder how that's possible but I assure you I'll be having a graduation to sit through with tissue in hand.

I will hear amazing speeches about where the next journey will take these students and what work they'll do in the future. Some of the students will cry and run off the stage and some will just smile. They'll probably sing a song about what they've learned and we'll watch in astounded wonder. We'll probably even contemplate finding them an agent.

I'll sit there beaming like a summer sunrise as my child graduates from preschool. Yeah, that's right. My daughter is graduating from

preschool. Apparently completing the rigors of preschool is a major life accomplishment that must be celebrated with a ceremony of speeches and entertainment and the obligatory party afterwards.

Graduation season always seems to take place during a heat wave, so I imagine we'll all be *shivtzing* in the sun watching our five-year-olds walk across a stage and move on to the next phase of their lives. They will seem taller, funnier, smarter and some might even know what they want to be when they grow up.

My daughter is going to be a singing veterinarian, so there's that to look forward to. I'm not quite sure how that'll work—will it be a never-ending rendition of *How Much Is That Doggy In The Window?*

I want time to stand still. I wonder how they'll do next year in a different chapter of their lives. As a Jewish mother, I obviously worry. For some, graduation is an ending, but I'm trying to look at it as a beginning of something new and exciting. It's a time to reflect on this journey and hope for a bright future ahead. I hope when my child walks across that stage and graduates that she'll feel proud, confident and excited about going to kindergarten. I hope she's filled with new knowledge and the bright hope of becoming a vet who does show tunes. I know I'm filled with hope for the future. How can you feel anything else when you see the next generation graduating... even if she's only five.

Rachael was born and raised in the Bay Area. After college she pursued standup comedy in Los Angeles but, alas, the Bay Area kept calling. She returned to the Bay Area to raise her two kids and start her baking business, desserts by designs. www.dessertsbydesigns.com (408) 910-7200.

Reflections on Abrahamic Alliance International Events



Despite Cold Winds, Exposure Is the Way to Go!

By Iris Bendahan, *Congregation Beth David*

The Abrahamic Alliance International (AAi) matches up interested Christian, Muslim and Jewish groups to use social action as a means to get acquainted. Congregation Beth David hosted two AAi events in February in conjunction with Saratoga Federated Church (SFC) and West Valley Muslim Association (WVMA). The AAi event on February 25 brought about 100 people to a Trialogue during which a leader from each of these Abrahamic faith communities spoke about their faith's views on feeding the hungry.

"Freedom and empowerment can be found through exposure," said Aaron Nankin, an attendee at the event, "in realizing that we are all connected, and that our common humanity is plain to see when we dare to look."

All minds were contemplative about the new climate, and so the speakers included thoughts about tolerance and acceptance in their addresses. Prior to the clergies' remarks, quotes from the faiths' scriptures were shared aloud. Rabbi Ohriner of Beth David included, "When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him," from Leviticus 19. Rabbi Akiva taught "Beloved is all humanity, created in the Divine image," from *Mishna Avot*. Reverend Arvin Engelson from SFC included "Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Imam Musab Abdalla from WVMA said "...and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess," from the Koran.

"It was informative to hear the perspectives of the three religions as espoused by their local clergy," said one Beth David attendee. "Especially their similar approaches to dealing with non-members of their faiths."

Taj Noori from WVMA agreed. "It was heartening to see how similar the three faiths are in regards to the urgency and importance of service to humanity and environment."

The event concluded with a Q&A session followed by an opportunity to schmooze over refreshments.

"The highlight of the event was sitting down over refreshments to connect with Christian and Muslim members of my community," said Aaron Nankin. "I got the pleasure of getting to know a lovely Christian woman and a lovely Muslim woman and to discuss faith, work, insecurities, growing up in different backgrounds, similarities and differences of our religions, and even music."

Andrea Ammerman of CBD expressed, "One of things I loved about talking to people from other faiths is our commonalities; for instance, we are all bemoaning our respective college children for not following and affirming their faith while at school."

On February 26, the three faith groups met again to cook up a meal to serve to the homeless. The Meal Cook & Serve event afforded a more intimate exposure forum with 10-15 people from each community gathering together.

"It was a pleasure to cook and serve alongside our sisters and brothers from the Abrahamic faith," Taj Moori said. "We loved getting to know them better."

During the Muslim afternoon prayer session, everyone regrouped in the *Beit Midrash* to participate/observe and then it was off to serve at CityTeam shelter in San Jose.

The Meal Cook & Serve experience was the fourth such event in which Beth David participated in the past two years, and already SFC has requested we meet again (we're working on Oct. 22 as a possibility).

One of our Muslim guests believed that "having been raised in an oppressive country in the Middle East, that exposure is the key to overcoming the fears, the unknown, the hatred that divides people." So, would you like to warm those chilly winds, overcome fears of the unknown, and change that divisive hate by increasing exposure with more regular encounters?

Email your thoughts and suggestions to irisbendahan@beth-david.org, or call (408) 257-3333. For more information about AAi, check out their website at www.abrahamicalliance.org.



Jewish, Muslim and Christian participants prepare meals for the homeless during the AAi "Meal Cook & Serve" event at Congregation Beth David.



Chai-Lights of Rabbi Magat's 18 Years

By Megan Parkins
Temple Emanu-El

Rabbi Dana Magat is celebrating 18 years of being Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El. Known for his warmth, knowledge and connectedness, he has made a profound impact on the Jewish and

larger local communities. Under his leadership, Temple Emanu-El has maintained a steady membership, added a preschool, expanded the services offered to members and non-members, and made many upgrades to the sanctuary and facility. Given his impressive tenure as Senior Rabbi, members can't help but focus on his levels of commitment and devotion.

"His whole life has been devoted to Temple Emanu-El," said Mort Berlant, a long-time member of Temple Emanu-El. "To our children, to our seniors, religious school, new families. He's been an inspiration to all of us. You can reach him all the time, his phone has always been open for congregants and non-congregants to talk to him."

Many members can't help but recognize the importance of Rabbi Magat to their whole family. Denise Moreno, a Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees member and preschool parent, said, "My husband and I have gone through so many life changes in the last 8 years. We got engaged and started premarital counseling with Rabbi which set our marriage up for success out the gate. It was invaluable to us! We got married and had the most beautiful wedding according to so many of the guests, the most beautiful they had been to because the focus was on the wedding Rabbi conducted. We had two children and Rabbi was there to help us before each child was born as well as naming them. Rabbi has also been there through some of the toughest days of my life. When my father, grandfather, and 'bonus dad' passed away Rabbi was there to be the rock. I was in a dark place about six months later and didn't even realize it. Rabbi recognized something was going on and I was able to address it head on. I wonder how long that would have lasted without him. He taught values that our family really wanted to instill in our children and laid that foundation we need. I appreciate that he's been there any time no matter how long it had been since our last conversation. I always feel better and that I have more direction after talking with Rabbi."

"Because he has been here for so long, Rabbi is really part of the life cycles of the congregation," said long-time member and current board of trustees member Deborah Zimmer. "He is now officiating at the bar or bat mitzvah of children where he officiated at the parents' wedding, named the child, and saw the child through the preschool." In addition to being committed and devoted, Rabbi Magat also has a unique way of inspiring people within the congregation and the community.

"He has inspired me to volunteer more," added current president Andrew Weinberg. "To take more initiative, if I see a problem and go fix it, to be part of solutions."

Rabbi Magat's wife of 21 years, Cheriell, who teaches at Temple Emanu-El said, "He's inspired me to have an approachability with all congregants and our students. To be open and listening, and participating however we can in their lives. That is something that from the beginning he has instilled within me and I incorporate that into my profession as a teacher and rabbi's wife."

There are many members of Temple Emanu-El who have been so since before Rabbi Magat's tenure began. When asked what made Rabbi stand out when he was new to the congregation, Mort Berlant said, "He was very sympathetic with our aging congregation, very caring, warm, loving to our young children of our congregation, to our youth. He was always available for anybody that wanted to see him or talk to him and he always found time."

"From the very beginning, he was the 'Hugging Rabbi'," Deborah Zimmer

continued, "His personal warmth infuses all his relationships, with new congregants and old timers."

His inspiration to congregants has made people want to be at Temple Emanu-El. It is a very homey and welcoming community, with much of that warmth coming from Rabbi Magat himself.

"He has made Temple Emanu-El a welcoming community by paying attention to the details and giving people his undivided attention," Andrew Weinberg said. "When he talks to people, he makes them feel like what's important to them is important to the Temple." says Andrew Weinberg.

During his 18 years at Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Magat has seen many of his ideas and dreams for the congregation and community realized. Cheriell said, "He had the vision to have a Jewish preschool at our synagogue serving our congregation and the community at large."

The preschool has grown from enrollment of one student when it opened to 130 enrolled students today, with a long waiting list. President Andrew Weinberg also focused on Rabbi Magat's dreams for the children of Temple Emanu-El, "Rabbi wanted different formats for Shabbat services and those are now a reality," he said. "Thanks to Rabbi, we have Rock Shabbat, Tot Shabbat, Family Services, Youth Group-led services, and the Religious School and B'nai Mitzvah kids are much more involved in the weekly services!"

Rabbi's next goal is to have a visual *iflah* where screens and images will allow people at services to get deeper into the prayers and liturgy. Also a devoted member of the San Jose community, Rabbi Magat spends a great deal of time on efforts outside the walls of Temple Emanu-El, "Because of his level of commitment to the city of San Jose, he is knowledgeable and up on his facts with poignant issues our city is currently facing, be it local, national or international," says Cheriell.

Rabbi teaches an interfaith class through Santa Clara University, is part of the teaching staff of the local Introduction to Judaism courses, speaks to students at high schools around the South Bay, is on the Interfaith Council, and more.

"Our congregation is very proud of Rabbi's involvement in the interfaith community in the South Bay," Deborah Zimmer said. "Especially in the areas of social issues such as housing, minimum wage, and immigrants' rights." Rabbi Magat helps facilitate the Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service to promote unity in our community.

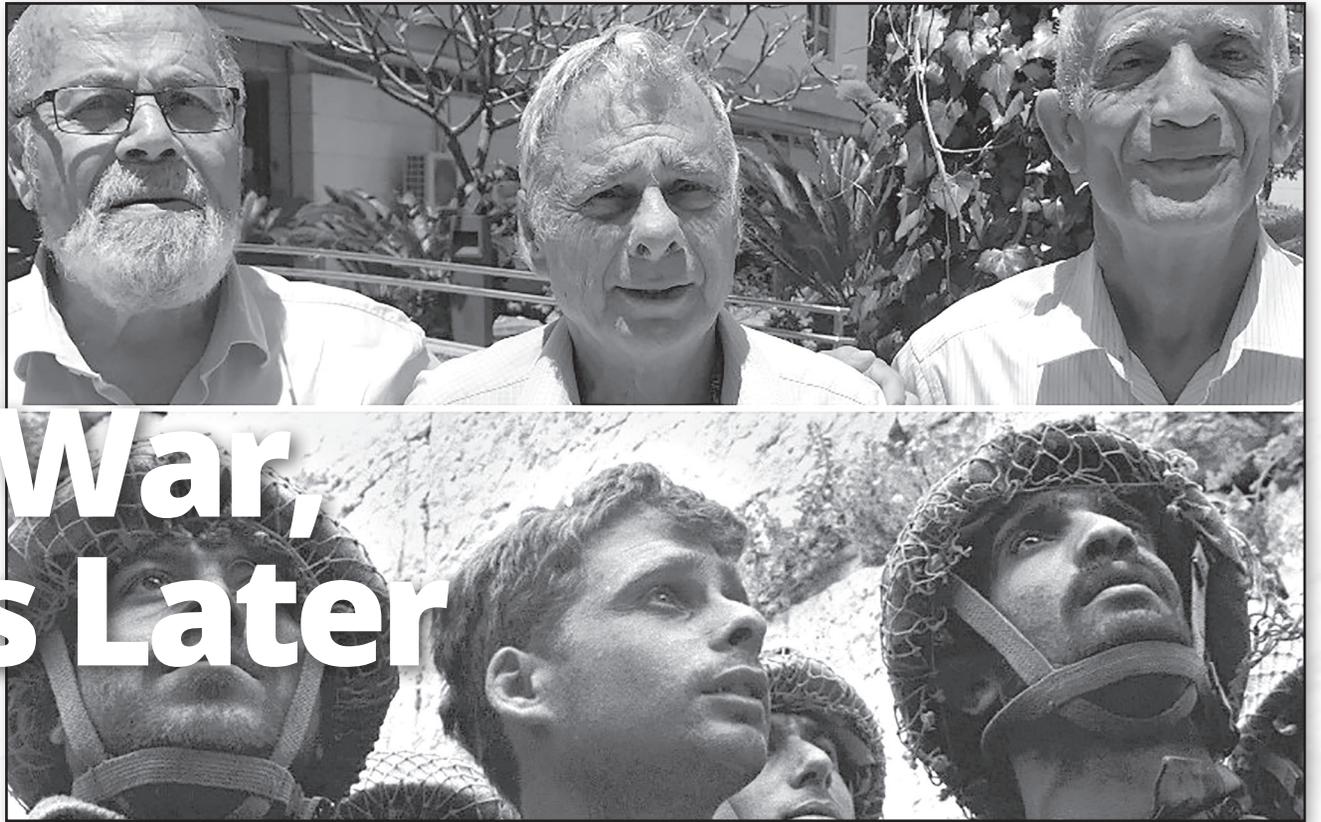
Mort Berlant emotionally reflected on Rabbi Magat's impact on his life and those of his children and grandchildren, "He brought life into this congregation in the last 18 years, he taught me things I never thought I would do. He continues to teach my children even though they're grown, making them more aware of Judaism. My grandchildren are more aware of Judaism. If I had a son, he would be my first choice."

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From left: Tzion Karasenti, Yitzhak Yifat and Chaim Oshri standing on the Tel Aviv University campus in Ramat Aviv, Israel, May 7, 2017.
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Community Conversations on the Six Day War, 50 Years Later

By Diane Fisher
Director, Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley



For much of the month of May, the JCRC was engaged in reaching out to the community to engage in conversations about the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War. We wanted to hear memories from those who were alive at the time, as well as impressions from those born after the war. We spoke with Sabras who moved to the states, American Jews who have lived in Israel, and people who haven't visited Israel. The interviews were recorded and posted on www.jvalley.org/6Days50Years.

The spirit of this collection of diverse perspectives comes from the Talmudic advice (JT Sanhedrin 4:2,22a) to study 49 reasons to rule on one side of an issue, and 49 reasons to rule on the other. In the Jewish ideal of pursuing truth, one should be able to articulate all the viewpoints that you don't agree with, to be able to see the larger truth outside of yourself.

Pre-war anxiety and post-war relief were both described in the interviews. Ruth Sporer felt the terror of the Holocaust and a fear of extinction rising for her during March of 1967.

Rob Chaykin, co-chair of the JCRC, recalled getting bullied by friends who, in the early days of the war told him "you guys are going to get it". Rabbi Melanie Aron recalled the fundraising at her Jewish day school for ambulances, and the strong feeling that Israel was going to need a lot of ambulances. Alan Friedman prepared to move to Israel to work in a civilian role vacated by an IDF soldier. Pride at the outcome of the war

was expressed by most who lived through it. For those born after the war, and especially young Israelis living in our community, there is not an emotional connection--they simply lived in the reality of the outcome.

Culminating this series of conversations, on the evening of Yom Yerushalayim or Jerusalem Day, a community gathering was held featuring keynote speaker Dr. Tal Becker of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel. Joining Dr. Becker on the panel were Rabbi Amy Eilberg, the first woman ordained as a Conservative rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Zvi Weiss, the Head of Yavneh Day School and former member of the Israeli Defense Force's Behavioral Sciences Division; and Nissa Johnanix, current board president at South Peninsula Hebrew Day School. The panel was moderated by JCRC board member Harold Goldberg. It was an honor to host Dr. Becker as part of his North American series of talks and workshops delivered with Donniel Hartman in Toronto, New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Dr. Becker is the principal legal advisor at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team, including in the last round of talks mediated by former Secretary of State John Kerry. Given his first-hand experience, several people in the audience submitted the same question for him to answer—is peace possible? Kevin Zwick, a member of the JCRC board, expressed a feeling of optimism for the future, in understanding that "while we don't know if peace is possible, we do know that as Jews we are commanded to seek and pursue peace, and that is entirely in our ability to do so."



Ben-Gurion visits the Wailing Wall June 12, 1967, after Israeli troops captured Jerusalem's Old City in the Six Day War



Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall, celebrating Jerusalem Day

Rabbi PJ Schwartz Joins Shir Hadash

By Joy Spodick
Congregation Shir Hadash

It is with great pleasure that the Congregation Shir Hadash Educator Search Committee announces the hiring of Rabbi PJ Schwartz as the new Rabbi Educator for Congregation Shir Hadash. Rabbi Schwartz was the Search Committee's first choice and brings a strong background of experience in Jewish Education and Rabbinic responsibilities.

Rabbi Schwartz chose to join Shir Hadash largely due to the strength of the Shir Hadash religious school program, building on the outstanding work and contributions of Rabbi Lisa Levenberg over the past 13 years.

Rabbi Schwartz has spent the past four years as Assistant Rabbi at Temple Israel in Westport, Connecticut where he focused on education with all learners - early childhood engagement, youth and family programming in a-400 student religious school environment and adult education. Rabbi Schwartz is very excited to be moving to Northern California and joining the Shir Hadash team of clergy and senior management. Rabbi Schwartz invests heavily in creating relationships with members of the congregation, including adults and children and when considering Shir Hadash for his new congregational home, he immediately realized Shir Hadash is a unique community to which he was particularly drawn.

Rabbi Schwartz brings impressive educational credentials to the Shir Hadash team. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies; a Masters in Educational Administration from Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH; a Master of Arts in

Hebrew Letters and Rabbinic Ordination from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, OH; a Certificate in Jewish Education specializing in Adolescents & Emerging Adults from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, NY.

Along with his strong educational background, Rabbi Schwartz also brings a youthful energy and creative approach with which to engage religious school students.

He and his wife, Michelle, are very excited to become a part of the Shir Hadash Community. Rabbi Schwartz will begin his duties as Rabbi Educator on July 1 and the congregation looks forward to a long and rewarding partnership together. Join us in welcoming Rabbi Schwartz and Michelle to our community over the summer. Details regarding events to meet and greet the Schwartz family will be announced in the coming months.

Congregation Shir Hadash is located at 20 Cherry Blossom Lane in Los Gatos. Visit them online at www.shirhadash.org or call (408) 358-1751.



June 21 - July 25 2017 Back-to-School Backpack Drive Benefitting Preschoolers through Adult Learners

By Mindy Berkowitz
Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley

Jewish Family Services is collecting backpacks and school supplies for low-income preschool through adult learners. Your generosity helps ensure that students regardless of circumstances, can start school with a well-packed, brand-new, fully-equipped backpack. Is there a stronger memory than that first-day-of-school feeling, with fresh notebooks, sharpened pencils, and good solid erasers? With your help, students will be off a great start to a successful 2017-18 school year!

The campaign runs June 21 - July 25. In this third year effort, our aim is to help even more children and families than before. Our goal is to create age-appropriate backpacks for as many as 250

students, ranging from preschool students to adult learners in our JFS SV programs. The backpacks will go to students of all ages from families that are economically struggling. A new backpack with school supplies will help those families stretch their limited resources.

There are several ways you and your family can help someone be equipped to learn and succeed. Look for the backpack boards and bins throughout the Levy Family Campus, and at synagogues throughout the community. You can donate a full backpack for a needy student based from a requested supply list, you can purchase Target gift cards, or buy from the online registry at www.jfssv.org There will be many volunteer opportunities for families with children 10 and up. Check the JFS website. For more information please contact Lori Cinnamon, Manager of Volunteer and Community Engagement at (408) 357-7467 or loric@jfssv.org

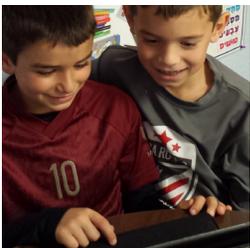




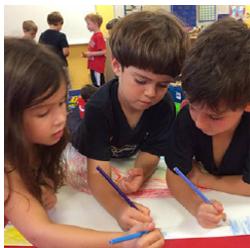
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ALICIA APPLEMAN JURMAN

May 9, 1930 – April 8, 2017

The world has lost an extraordinary woman, who suffered extraordinary horrors, and lived to do extraordinary things. Alicia Appleman Jurman was a survivor of Nazi atrocities, although she was never in a concentration camp. Her parents and brothers were killed at various times during the Nazi period, as were many other family members.

In 1988, she wrote *Alicia, My Story*, which has a five-star rating on Amazon. "I am representing over one million Jewish people who were killed outside of concentration camps, those who could no longer speak for themselves. I swore on my 17-year-old brother Zachary's grave that I would tell his story."

The book tells of her tragic life beginning at age 12. In addition to her family's deaths, Alicia miraculously escaped when she was buried in a grave, thrown out of a moving freight train headed for a concentration camp, intentionally infected with typhoid, and beaten and starved.

Alicia emphasized, "The Jews did not go like sheep." She was living proof of that. She smuggled Jews out of Poland after the war. Young Alicia threw boiling soup in the face of Russian jailers, spat at Polish Nazi collaborators, and punched a British soldier in the nose when he boarded the refugee ship Theodor Herzl after it was attacked in the Haifa seaport

After the Nazi era, she wanted to live in Israel, but the British incarcerated her with other Holocaust survivors in Cyprus for eight months. Finally, they were permitted

to reach Israel. There she became a member of the Youth Aliyah. She touched so many lives. Alicia traveled for many years doing presentations to corporations as an inspirational speaker, to universities, junior and senior high schools. One class composed music that they played for her. Another produced a play about her life that they performed. As might be expected, she has received many positive reviews. The *New York Times Book Review* wrote: "The autobiography is so profoundly observed and the life it records so remarkably lived that no amount of prior immersion in the sad community of witnesses to the Holocaust can dull the reader to its heroine." She won many awards including the Christopher award, which recognizes creative writers who have achieved artistic excellence. These individuals affirm the Highest Values of the Human Spirit, and the French LICRA award for heroism.

Alicia subsequently wrote 2 other books, *Six Cherry Blossoms* and *Alicia: My Story Continues. A Journey in Historical Photographs*. She is survived by three children, Dan, Zachary, and Roan and two granddaughters, Maya and Kendra.

RUTH KRANDEL

August 20, 1936 – March 19, 2017



Ruth Krandel was the daughter of Alice and Raymond Emrich; she was born in St. Louis and raised in Gulfport, MS. When she was a child, she and her family would travel to New Orleans to attend services.

She attended and graduated from Sophie Newcomb College and while there met her future husband, Bob Krandel who was a student at Tulane. Her

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sister and brother-in-law and her mother had moved to San Jose and she and Bob were married at Temple Emanu-El in 1957. They then returned to New Orleans and after Bob graduated in 1958, they relocated permanently in San Jose.

Ruth was President of Temple Emanu-El, was named an *Ashet Chayel*, "a woman of valor, by the Sisterhood at the Temple. She served on the Grand Jury for several years. Ruth and her husband strove to repair the world, *Tikkun Olam*. They strove for civil rights and equality and to leave the world in a better state than they found it.

She is survived by her children Lori Ghan and Steve Krandel and grandchildren Kevin, Kelsi, Brent and Matthew.

MICHAEL KROHN

April 2, 1939 – March 3, 2017

Mike was born in NYC and lived much of her adult life in San Jose. She was a long time member of Temple Emanu-El and worked for many years at Cisco Systems as a technical writer.

She is survived by her son Seth (Trefina) Rothstein, his three children, her daughter Miriam Rothstein and her two children, all of Colorado Springs and her sister Cathy Buirski of Denver. She is also survived by her long-time partner, Steve Reiss of San Jose.

SANDRA LYNN MAYER

July 1, 1945 - January 23, 2017

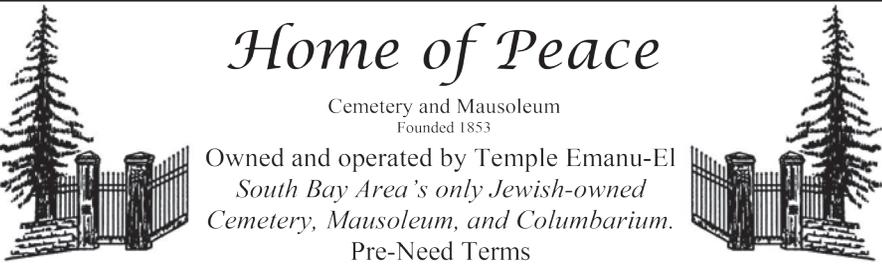
Sandy was born in Modesto, CA, to Dr. Morris and Harriett Kirschen. She attended Downey High School in Modesto before earning her Bachelor's degree in sociology from UC Berkeley and a Lifetime Teaching Credential from CSU, Fresno. Sandy spent many years teaching elementary school in the Clovis Unified and San Mateo School Districts followed by several more years at South Peninsula Hebrew Day School in Sunnyvale.

Sandy's career transitioned to adult education, spanning more than 30 years of teaching physicians in the medical device industry. She was a renowned lecturer giving seminars around the world. Her passion was education; she lived a life tirelessly ensuring the best of it for those around her for over five decades.

For Sandy, family was life. In addition to raising her three sons, Sandy strongly felt every child needed a loving, Jewish mother; she took countless other sons and daughters of every race and religion under her wing and treated them as her own. Sandy also has a large family contingent spread across Israel, and she made it a priority to keep everyone on both sides of the ocean in touch, planning visits and sharing memories.

Sandy had a love of Judaism, always involved in synagogue activities and Jewish education. She served as president of Congregation Beth David in Saratoga, and remained active on many committees until her passing. She was intimately involved in the PJ Library program providing free Jewish books to children in the Bay Area, and was an original founder of Yavneh Day School in Los Gatos. Sandy inspired a lifelong love of Judaism in her children, and her legacy will live on for countless generations.

Sandy is survived by David, her devoted husband of 50 years, her sons and daughters-in-law Jonathan (Penny), Oren (Nicole), and Adam (Lauren), three grandchildren Gabriel, Merryn, and Molli, and her brother David Kirschen.



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LAURA SAAL

April 26, 1921 - March 23, 2017



Laura Saal, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend, passed away at the age of 96 at home surrounded by her family. Laura was born and grew up in the Bronx, N.Y. She was always New Yorker at heart. After enduring the hardships of the depression and the inception of WWII she managed to put herself through college at Hunter College in NYC, earning a B.S. degree in chemistry. She carried this achievement with a great deal of pride throughout her life. Fresh out of school she worked as a food/beer chemist. She later taught home economics in high school, and tutored in chemistry. She was devoted to her parents, Anna and Jacob, and her younger sister Betty.

On a blind date, Laura met Myron Saal. They fell in love and married. Together they built a life of extraordinary love and friendship, raising three sons, Bruce, Jeff, and Joel.

Laura's next great achievement was in providing the love, support (financial and otherwise), motivation and guidance to send each of her sons to medical school. Following graduation from medical school each one became pioneers in their fields and still practice today in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Laura's next extraordinary achievement was the development of her gift and jewelry business. While starting out with selling gifts from the family home, she developed a large following which led to the opening of her own shop Laura Saal's Gifts in Monsey, New York. She worked tirelessly seven days per week often more than twelve hours per day managing and working this enterprise. How she juggled this, along with responsibilities as wife, homemaker and mother is beyond understanding. Her store was famous throughout Rockland County and Northern New Jersey. Customers flocked to her store for her personal touch extraordinaire, and, of course, great prices.

Her beloved husband Myron passed away in 1985 at age 68 after a long illness. Laura nursed him through this difficult time while still trying to keep the business alive. In an act of incredible will, she sold her business and arranged to move Myron and herself out to Palo Alto to be with her three sons and first grandchild.

Never to be deterred, after Myron passed, she started the next chapter in her life. She met Ralph Grant, a widower at a support group. Together they traveled the world as she finally had the opportunity to play after decades of hard work. They lived in the Villages, a retirement community in San Jose. Under Laura's nurturing supervision she nursed Ralph through a chronic illness to which he finally succumbed.

Laura was a devoted friend to all, having a unique ability to make every individual she met feel as though they were the most important person in the world. She forged special friendships with her grandchildren that were extremely deep and close. She mentored each one of them to make sure they were on the proper life's paths. She was able to attend and dance at the weddings of two of her granddaughters.

She had an indomitable spirit and a life's mantra of "be happy." She possessed tremendous self confidence which she taught to all who would listen. She was so proud to repeat her Mother Anna's quote, "Everybody loves my Laura."

Laura is survived by her three sons, her beloved grandchildren, Rachel, Nicole, Alexander, Matthew, and Cody, and her great grandchildren, Makena and Milani. Laura had a lifelong love of medical research. Gifts in her name may be made to the American Heart Association.

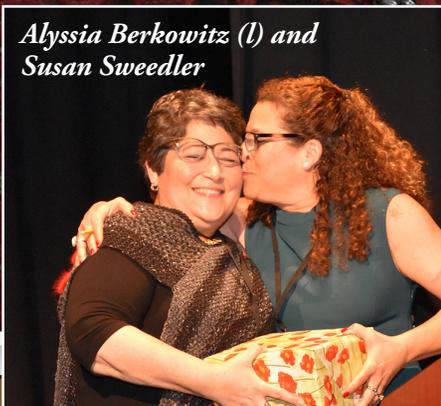
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Sylvia Metz (l) and Tiffany Shlain



On April 26, Sylvia Metz was honored with the Janet Berg Award at our 2017 Power of Women event. Nearly 200 guests were in attendance to help thank Sylvia for her years of dedicated community involvement, and to hear from keynote speaker, filmmaker Tiffany Shlain.

Alyssia Berkowitz (l) and Susan Sweedler



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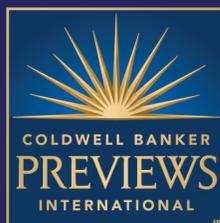
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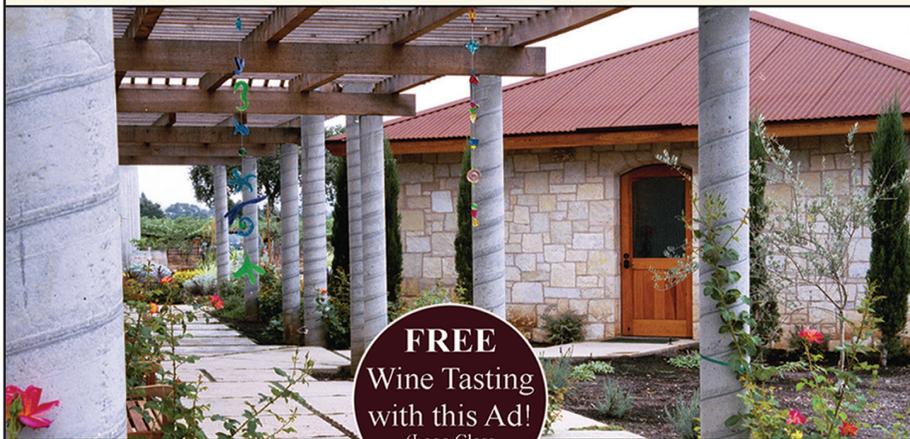
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Shavuot

Tuesday, May 30—Wednesday May 31

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Tikkun Leil Shavuot—May 30, following the Confirmation service. Join us for the tradition of Shavuot night study sessions. This year's sessions will be led by Rabbi Magat, Cantor Edmondson, Phil Hankin, and members of our Ritual Committee.

Shavuot Morning—May 31. Come back for a blintz breakfast at 8:00 AM followed by a Shavuot Morning and Yizkor Service at 9:00 AM.



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Torah Study @ Chai House

3:30-4:30pm, Chai House, San Jose

This engaging class with the JCC's Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia, keeps us full of life through the words of the Torah. All abilities, ages, and levels are welcome - you do not need to be a resident of Chai House. This is a free, drop-in class. No need to register. 814 St. Elizabeth Dr., San Jose. (408) 947-1818.

Tuesday

Classic Jewish Texts

9:30-11am, APJCC

Rabbi Joey Felsen of the Jewish Study Network guides you through the fundamental works of Maimonides, Luzzato, and other classic commentators. We are studying *Horeb* by Samson Raphael Hirsch. No Hebrew necessary. This is a free, drop-in class. No need to register. Rabbi Felsen, (650) 857-1800.

Wednesday

Heschel Roundtable

9-10:30am, APJCC

Drop in to study and discuss the writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel. We will start with his book, *The Sabbath*, which presents the Jewish Sabbath as an antidote to the fast pace of daily life in modern society. No experience or specialized knowledge necessary. Each week we'll read and discuss a short selection from his writings. This is a free, drop-in class. No need to register.

Beginning Yiddish Course

7:15-9:15pm, Shir Hadash

If you have wanted to learn or relearn Yiddish phrases and expressions that your parents, grandparents, or ancestors spoke in Eastern Europe, New York, or your home, this is your chance! No prior experience necessary! Jon Levitow, *lerer* (teacher) of Yiddish at Stanford, UC Santa Cruz and several synagogues throughout the Bay Area will be teaching Yiddish classes for beginners right here at Shir Hadash. Full details at <http://bit.ly/2j9x0az>.

Thursday

Silicon Valley Beit Midrash

9:30-11am, Sinai

Join Rabbi Josh Berkenwald for in-depth study of Jewish thought, belief, and practice. Learners are currently studying *Tractate Avodah Zarah* from the Babylonian Talmud, which explores issues related to idol worship in the ancient world. In so doing, it addresses the contemporary challenges of being a Jewish minority living within a non-Jewish society. No fee; drop-ins are welcome; no experience necessary.

Hasidic Havurah

11am-Noon, APJCC

This class takes a look at some of the great works of past Hasidic teachers and strives toward deepening our contemporary Jewish spirituality. This class is for all abilities and levels and is a free, drop-in class. No need to register. Instructor: Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia.

Friday

Talmud Study: Tractate Megillah

10-11am, Beth David

Join Rabbi Ohriner as we study *Tractate Megillah*, containing laws of Purim, Torah reading, and synagogue practices. English texts are available. Newcomers are welcome. Donations to Adult Education are appreciated. Email AdultEd@beth-david.org for more information.

Jewish Ethics Discussion

11:15am-12:15pm, Beth David

Explore the wisdom of Jewish ethical teachings in this participant-led group. After completing our study of *The Path of the Upright*, we will select another book on Jewish ethics to discuss. Email AdultEd@beth-david.org for more information.

Kabbalat Shabbat Patio Service

6:30-7:30pm, Emanu-El

In the summer months, our Kabbalat Shabbat services are held in our beautiful courtyard to enjoy the amazing California weather.



**San Jose
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MAY

Friday, May 26 8:01pm

Shavuot

Monday, May 30 8:03pm

Tuesday, May 31 9:08pm

JUNE

Friday, June 2 8:05pm

Friday, June 9 8:09pm

Friday, June 16 8:12pm

Friday, June 23 8:14pm

Friday, June 30 8:14pm

JULY

Friday, July 7 8:13pm

Friday, July 14 8:10pm

Friday, July 21 8:06pm

Friday, July 28 8:00pm

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Congregation Sinai
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APJCC/Levy Family Campus
14855 Oka Rd., Los Gatos
(408) 358-3033

Temple Emanu-El
1010 University Ave., San Jose
(408) 292-0939



FRI 26

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30-7:30pm, Emanu-El

Once a month we like to offer our Shabbat service at an earlier time to accommodate everyone's busy schedules. In the summer months, our Kabbalat Shabbat services are held in our beautiful courtyard to enjoy the amazing California weather.

SAT 27

Netivot Haneshamah:

Approachable Torah

10:30-11:45am, Beth David

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CBD Tot Shabbat

11:15am-Noon, Beth David

For ages 5 and under. Relaxing, lighthearted, interactive, Shabbat program for tots. Includes songs, stories, puppets and more.

Hot For Shabbat

Noon-2:30pm, Beth David

Join the CBD community for a hot Shabbat lunch, and opportunity to schmooze and learn with friends old and new! After lunch you can select to learn from one of our rotating learning sessions (Zohar Havura, Book Club, Talmud Exploration, Artist Group)! You're also welcome to attend Shabbat services starting at 9:30.

SUN 28

Knitzvah Meeting

10:30am-Noon, Levy Family Campus

Since Knitzvah began in 2006, the "fabulous and amazing" Knitzvah members have created over 10,000 cuddly creations for 18 agencies serving thousands of people. If you love to knit, crochet or sew or really want to learn how, this is the group to join! Knitzvah meets monthly and creates beautiful handmade items for preemie babies in the NICU, seniors who appreciate lap blankets to keep warm, cancer patients in need of colorful caps, and so much more.

TUES 30

Shavout Study and Celebration

10am-Noon, Shir Hadash

Torah study through the dramatic, culinary, musical and graphic arts. Shavout doesn't have the marketing pizzazz of the other holidays – no matzah, no colorful candles, no command to drink till you're loopy, no lulav, no shofar, no gift giving. So it's no wonder that Shavout is the least known of the major Jewish holidays. But... Shavout is the joyous festival which celebrates both the offering of the first fruits in the Temple and also the giving of Torah at Mount Sinai.

Join Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia to puzzle out what did Naomi really think about her daughter-in-law? Come and find out at this Reader's Theater Premier.

Another option will be to create your own midrash, using artistic means, with Rabbi Levenberg leading the study and Nancy Meyer guiding us in creating our artistic interpretation.

Cantor Felder-Levy will share secrets of the Ruth trope and perform miracles... by teaching us Ruth trope in one night so we can chant a section of the Ruth story before midnight. Yes, you can do it!

Join a crew in the kitchen under the direction of Francine Efen to learn all about "Why Dairy on Shavout" while making cheesecake under the expert guidance of a cheesecake master.

You will have an interfaith option to explore the parallels and differences between Shavout and Ramadan with Rabbi Aron and Maha el Geneidi, founder and executive director of The Islamic Networks Group and recipient of the "Citizen of the Year Award" from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Erev Shavout and Confirmation Service

7-8pm, Emanu-El

We hope that you will join us for this powerful service where you will see how much the confirmation class of 2017 has learned!

Israeli Dancing

7:30-8:30pm, Emanu-El

Great exercise! Great fun! Great chance to meet new people! Put on your dancin' shoes and come to our free Israeli dance class taught by our very own Loui Tucker. No dance experience necessary and we welcome everyone from the community to join in the fun.

Tikkun Leil Shavout

8pm-Midnight, Sinai

Celebrate the Jewish love of learning. Teens and adults welcome. Study continues until the wee hours of the morning. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Limmud La-ad Committee.

Tikkun Leil Shavout

9-11pm, Emanu-El

Following the Confirmation Service, join us for the tradition of Shavout night study sessions. This year our study sessions will be taught by Rabbi Magat, Cantor Edmondson, and Phil Hankin with members of our Ritual Committee.

Tikkun Leil Shavout - Shavout Mini Courses

9-11:55pm, Beth David

Share learning and discussion with Congregation Beth David teachers and Rabbis as they present mini courses on Jewish texts that have influenced, challenged and inspired them in their lives. In each case there will be time for discussion for participants to express reactions to and ideas about the texts presented. Have a text you have learned that you would like to share? Call Rabbi Alexander (408-257-3333) to become a presenter that night!

WED 31

Blintzes and Shavout Services

8-10am, Emanu-El

Come back for blintzes at 8am, followed by a Yizkor Service at 9am led by Rabbi Magat and Cantor Edmondson.

Shavout I Morning Service at Sinai

9am-Noon, Sinai

All are welcome to join us for Shavout morning service followed by a light Kiddush luncheon.

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THURS 1

Shavout II Morning Service with Yizkor Memorial Service

9am-12:15pm, Sinai

Morning services on Shavout II with Yizkor memorial service. Join us following services on Shavout II (at approximately 12:15pm) for a picnic lunch. Bring a dairy or pareve lunch and join us for a festive Shavout picnic. Kiddush wine, challah and dessert provided. No RSVP necessary.

CBD Shavout Services and Yizkor

9:30am-12:30pm, Beth David

All are welcome to join us for Shavout morning services.

FRI 2

Graduation Rock Shabbat

7:30-8:30pm, Emanu-El

Featuring the musical stylings of our Rock Shabbat Band! An innovative and joyous worship experience with musicians (piano, percussion, guitars, trombone, etc.) and singers joining Cantor Amanda Edmondson and Rabbi Dana Magat. Congregational singing is definitely encouraged, as is dancing in the aisles. Join us as we welcome the Sabbath in a fun and lively manner. All members and non-members are invited to a service like you've never been to before. Join us for a wine and cheese reception before services at 6:30pm.

SAT 3

Community Shabbat Service - Stories from Israel

10:30am-Noon, Shir Hadash

Noa Baum, storyteller and actress, joins our Shabbat morning service and shares some stories from her repertoire of contemporary Israeli experiences. Baum was born and raised in Israel where she received her BFA from Tel Aviv University and performed with the Khan Repertory Theater in Jerusalem.

Baum is a member of the National Storytelling Network and has travelled extensively in the United States, Israel and around the world sharing her stories and working with organizations including the Mayo Clinic, the World Bank and U.S. Defense Department.

Her stories have been featured on Public Radio International and she is the recipient of numerous individual artist awards. Her recent book, *Land Twice Promised*, reflects her experiences in working with all of the people of Israel including its Arab residents.

SUN 4

Shir Hadash Book Group

10:45-11:45am, Shir Hadash

Best Place on Earth by Ayelet Tsabari

Reminiscent of the early work of Jhumpa Lahiri, Ayelet Tsabari's award-winning debut collection of stories is global in scope yet intimate in feel, beautifully written, and emotionally powerful. From Israel to India to Canada, Tsabari's indelible characters grapple with love, violence, faith, the slipperiness of identity, and the challenges of balancing old traditions with modern times.

Ayelet Tsabari was born in Israel to a large family of Yemeni descent. She grew up in a suburb of Tel Aviv, served in the Israeli army, and travelled extensively throughout South East Asia, Europe and North America. Ayelet was first published at the age of ten in an Israeli children's magazine, and worked as a freelance journalist from the age of fifteen, mostly writing for *Maariv*. In 1998 Ayelet moved to Vancouver, Canada. She looked into other ways to tell stories and studied film and photography in Capilano University's Media Program. She directed two documentary films, one of which won an award at the Palm Springs International Short Film Festival.

Once again the Jewish Community Library will loan us copies of the book. The books can be picked up at the Shir Hadash office about 6 weeks before the Book Group meeting.

Cub Scouts Pack 504 Meeting

1-3pm, Beth David

Calling all boys 1st thru 5th grades! Pack 504 Jewish Cub Scouts is sponsored by CBD. Join us for bi-monthly meetings on Sundays after religious school. We encourage outdoor activities and advancements with a Jewish theme.

TUES 6

Yiddish Conversation Group

3-4:30pm, Beth David

Do you know Yiddish? Would you like to chat with others in Yiddish? The Yiddish Group is for people to re-activate prior Yiddish knowledge, to learn Yiddish for the first time, and to have conversations. Email cbd.yiddish@beth-david.org or call (408) 257-3333 for more information.

Israeli Dancing

7:30-9pm, Emanu-El

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WED 7

Lunch and Learn with the Cantor

Noon-1:30pm, Emanu-El

Join the Cantor for lunch, and bring your thirst for Jewish knowledge! Bring a sack lunch and join Cantor Edmondson on the first Wednesday of each month to share in a stimulating discussion of liturgy and music. This event is open to the community.

THURS 8

Ladies Who Lunch

11am-1pm, Beth David (location varies)

All women are invited to join the Ladies Who Lunch which meets each month at the home of a different participant. Generally, there is a theme of the month and attendees bring lunch dishes to match the theme and sometimes stories, recipes and memorabilia to share. This is a casual fun opportunity to socialize with women of all ages.

Retirees Lunch 'N Learn

11:30am-1pm, Shir Hadash

Are you confused about today's technology? Do you wonder why your grandchildren spend so much time on their phones? Have you ever received an email from a "relative" in trouble asking you to send money? Would you like to learn how to talk to far-away family on your computer via Skype? Join us for a discussion on today's new technology and how it is changing the way we communicate. We will talk about Facebook, SnapChat, Twitter, Instagram, Skype, and email ads and scams with a tech expert. We are pleased to provide the program and a light lunch for a nominal donation of \$5/person.

Tequila, Tacos and Talmud

Thursday

7:30-9pm, Beth David

For the Jewish community young adults 21-35. This monthly event is the perfect way to unwind after a day's work. We'll start the evening socializing, eating and ...then some Jewish learning! \$15/person. RSVP online or call the office (408) 257-3333.



FRI 9

**Shir Hadash Board Installation
Shabbat with the Band
8-9pm, Shir Hadash**

Join us for our annual service honoring the new CSH board members. In addition to welcoming our newest board members we will offer our thanks to the departing board members, including outgoing president Irv Olender. Our Shabbat Service will feature the Friday Night Band, with Rabbi Postrel, and Cantor Felder-Levy.

SAT 8

**Netivot Haneshamah for Russian Speakers
10:30-11:45am, Beth David**

An exploration of Shabbat prayer and study in Russian. Each Netivot Haneshamah session is guided by a community Rabbi or an expert on the topic offered. All teens and adults of any age, interest and background are invited and welcome. You need not have any experience with any of these subjects, if you are interested, simply attend!

**Netivot Haneshamah: Makom Yoga
10:30-11:45am, Beth David**

Creating space in body, mind and soul. Each Netivot Haneshamah session is guided by a community Rabbi or an expert on the topic offered. All teens and adults of any age, interest and background are invited and welcome. You need not have any experience with any of these subjects.

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11:15am-Noon, Beth David**

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**CBD Jewish Book Discussion Group
1:30-3:30pm, Beth David**

Heirs to Forgotten Kingdoms by Gerard Russell, led by Shmuel Schultz. Former diplomat Gerard Russell travels to remote regions in the Middle East to learn about little-known religions which represent the last vestiges of ancient civilizations.

SUN 11

**Shir Fun Park and Picnic
10am-1pm, Wildwood Park
20764 4th Street, Saratoga**

Join us at the park with your Shir Fun and Shir Kids friends. This event brings together young family programming at Congregation Shir Hadash for children aged 0-5 and in grades K-2. BIZZY BODIES will be guiding us through fun activities, including an obstacle course and dancing and aerobics. Bring a picnic lunch and blanket, appropriate shoes, and any friends from the community who would like to learn more about Shir Fun and Shir Kids events.

**Silicon Valley Jewish Music Festival
2-7pm, APJCC**

The festival takes place on the JCC's athletic field, so bring a blanket or lawn chairs. There will also be food vendors, artisan vendors, a KidZone, and more. For more information, contact the JCC at MusicFest@apjcc.org or (408) 357-7411.

TUES 13

**Tea Time with a Maven
2-3:30pm, Beth David**

Bring your questions for our *maven* (Yiddish for a trusted expert in a particular field) of the month, and schmooze with the *maven* and friends over tea and sweet nosh!

WED 14

**Lunch and Learn
Noon-1pm, Emanu-El**

Join Rabbi Magat for lunch, and bring your opinion! Bring a sack lunch on the second Wednesday of each month to share in a stimulating discussion of recent events, political happenings, and other relevant topics related to current events. This event is open to the community.

FRI 16

**Shabbat Service with the Choir
8-9pm, Shir Hadash**

This week Shabbat Services will feature an ad-hoc, one-rehearsal choir. If you are interested in being part of our one-off choir, please contact Cantor Felder-Levy. All ages, ranges and skills welcome.

SAT 17

**Netivot Haneshamah:
A Learning Minyan
9:30-10:30am, Beth David**

Led by Rabbi Leslie Alexander. This is an opportunity to continue to learn the flow and meaning of a Shabbat morning prayer experience. Delve into the background and development of prayers to learn what they mean and why they were included. Learn the unique choreography of the Shabbat service. Discuss the prayers from a current perspective sharing feelings, reflections and ideas. Each session is guided by a community Rabbi or an expert on the topic offered. All teens and adults of any age, interest and background are invited and welcome. You need not have any experience with any of these subjects, if you are interested, simply attend!

**Netivot Haneshamah:
Mindfulness and Meditation
Through the Hassidic Lens
10:30-11:45am, Beth David**

Led by Rabbi Hugh Seid Valencia. Using Hassidic Torah texts and stories, he enables participants to find personal meaning in Jewish prayer and discover that current spiritual tools are rooted in the traditional Jewish experience. Each session is guided by a community Rabbi or an expert on the topic offered. All teens and adults of any age, interest and background are invited and welcome. No experience with any of these subjects required, simply attend!

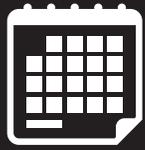
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MON19

Summer Media Camp: Talk Show Production

9am-1pm, CreaTV San Jose, 255 W. Julian St., #100, San Jose, 95110

Learn how to use our HD Studio equipment, and basic editing skills using Premier Pro, to produce a talk show. Students will collaborate on the theme, content and script for a multi-camera television production. Talk show will air on CreaTV Classroom Channel 28 on Comcast. Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23.

Cost: \$495 per student.
Open to students 12-18 years old.

Contact alejandra.moreno@creatvsj.org or call (408) 295-8815 to register or apply for a scholarship. For full details visit: <https://www.creatvsj.org/learn/youth-programs/icreatv-2017-summer-video-camp/>

TUES20

Yiddish Conversation Group

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THURS22

Dames Who Dine

7-9pm, Beth David

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JFS Annual Meeting

7-9pm, APJCC Auditorium

Join JFS for an inspirational evening of stories of triumph of the human spirit. You will be newly inspired to help make our world a better place. Meet the leaders, staff, volunteers – and clients - who help make this happen. Festive dessert reception. RSVP to jfs@jfsv.org or call (408) 556-0600

FRI23

Pride Shabbat Service

6:30-7:30pm, Emanu-El

Join Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Dana Magat, and Cantor Edmondson together with the clergy of Congregation Shir Hadash, Congregation Beth David, and Congregation Sinai for Pride Shabbat. We welcome the LGBTQ Jewish community, along with allies, family and friends, to celebrate Shabbat with an inspiring service of celebration, remembrance, and hope with inclusive and affirming liturgy.

SAT24

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CBD Jewish Artists Group

1-3pm, Beth David

Presentations and discussions on Judaica. In June join us for *Jewish Poets & Poetry*, presented by Julie Tardos. Everyone is welcome, whether member of CBD or visitor, including non-artists, too!

MON26

Summer Media Camp: Documentary Production

9am-1pm, CreaTV San Jose, 255 W. Julian St., #100, San Jose, 95110

Learn how to use our HD Studio equipment, and basic editing skills using Premier Pro, to produce a talk show. Students will collaborate on the theme, content and script for a multi-camera television production. Mini-documentary will air on CreaTV Classroom Channel 28 on Comcast. Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30.

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TUES27

Israel Coffee Klatch

10:30-11:30am, Beth David

Coffee, questions and conversations about the state of our Jewish state with Alex Drukarev as moderator.

WED28

Lunch and Learn Torah Study

Noon-1:30pm, Emanu-El

Food for your body. Food for your soul. Need a better way to spend your lunch hour? Join Rabbi Magat for an informal study and discussion session of a selected Torah portion. Together we will navigate through traditional interpretations and modern applications of our historic teachings. Bring your lunch and be ready to get a new perspective on Torah. Open to members and non-members, and no previous Torah study is required.

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SUN 2

CBD Celebrates America! **5-10pm, Beth David**

All are invited to Celebrate Summer at CBD. Bring your own picnic basket dinner plus 1 "share" dish for 8. The evening will celebrate Americana with fun and mirth. We will provide ice cream and toppings to make your own sundaes. At 7pm we will begin screening the movie *National Treasure*.

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THURS 6

Blood Drive **3:30-7:30pm, Beth David**

Give The Gift of Life! If you really want to lend a hand – lend an arm! Schedule an appointment online or call 650-723-7831. Use sponsor code 0722. Drop ins welcome, too. The World Health Organization says: "Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person – the gift of life."

SAT 8

Jewish Book Club Discussion **Group: Ally** **1:30-3pm, Beth David**

Jewish Book Discussion Group: *Ally*
 By Michael Oren, led by Alex Drukarev
 Michael Oren's memoir of his time as Israel's ambassador to the United States provides a fascinating look inside the special relationship between America and its ally in the Middle East.



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MON 10

Summer Media Camp: **Feature Film Production**

9am-1pm, CreaTV San Jose,
255 W. Julian St., #100, San Jose, 95110
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TUES 11

Retirees Lunch 'N Learn **11:30am-1pm, Shir Hadash**

Musical Program
 Join us for an indoor summer picnic and a delightful musical video. Temple member, Ullrich Dennis, will speak on Jewish composers of *Operetta* and welcomes your questions. We are pleased to provide the program and a light lunch for a nominal donation of \$5/person.

WED 12

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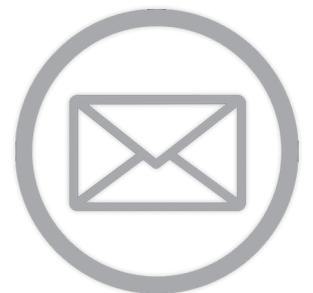
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FRID 21

Potluck Dinner and Discussion **7:30-8:30pm, Emanu-El**

Led by Rabbi Dana Magat. Contact Megan Parkins, megan@templesanjose.org or (408) 292-0939 for more information.

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SAT 22

Services at Wildwood Park in Saratoga
10:30am-12:30pm, Wildwood Park
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Social Psychologists Paul Piff and Dacher Keltner have recently quantified what many of us understood instinctively, that being in a beautiful place increases our feelings of awe and wonder and that these experiences make us better people. They took people either to a grove of Tasmanian blue gum eucalyptus trees over 200 feet tall or to look at the facade of an unremarkable science building, and found that spending even a short time in the grove of trees made people more generous, more cooperative, and more willing to make a personal sacrifice for others.

We're taking our Shabbat morning service outside to a beautiful local setting to experience the wonder and beauty of the world around us. Wildwood Park is easy to access, with ample parking right across the street. Wildwood Park is located directly behind downtown Saratoga, but has a lovely deck under big trees that feels miles away from civilization and is perfect for services.

Join us for an informal service with guitar at 10:30 am and for the reading of the weekly Torah portion which is the Ten Commandments.

Feel free to bring lawn chairs and picnic food and join us for wine, challah, and lunch at the nearby picnic tables.

CBD Jewish Artists Group
1-3pm, Beth David

Presentations and discussions on Judaica. Meetings begin immediately after Kiddush Lunch, approximately 1-1:15 pm. Everyone is welcome, whether member of CBD or visitor, including non-artists, too!

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Food for your body. Food for your soul. Need a better way to spend your lunch hour? Join Rabbi Magat for an informal study and discussion session of a selected Torah portion. Together we will navigate through traditional interpretations and modern applications of our historic teachings. Bring your lunch and be ready to get a new perspective on Torah. Open to members and non-members and no previous Torah study is required.

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Dames Who Dine
7-9pm, Beth David

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Silicon Valley has given us plenty of life-changing things. Smart phones, ride sharing, social media, the list goes on. One of the biggest paradigm shifts our digital lives have undergone is how we shop. Amazon continues to lead the online shopping charge, but the recent explosion of online consignment shops means the age of custom shopping is upon us. No matter how specific your needs, there is an online retailer that caters to them. One of the appeals of online consignment shops is the constantly rotating merchandise. You never know what you're going to find each day. Here's a roundup of some of the best.

eBay - www.ebay.com

Anybody driving along Hamilton Avenue in San Jose has seen the granddaddy of all online consignment retailers. eBay was founded in Pierre Omidyar's living room in 1995, and from its inception was meant to be a marketplace for sellers and buyers to interact directly. Today, eBay sells just about everything imaginable from unique collectibles and one-of-a-kind originals to event tickets and even vehicles.

Swap - www.swap.com

Founded in 2013, Swap's concept is to find good homes for gently pre-owned products. While the retailer focuses mainly on clothing, they also have an extensive and ever-changing collection of toys, sporting goods and home decor.

thredUP - www.thredup.com

A favorite of celebrities like Zooey Deschanel and Drew Barrymore, thredUP was started in 2009 as a way to share men's shirts among a small group. It's now the world's largest online marketplace for women's and kids' secondhand clothes. Headquartered in San Francisco, thredUP is doing its best to help people think secondhand first.

TheRealReal - www.therealreal.com

Catering to high-end shoppers, TheRealReal is all about authenticity. Their inventory is extensive and constantly changing. Products range from Rolex watches and Tiffany jewelry to fashion from Prada, Gucci, Chanel and more. Look like a million bucks on a budget.

Poshmark - www.poshmark.com

Through its app, Poshmark connects buyers and sellers directly by taking a peek inside your style-mate's closet. You can shop by yourself or attend a Posh Party, a virtual designer party you can have with your friends. Poshmark combines social media with online shopping.

Tradesy - www.tradesy.com

With the backing of investors like Richard Branson, Tradesy's founder Tracy DiNunzio has the philosophy that in the future, every product will have five owners in its lifetime. To that end, Tradesy connects cool customers with the

hottest fashions that are looking for a second (or fifth) life.

Consignment Mommies - www.consignmommies.com

Not to be left behind, there are plenty of online consignment retailers that specialize in kids' items. Consignment Mommies is a national consignment sale and store directory as well as a social networking resource for parents looking to buy or sell gently used kids' clothing. Type in your zip code and find dozens of local places to shop in person, or search their list of online consignment resources.

Schoola - www.schoola.com

A unique twist on the online consignment model, Schoola allows users to sell their gently used kids' merchandise and give the proceeds to their school. Launched in 2013, Schoola now supports over 30,000 schools nationwide, with top-earning schools earning more than \$50,000.

My Kid's Threads - www.mykidsthreads.com

Straightforward and no-frills, My Kid's Threads was founded by a mom of two who wanted to dress her kids stylishly without putting a dent in her wallet. The site has a list of accepted brands and has a rigorous quality and authenticity process.

Kidizen - www.kidizen.com

The combination of consignment shopping and a social platform centers around kids' fashion. The easy-to-use app lets users shop and sell and become part of a larger network of other parents (and grandparents). More than a shop, Kidizen is determined to become a community.

KidsTrade - www.kidstrade.com

KidsTrade is an online trading service where kids can trade stuff they don't want for stuff they do directly with their friends. Parents are a crucial part of the app's security. Kids trade only with friends they know, and parents have full control.

LilJellyBeans Consignments - www.liljellybeans.com

Founded by a mother of five who was always looking for a way to find a bargain, LilJellyBeans focuses on upscale fashion for kids as well as maternity clothes and even books and DVDs.

Josie's Friends - www.josiesfriends.com

An online consignment shop with a conscience, Josie's Friends sends a portion of its proceeds to help give impoverished children around the world access to school, healthcare and a better life. If you like your online shopping with a side of social justice, Josie's Friends might be your best bet.

Sutterfield - www.sutterfields.com

A high-end home furnishings consignment retailer located in Burlingame, Sutterfield lets you "test drive" anything in their shop for 24 hours.

Sutterfield is a hybrid between an online and a brick-and-mortar retailer.

Recycle Your Fashions - www.recycleyourfashions.com

Born out of the recession, Recycle Your Fashions has found its sweet spot as the secret weapon for fashionistas who don't have the financial weaponry to fully stock their arsenal. The brands represented are a who's-who of high fashion. And all of it is available at a fraction of the cost.

Rebagg - www.rebagg.com

There's not much better than getting a new handbag, and not much worse than carrying the same one twice in a row. Rebagg pays cash for designer handbags, from names like Gucci, Jimmy Choo, Dolce & Gabbana and of course, Louis Vuitton.

Chairish - www.chairish.com

From the eclectic and bizarre to museum-grade pieces, Chairish specializes in vintage chic decor, furniture and art. Chairish is the online equivalent of the best flea market and trip to your grandmother's attic wrapped into one. The finds are often one-of-a-kind and range from Mid-Century Modern to Gothic and everything in-between.

ThreadLyte - www.threadlyte.com

For the outdoor enthusiast, ThreadLyte is the online consignment destination. With brands from L.L.Bean, Land's End, The North Face and Columbia, your next ski trip or surfing safari doesn't have to break your budget. ThreadLyte has a generous guarantee, as well.

Crossroads Trading - www.crossroadstrading.com

Headquartered in Berkeley and with locations across the region, Crossroads Trading combines traditional storefront locations with the ability to sell remotely. The Crossroads experience has been described as a treasure hunt, with an inventory of trend-setting clothes that is constantly evolving.

SnobSwap - www.snobswap.com

With a need for high-end fashion and no budget to match, SnobSwap's founders built their own online boutique. With physical locations in multiple cities across the country, SnobSwap's website allows users to search for merchandise from one or all locations.

Now that you're armed with a range of online consignment options, you may never shop retail again. But where's the fun in that?



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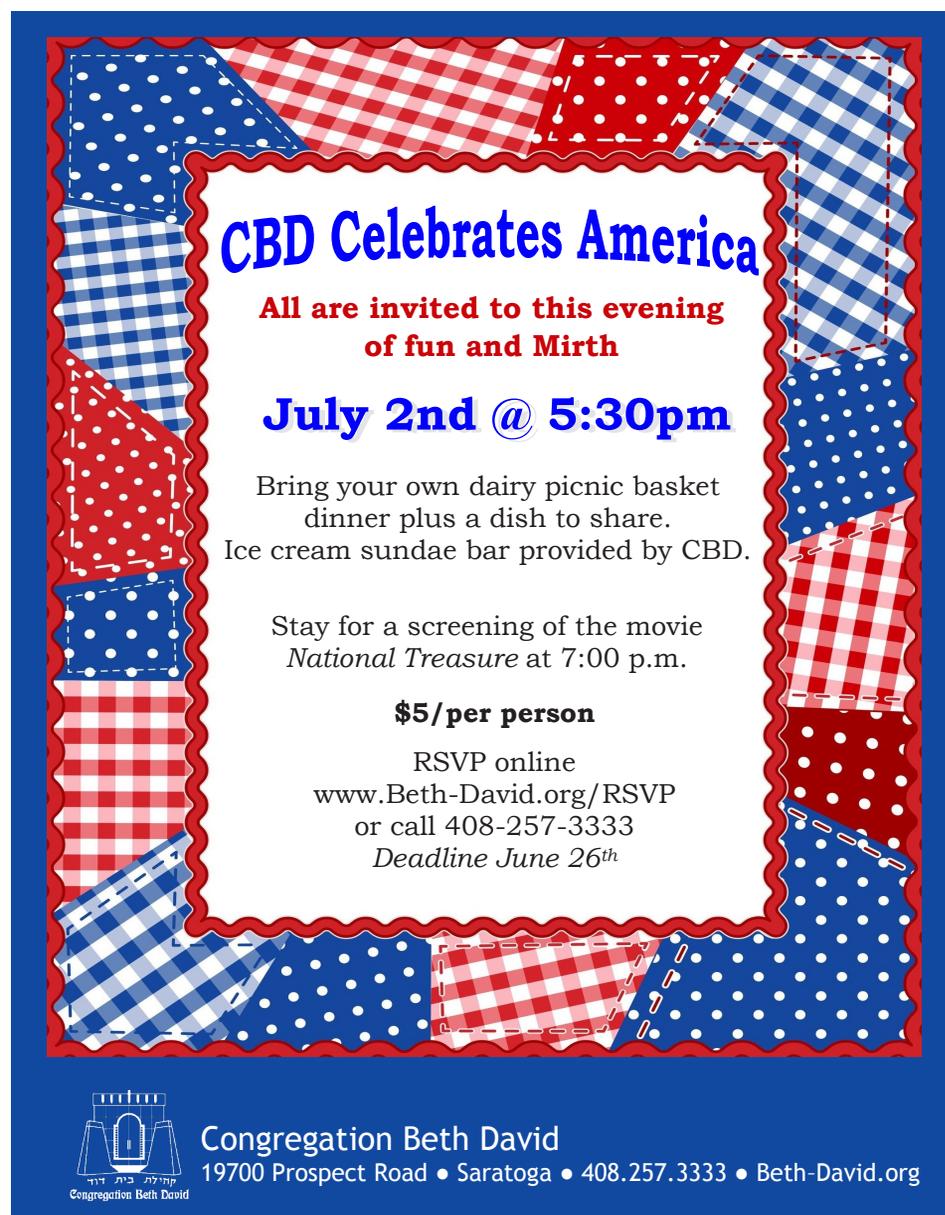
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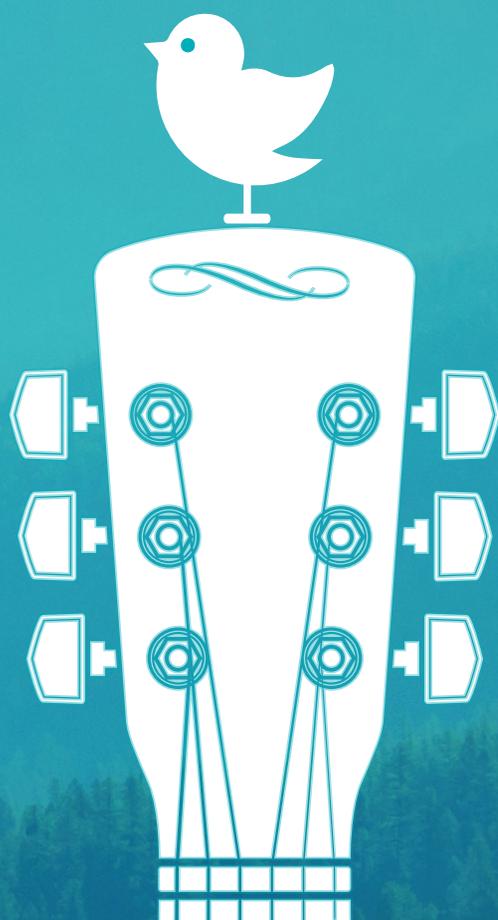
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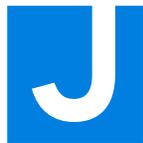
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