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A nondenominational synagogue center serving the Jewish community in the greater Chico area

Back to Shul and School Night August 21st

Join the religious school staff on Friday evening, August 21st at **6 p.m.** for services, dinner, activities for the children and a few special surprises. This is our annual tradition of “Back to Shul” night which is now “Back to Shul and School Night!” to celebrate the beginning of Religious School as well as the resumption of our full Shabbat service schedule for the fall.

We will have an early, family-friendly service,

followed by a catered Shabbat dinner and ice cream dessert. Thanks to our “Turn Friday Night Into Shabbat” Community Development Grant from the Jewish Federation, there is no set charge for this dinner, but a donation of \$10 per adult or \$18 per family is requested to keep the program going.

RSVP to the CBI office if you are coming so that we can plan: 342-6146, admin@cbichico.org.

Please join us for the

CBI Religious School Shabbaton for our students and their families



Labor Day Weekend ~ September 4 – 6, 2009

At the Zeichick's cabin at Mill Creek Resort
Only a 90-minute drive north of Chico

We'll be spending a memorable Shabbat together as we rest, pray, and play...

Bring your tents, sleeping bags, pillows, and snack food and join us for Shabbat activities, hiking, campfires, music, storytelling, crafts, discussions, and loads of fun!

No cost for families that participate in the religious school.

However, families will be organized into five groups; each group will be responsible for one of the five dairy/vegetarian (non-meat) meals from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.

Reserve your space by August 25th (the first day of religious school) by contacting Carol Edelman, Lisa Rappaport, Ruth Gordon, or David Zeichick.



Ryan and Casey Rubinoff B'nai Mitzvah August 29

Ryan and Casey Rubinoff will do their joint Bar Mitzvah ceremonies on Saturday, August 29, 2009. Ryan, age 19, and his brother, Casey, age 17 have been preparing for well over two years. They admit to a late start in their Hebrew and Torah studies but have been pretty devoted since, sports notwithstanding. The brothers shared a competition with each other to each learn their prayers and Torah portion, as well as a commitment to following in their father's family tradition. They note that they are a bit nervous about discussing their Torah portion, *Shofetim*, but they are eager to fulfill this accomplishment and will welcome the day.

Their father, Shane Rubinoff, grew up in Los Angeles, but went to Chico State where he majored in Criminal Justice and met his wife, Karen Duncan Rubinoff, a native of Willows. Karen is a dental office manager for Chico Dental Arts. Shane is an investigator for the Butte County District Attorney's Office. His Hebrew name is Shaya, after his uncle who died in the Israel War for Independence in 1948. His father's family fled from Russia to Canada sometime before or during WWI, and later migrated to the Los Angeles area where his father was an outstanding baker who delivered his pastries to the stars. Shane and his brothers all did their Bar Mitzvah at a Conservative Temple in Los Angeles, and his family has been faithful to this tradition. He is glad his boys are also undertaking this family rite of passage, and Karen has done all she can to help the boys achieve this goal.

The brothers went to Jay Partridge and Marigold, Bidwell Junior, and Pleasant Valley High Schools. Ryan is going to Butte College, studying Criminal



Ryan and Casey Rubinoff

Justice. He excelled in sports, playing varsity football in high school, and playing offensive line this last year for a semi-professional team, the Twin City Cougars in Yuba City. Ryan wants to graduate from Butte College and go immediately into law enforcement. He is a member of the Chico Police Department Explorers Program and volunteers for their ride-along program. He was the only Explorer from the Chico area this summer to be sent on a special trip to Washington DC, where he spent a week at the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Casey is a senior at PV this year, where his sport is wrestling. He plans to go to Butte College, then transfer to UC Davis to study law, with the hope of being a prosecutor or judge someday.

Ryan and Casey thank their Hebrew teacher Ilana Meiri for her patience, support, and encouragement, and Rabbi Julie Danan for working with them to do their Bar Mitzvah.

Experience Havdalah August 15

On August 14-15, in place of formal Shabbat services, we will focus on the spiritual textures of the *end* of Shabbat, which takes place Saturday night as the sun sets and the first three stars emerge in the sky. Meet at the Carter home, 12 Stansbury Court, August 15, 7-9 p.m. for Torah Study and a Veggie-Dairy Potluck *Se'udah Shlisheet* (Third Sabbath Meal). The evening will be capped by Havdalah, the brief ceremony that separates Shabbat from the days of the week. RSVP to Keren Carter, 809-0303, kerenchaya@comcast.net

Todah Rabbah

Thanks to outgoing board members: David Halimi, for three outstanding years as president, and to Bev Paull, Terri Lind and Helene Ginsberg.

Thanks to Bonnie Mitchell for her service as Kiddush coordinator and to John Mitchell for managing our kiddush supplies.

Thanks to Dave Bermann for taking the Confirmation group photo this May, and making extra photos for each family. Look for it in our lobby.

Zay Gezunt, Shirley Hajdu!

By Jim Jessee

At the Sages luncheon in May, we learned that this August Shirley Hajdu (pronounced HAY-dōō) is moving from Chico to live with her daughter in Florida. Shirley is a stalwart member of our congregation who will be sorely missed. I will confess that I always look forward to Shirley's contributions to potlucks and kiddushim, and my first thought was missing Shirley's pudding dessert. I joked with her that she would have to give Nelda the recipe for that pudding. She agreed that we could come over the next day.

I was surprised to learn that Shirley lived in a lovely upstairs apartment on a short street west of Gynn Avenue overlooking the very orchards and farm that I grew up on, the Jessee Home Ranch on Sandy Gulch. I was home and we felt very much at home in Shirley's apartment looking at family photos, and an amazing painting of Rudolph Nureyev, which is a centerpiece. Shirley had combed her files and cookbooks and was well prepared for Nelda with stacks of hand-written recipes, Jewish Congregation cookbooks, articles cut from magazines and more. She had cleaned her files, and was prepared to endow Nelda with a raft of recipes collected and practiced over a lifetime.

It was an amazing tour de force to listen to Shirley and Nelda go through those recipes, sharing ideas, how to's, tricks and substitutes, and describing all her variations on a basic recipe. I made sure we got that pudding recipe and those Osem tea biscuit "no-bake cheesecake cookies," too. Those were simple compared to the treasure trove of delicious Jewish cooking that Nelda received. Shirley shared copies of her favorites and even just gave Nelda several, saying, "I will never cook that again."

In between all this delicious talk, I did get to ask my questions about her life, and what brought her to Chico in the first place, and what is taking her away, now. In an amazing counterpoint to all the recipe sharing and food talk, Shirley shared in a most open,



Shirley Hajdu

honest, and beautiful way, the key events and major chapters in her life, including some of her most heart-rending ups and downs along the way.

Shirley (Ross) Hajdu was born and grew up in the Bronx, NY. Her maternal grandmother Sarah Schneiderman, who lived to be 97, had come to Ellis Island about 1916 with her 10 children. Her father's original Russian name was shortened to Ross with their migration to America after 1900 as well. Shirley married Robert Hajdu,

from a Hungarian Jewish family, and raised four children in a lovely home in Plainview, Long Island during the 1950's, 60's and 70's. She said she did just about everything a home-owner, decorator, wife and Jewish mother extraordinaire could do for her family. Her sewing and crafts are renowned today, as she was quickly volunteered to decorate the new Tzedakah box for the Sages. She gladly accepted. Many of her crafts projects are on display in her apartment.

She indicated that her family attended a Reform congregation in the 60s, but that it was disappointing and had nothing like what CBI offers young families today. Those were challenging times in which to raise children, but after some pitfalls and comebacks, all of her children have successful careers, with wonderful families, and many professional contributions about which she is very proud.

She has two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, which she is eager to talk about. Her son Andrew is a veterinarian, an Orthodox Jew living on Long Island with a large family. Son Richard is Senior Microbiologist with Merck Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey. Her daughter Joanne Brothers is now living in Bristol, England after many years living in Chico, where she and her former husband worked for Bi-Tech Corporation. Joanne is earning a Master's Degree in Information and Library

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From Our Rabbi

Rabbi Danan was on vacation in July. Her column will return next month.

Religious School News

By Carol Edelman

Summer is going very quickly and in just a few weeks, we'll start our year at CBI's religious school. We're planning several new events and opportunities for our school this year that we hope you will participate in. The decision was made in the spring to return to a Tuesday schedule, so classes begin at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25th. We are starting a new CBI tradition of celebrating the start of the school year with a special Shabbat "Back to School" service! Join the school staff on Friday evening, August 21st for services, dinner, activities for the children and a few special surprises.

We hope your entire family will also join us for our weekend Shabbaton at the Zeichick cabin on September 4th through the 6th! You can find out more about this weekend retreat at services on the 21st and at religious school on the 25th. We are also excited to announce the addition of Thursday after-school activities to our religious school schedule. We have so many things to learn and do that one day a week isn't enough — so while Tuesdays (3:30 till 5:30) will be the more structured class day, Thursdays (from 3:30 till 5:00) will include more Hebrew with Rabbi Danan for the older students combined with activities and outings for all the students that come.

While I've spoken with most of you about these added opportunities at our school, there will be more information and more time to talk at the "Back to School" Shabbat on the 21st. Please call any of us that work at the school, Lisa, Ruth, David or me if there is something that you want to talk about before the 21st. But definitely come to services that night to celebrate Shabbat, get more information about our plans for this year, and mark the beginning of our exciting year of learning and growth.



Join Team T'kiyah!

Our team of High Holiday shofar blowers (Team T'kiyah) welcomes CBI members interested in learning to sound the shofar or honing their shofar skills. Contact Steve Margolin, 342-6476 or smargolin@digitalpath.net.

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Management. Her daughter Alicia Clarke, a Marriage and Family Therapist, now lives in Florida. Alicia has become a Christian Evangelist, but keeps and celebrates all the Jewish Holidays, too. Shirley described all her children as proud of their Jewish heritage but each is different and somewhat eclectic in their practices.

Shirley's husband died at age 58, and she has lived on her own ever since. She remained in their family home two more years after his death, and then moved to Florida to join her mother-in-law and sister-in-law. She helped take care of them until their deaths. In 1998 she then moved to Chico to be near her daughter Joanne Brothers and her family, and has lived here since then. Joanne has now moved to England in pursuit of her own life and career, but will be in Chico this summer to help her mom. Shirley, sensing that her own health has moved to a stage where she will need more help, will move to Florida in August to live with her daughter Alicia.

Shirley has a granddaughter, Lindsay Brothers, who is living here in Chico and is very active in the Chico fashion scene. Shirley sees her on a nearly daily basis, and looks forward to her company and stories. She commented that Lindsay has "clearly inherited my creative side with her sewing and craft skills!" I sensed, she will miss Lindsay very much.

Shirley's zest for life, interesting stories, and wonderful sense of humor were so very evident during our conversation, that I truly wished we had done this before and that we had lots more time for more. Shirley is having problems with vocabulary and throughout our conversation from time to time she would get stuck on a word. She could describe all kinds of characteristics and things about the word but couldn't remember the exact word she wanted. We started helping, offering suggestions and trying to find the exact word she wanted. We were all laughing that it was like playing password and Shirley joked we could break into charades any moment. We laughed a lot that day.

What Shirley wants us to remember about her in her own words is: "I have loved Chico and all my friends here." She spoke about her love of Congregation Beth Israel and how she will miss us. We love you Shirley, wish you the best and much happiness in your new life, and hope our trails cross again. *Zay gezunt. Zolst leben biz hundert un tzvontzik.* (Be well. May you live to 120.)

From the President

By Irv Schiffman

Greetings from your new president of Congregation Beth Israel. This is the fifth time I have been so elected, a distinction that goes back to 1974. At that time we had a congregation of about twenty-five families led by Marty London. Marty was an economics lecturer at Butte College who served as our cantor and spiritual leader from 1968 through 1975. Marty and his family left Chico in 1975 to live in Israel and later returned to Sacramento where he served as cantor of the Mosaic Law Congregation and was subsequently a founder of the orthodox synagogue, Knesset Israel. His wife, Bonne London, was the editor of our CBI bulletin, which she named the Beth Israel Megillah.

My wife, Nitsa, and I along with our twenty-month old son, Eitan, left Chico in June of 1975 to spend a year living on Kibbutz Ramot Menashe in northern Israel. (Coincidentally, Eitan and family will be visiting us from Israel this month with *his* twenty-month old son.) Nitsa taught kindergarten on the kibbutz while I divided my time working in the kibbutz water meter factory and teaching planning at the Israel Institute of Technology (Technion) in Haifa. Norman Corwin succeeded me as CBI president for a year and I got the job back upon our return from Israel. I was also elected president in 1979 and again in 1980. The competition for the office was about as fierce then as it is now.

As you can imagine, the present CBI is very different from the last time I served as president. We had no rabbi then and after Marty London left town our Friday night services (no Saturday services) were led by congregants. In 1985 we arranged for student rabbis to come to Chico. Membership increased slowly over the years with thirty-six families and individuals on the membership list in 1979 and ninety names on the list

now. While we previously saw very few of our teenagers after their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, we now enjoy witnessing their confirmation following attendance at post-B'nai Mitzvah classes.

The changes in CBI have been structural as well. In 1980 the cinder block building we bought from the Salvation Army twenty years earlier still looked very much like the storage center it was at the time of purchase. A 1997 fund drive to remodel the interior led to most of the major improvements we enjoy today. An earlier 1994 fund drive enabled us to add classrooms to the building.

Over the years members have had to assume different responsibilities and obligations in order to make sure that the congregation continued to exist, never mind to thrive. Although the economy is causing some disturbance, we are in relatively calmer waters now, thanks to a dedicated and growing membership, the intelligent leadership of Rabbi Danan, and the efforts of CBI board members. I want to especially acknowledge the contributions of our past president, David Halimi, and our continuing treasurer, Stan Gottlieb, for the many hours each week that they have committed and continue to commit to the well-being of CBI.

I believe that the coming year will be an exceptional one for our Congregation. We have in many ways outgrown our building and the first stage of a fundraising drive is underway to obtain a new facility that can more comfortably house the many spiritual, educational and social activities that we now enjoy and hope to increase. A number of interesting programs have been planned for the year and I look forward to seeing as many congregants as possible as they take advantage of some or all that CBI has to offer.

The March 2010 Israel tour is on its way

We will spend two amazing weeks covering the country — from north to south, ancient and modern history, wild flowers (it will be the height of the season), beautiful beaches and a lot more. This is a special tour for our community! For information contact Nitsa @ 343-7108.



Sisterhood/Haverot News

By Donna Greenberg

“Remember your sisters, the ones here before you...Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah...They trust you to continue what they left in progress...And hope that you always will know that all of your sisters have something to give you.” (“Remember Your Sisters,” Jan Poscovsky, Congregation Beth El, Missouri City, TX; *Covenant of the Soul, Women of Reform Judaism*, p. 101.)

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer and Chico’s hot weather in August! Haverot/Sisterhood is getting ready for another exciting year with great plans. Our board has met and is planning a variety of activities for the year. I hope you are all ready to have some fun and get involved. We will be beginning our new year with our annual membership kick-off on Saturday, September 12th at the home of Bev Paull. Be sure to save the date. All returning, new and perspective members will be invited. This year the event will be extra special in that Haverot/Sisterhood will be celebrating our 20th anniversary, and we are arranging an elegant evening affair. Invitations will be in the mail by early September with more details. Rides will be offered for those members who do not drive.

Our end-of-year lunch was held on June 7th at Sierra Nevada where we enjoyed lunch outside with large umbrellas to protect us from the sun. The weather was wonderful and the company of course was great, as well as the food and service from the restaurant. Thank you to Laurie for bringing in delicious desserts and to the wait staff for serving the desserts. Thank you for the gift that was presented to me, which I just love! It is a teapot with a mah jongg motif and will be a great addition to my teapot collection.

Membership information will be arriving in your mailboxes sometime in mid-August. I hope you will all

renew or become new members. We would love to have all of our CBI women to become Haverot/Sisterhood members.

Haverot/Sisterhood had a very successful year in terms of money raised and donated, and programs offered. The profit from the Bagel Brunch was \$2671, which was terrific considering the poor economy. Currently the checking account has \$3322 and the CD has \$4926. We will be pledging money to CBI’s building fund by the end of 2009.

Sisterhood Onegs: Haverot/Sisterhood will continue to sponsor Onegs the second Friday of the month. Please offer to help by purchasing or baking goodies; it will be greatly appreciated. If interested, contact me, at 891-6439 or drg@mv.mv.com. Oneg instructions are available.

Speaking for the board and myself, we are looking forward to another exciting, inspiring and fun-filled year!

Shalom,
Donna

Sisterhood Upcoming Events Membership Kick-off September 12

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Donations

We would like to thank the following *nadvanim*.

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*If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
And if I am for myself alone, what am I then?
And if not now, when?
—Hillel, c150 C.E.*

Yahrzeits

Irene Paull Remembered by Michael & Beverly Paull	August 3
Abraham Bernard Baum Remembered by Derek & Magdalena Baum	August 7
Sarah Stoller Weinger Remembered by Jess & Rene Price	August 7
Charlotte Baum Remembered by Derek & Magdalena Baum	August 9
Jack Uhl Remembered by Susan Archer	August 10
Lee Cole Remembered by Sandy & Al Abrams	August 12
Samuel Resnick Remembered by Joe & Rose Clark and Sheri & Larry Trimboli	August 13
Seymour Gagerman (Zalman) Remembered by Janice Gagerman & David Frankel	August 16
Ida Kipperman Remembered by Karen & Richard Rogers	August 16
Isaac Eli Zisle Remembered by Rhonda & David Zisle	August 19
Treasa Cohen Levison Remembered by Helene Ginsberg & Andrew Sabersky	August 21
Moses Konigsberg Remembered by Polly Greenberg	August 22
Rayna Kanter Remembered by Mendel & Nadine Tochtermann	August 29
Ida Sirkin Remembered by Mark & Helen T. Levine	August 31

Anniversaries in August

Michael & Carol Passovoy	August 7
Bob & Sue Cottrell	August 12
Dan Franden & Laurie Feldman	August 12
Dr. Madelyn Holzman & Dr. Miguel Puig.....	August 13
Avraham & Julie Hilton Danan	August 14
Robert & Donna Greenberg	August 31

Birthdays in August

Elisheva Danan	August 1
Shira Danan.....	August 1
George Rawley	August 2
Rose Clark	August 6
Susan Archer.....	August 7
Dan Franden.....	August 8
Harrison Einhorn.....	August 9
Anna Trimboli.....	August 12
Deborah Shapiro	August 14
Sarah Puig.....	August 15
Gary Bess.....	August 19
Miriam Rawley	August 19
Inge Schmidt	August 19
Emily Carter	August 20
Marvin Megibow.....	August 21
Michael Leitner.....	August 24
Anne Gottlieb	August 25
Carol Edelman	August 29
David Sabersky	August 29
Eli Schwartz.....	August 30
Fran Halimi	August 31



Refuah Shlema

We wish a speedy recovery to Anne and Stan Gottlieb's daughter, Sara Irvine, as she recovers from back surgery.

Condolences

The congregation extends condolences to our members who have recently lost loved ones.

To Terri Lind on the passing of her uncle, James Boone.

To Annalisa Corioso on the passing of her grandmother, Gretta Hellriegel.

May their memories be a blessing.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	29	30 Tisha B'Av	31	1 10 a.m. Torah Service
2	3	4 Tu B'Av (Jewish Sweetheart's Day)	5	6	7 NO Services	8 10 a.m. Torah Service
9	10	11 7 p.m. Joint Old & New Board Meeting	12	13	14 NO Services	15 NO morning services 7 - 9 p.m. Torah Study, Potluck Havdalah at the Carter's
16	17	18 Sages' Brunch Sages meet at Country Waffle on Cohasset at 11a.m.	19	20 Rosh Hodesh Elul	21 Rosh Hodesh Elul 6 p.m. Back to Shul & School Night, Mischpachah service and dinner	22 10 a.m. Torah Service
23	24	25 3:30 p.m. Religious School Begins!	26	27	28 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	29 10 a.m. B'nai Mitzvah of Ryan & Casey Rubinoff
30	31					

Shabbat Services for August

CBI celebrates Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., often accompanied by instrumental music. An Oneg Shabbat follows. (*Our Mishpachah Service is usually the first Friday at 6 p.m., but this month it will be on the 21st*) Shabbat Saturday morning services generally begin with a brief guided meditation. The first hour of the service consists of prayer; the second hour is a Torah reading and a Torah study. About noon we have a Kiddush and socialize over a light lunch.

Friday, July 31 Light Candles at 8:04 p.m.	NO Service	Enjoy Shabbat at Home
Saturday, August 1	10 a.m.	Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat Va'etchanan/Shabbat Nehamu. Kiddush is sponsored by the Danans in honor of two of their children's birthdays.
Friday, August 7 Light Candles at 7:56 p.m.	NO Service	Enjoy Shabbat at Home
Saturday, August 8	10 a.m.	Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat Ekev. Kiddush Sponsors will be announced by e-mail.
Friday, August 14 Light Candles at 7:48 p.m.	NO Service	Enjoy Shabbat at Home
Saturday, August 15	7–9 p.m.	Torah Study Potluck, Third Meal and Havdalah at the Carter Home. RSVP 809-0303
Friday, August 21 Light Candles at 7:38 p.m.	6 p.m.	Back to Shul & School Night. Note time change! Service followed by a delicious, catered Mishpachah dinner! There is no set charge but a suggested donation of \$10 per adult /\$18 per family is welcome to keep this program going.
Saturday, August 22	10 a.m.	Torah Service Parashat Shoftim Service led by Rabbi Danan. Kiddush Sponsors will be announced by e-mail.
Friday, August 28 Light Candles at 7:28 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat led by Rabbi Danan with participation from Casey and Ryan Rubinoff. Oneg sponsored by the Rubinoff Family.
Saturday, August 29	10 a.m.	B'nai Mitzvah of Casey and Ryan Rubinoff. Parashat Ki Tetze. Kiddush sponsored by the Rubinoff Family.

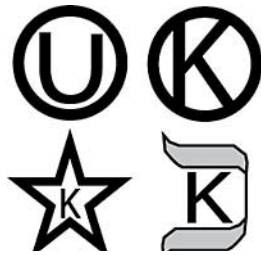
A HUGE Todah Rabbah to Bonnie Mitchell for serving as our Kiddush coordinator, and thank you to Carol Edelman for assuming this role beginning this month!

Thanks to Keren Carter, Helene Ginsberg, Steve Margolin and the Ritual Committee for organizing and leading summer services!

If you would like to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or any special event with the community, **please sponsor a Friday night Oneg or a Saturday Kiddush.** Either bring your own treats or make a donation of \$25 (Saturday Kiddush, \$50). Call the CBI office for more information. 342-6146.

Kosher Co-op Buying at Trader Joe's

Our local Trader Joe's store can offer kosher meat and chicken, but due to low demand the selection is usually limited. The good news is that we can put together group orders for a variety of kosher meat, chicken and turkey selections, and receive them within a few days. If we order by the case (or nearly a case) we can get a much better selection. If you would like to take part in kosher group orders from Trader Joe's, contact Keren Carter at 809-0303 or kerenchaya@comcast.net.



Mazal Tov to Phyllis Cullen for her Quilt Show



Phyllis Cullen's quilt Fascinatin'Rhythm

Catch the last week of Phyllis' Art Quilt Show at Avenue 9 Gallery at 180 East 9th Avenue. Forty-four beautiful, brightly colored pieces of Phyllis' work are on display now through August 8. The gallery is open W-F 12-5 p.m. On the August 1, Saturday Art Walk, 4-8 p.m., Phyllis will demonstrate her working methods. Don't miss it! Check out her website <http://phylliscullenartstudio.blogspot.com>.

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Mazal Tov

To Liora Danan, daughter of Rabbi Julie and Avraham Danan. She has been appointed Director of Special Projects, Middle East Programs, for the UC Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation, and will be based in UC San Diego.

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CBI Reads!

The CBI Book Group invites you to join us. Our focus is books by Jewish authors. We have lively discussions and along the way we talk about life with good friends. To be notified about meeting dates and locations, contact Harriet at hspiegel@csuchico.edu.

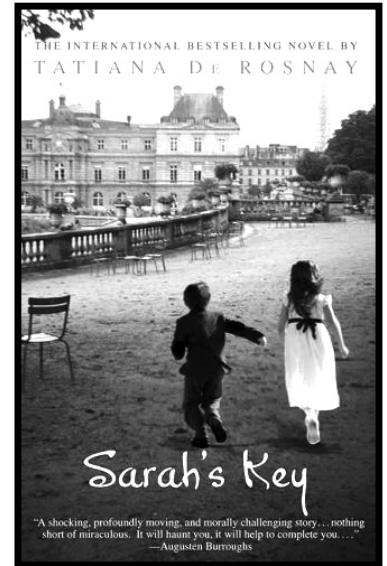
Sunday, September 13, 2 p.m.

***Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay**

The story opens in Paris, July 1942. Sarah, a ten-year-old girl, is taken with her parents by the French police as they go door-to-door arresting Jewish families in the middle of the night. Desperate to protect her younger brother, Sarah locks him in a bedroom cupboard – their secret hiding place – and promises to come back for him as soon as they are released.

Sixty years later, American journalist Julia Jarmond is in Paris to investigate the round-up and stumbles onto a trail of family secrets that link her to Sarah.

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Congregation Beth Israel

Congregation Beth Israel is an independent, egalitarian Jewish community whose roots date back a century. The synagogue is both nondenominational and unaffiliated. Our guiding principle is K'lal Yisrael, the unity of the Jewish people. True to that spirit, CBI embraces a diverse membership of Jews from all backgrounds as well as interfaith couples and those exploring Judaism. We serve nearly 100 families in the greater Chico area with a wide range of programs for toddlers, tweens, teens, adults, and seniors. Our Religious School is very strong, and our Sisterhood is very active. Services are held Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. (6 p.m. on the first Friday for the monthly family service) and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

We also hold services on all major Jewish holidays.

The ideal to which we strive is Mordecai Kaplan's concept of the "synagogue center," in which a congregation serves both as a house of worship and as a community center. Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan provides the inspirational leadership for our Jewish values: study, *Torah*; worship and practice, *Avodah*; social action, *Tikkun Olam*; acts of kindness, *Gemilut Hasadim*; and connection with the Jewish People, *Am Yisrael*.



Hanukkah at CBI, photo by David Bermann