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Light the Season with Hanukkah Party



Join us for our famous annual CBI Hanukkah Party, on Sunday, December 13, 5–8 p.m. at the ARC Pavilion, 2040 Park Avenue.

We will have a delicious holiday dinner featuring potato latkes and other dishes. There will also be a gift shop, raffle prizes, live music by our CBI band, folk dancing, a performance by our Religious School students and more!

Bring your menorah and candles to light. Please also bring gently used coats for kids and teens for our “Coats for Kids” collection. Cost for the evening (including dinner) is: \$8 adult, \$4 child, (\$20 maximum per household).

Anyone who would like to help with the Hanukkah Party, please contact Terri Lind, 342-7332 or Kristy Bergson, 228-5481.



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

**INVITES EVERYONE TO ATTEND
AN EVENING OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT!**

THE ANNUAL CBI SILENT AUCTION



**Saturday, December 5, 2009
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Please join us for wine and cheese,
homemade soups, hot apple cider
and Peet's coffee. Come schmooze and
bid on some fabulous items!
Bring your friends and neighbors.**

This is an adult event benefiting our Religious School.

For questions, to make donations, or to offer your help with set-up, clean-up and running the auction, call Sheri Trimboli 624-6123.

Mishpachah Shabbat

December 4th POTLUCK Dinner

Join us for a family-style Erev Shabbat (Sabbath Eve), using our new schedule:

- 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat for our Menchkins Families
- 6 p.m. POTLUCK Shabbat Dinner; bring a veggie or dairy dish to feed 10 hungry people
- We will make Kiddush with everyone promptly at six!
- We will have catered dinners again, but this month will be a Potluck.
- 6:45 p.m. (approx): A kid-friendly service for all ages, with lots of participation and leadership from our Religious School students.

Jewish Values and Health Care Reform

Part II: The Safety Net

Part Two of our discussions on “Jewish Values and Health Care Reform” will take place after the 7:30 p.m. Friday night services on December 18th. The theme is “The Safety Net,” and this panel will include people who work in the public and non-profit clinics as well as those advocating for health care reform. Panelists include: Steve Naiman, Community Health Coordinator for Del Norte Clinics, Inc.; Helene Ginsberg, a licensed clinical social worker who also works in several area clinics that serve low-income populations (including the Shalom Free Clinic); Karen Rogers, board member of the Butte County Health Care Coalition (which works for a single payer health care system for California); and Renee Everett, who founded a nonprofit that worked with families receiving services through MediCal and the Regional Center system in California, volunteers with Organizing for America, and advocates for those with addiction and other mental health needs. Our moderator will again be Dr. Marv Megibow.

Jed Wyrick Speaks at Shabbat Morning Class

Prof. Jed Wyrick, chairman of the Religious Studies Department and Director of the Modern Jewish Studies Program at Chico State, will be guest speaker at the Shabbat Study group on Saturday, December 19, 9 a.m. His topic is, “The Canonization of the Hebrew Bible.” All are welcome, whether or not you are a “regular” at the Saturday morning class. Our current topic is “The Prophets.” After Jed’s talk, the Saturday morning class will have a winter break and resume on January 23rd.

Shabbat Dinner December 25 at the Danan Home, and other Winter Break Events

During Winter Break from school, we will have a modified Shabbat schedule for a couple of weeks. On Friday, Dec. 25 at 6 p.m., there is no regular Shabbat service, but the Danans will host a potluck Shabbat dinner at their home, [REDACTED]. Bring a vegetarian or dairy dish to share with 10 hungry people (you can also drop it by earlier in the day). RSVP to the Danans, 343-6337, rabbi@cbichico.org.

In addition, there will be no Shabbat services on December 26 or January 1. There will be a 10 a.m. service on Saturday, January 2, led by Keren Carter with Kaitlyn Zeichick. Mishpachah Shabbat and Tot Shabbat will take place on January 8th, with dinner hosted by the Zeichick family in honor of Kaitlyn’s Bat Mitzvah on January 9.

Visiting Israeli Professor at Chico State

Dr. Raphael Israeli, Professor of History at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will be a visiting professor at Chico State this spring. He will teach MJIS/POLS 418, “Government and Politics of Israel” at CSU Chico in Spring 2010. The course will take place on Mon-Wed-Fri at 10 a.m. To register for the course, enroll through CSUC Open University (<http://rce.csuchico.edu/openu/>) or the Elder College (<http://rce.csuchico.edu/eldercollege/>). Contact Prof. Jed Wyrick, Coordinator of Modern Jewish and Israel Studies (jwyrick@csuchico.edu, 898-5661) for more details.

Shabbat Scholar Irv Schiffman on “Alternative to AIPAC”

Retired professor of Political Science and CBI president Irv Schiffman is the Shabbat Scholar at our 7:30 p.m. Friday service on December 11th. Irv will speak on, “An Alternative to AIPAC,” and let us in on what is happening with “J Street,” the new dovish, left-wing Israel lobby in Washington, D.C.

The Gift Shop will be Open

December 1st and 8th during Religious School, on the 5th during the Silent Auction, and on the 13th during the Hanukkah Party.

Come see our wonderful selection of menorahs, dreidels, candles and many more Judaic gift items

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From Our Rabbi – Welcome to our Synagogue-Center

By Rabbi Dr. Julie Hilton Danan

We describe CBI as a “synagogue center” — that is, we strive to create a Jewish social and cultural center as well as religious services for our members. As our mission statement says:

Congregation Beth Israel is a welcoming center for the enrichment of Jewish life in the North Valley. Our mission is to inspire, provide, and advance spiritual, cultural and educational opportunities for our diverse membership. We are a growing community dedicated to the Jewish values of study (Torah), worship and practice (Avodah), social action (Tikkun Olam), acts of kindness (Gemilut Hasadim), and connection with the Jewish People (Am Yisrael).

We have certainly demonstrated the quality of being a center for Jewish community and values over this fall season. In November, in addition to our usual range of services, we had the following events that involved our “heads, hearts, and hands” in Jewish living:

- A large group of volunteers working energetically on Mitzvah Day to help others
- A big Mishpachah (Family) Shabbat with a new group of “Menchkins” at “Tot Shabbat,” a catered dinner and a service ably led by our Religious School students, plus a slide show from our school Shabbaton retreat. People enjoyed “hanging out” for hours!
- A week full of Israeli music and dance at both Chico State and CBI, with dance events at CBI for families with kids on Thursday and for everyone on Friday night, along with a Hillel Shabbat dinner. We danced to live music by the CBI band with singing from Hillel leaders (thanks again to the Leitners, the Bar-Gils, Hillel and its Board!).
- Co-sponsoring speakers and events at Chico State
- Panel discussion on the timely topic of “Jewish Values

Today Rabbah

Thanks to those who participated in our Jewish Values and Health Care Reform Panel in November: Dr. Steve Schwartz, Dr. Victor Mlotok, Dr. Matt Fine, and moderator Dr. Marv Megibow.

To Professors Carol Edelman and Marv Megibow for arranging the lecture by T.J. Leyden at Chico State, cosponsored by CBI.

Thank you to Michael Leitner for the incredible job of arranging Levi and Ayelet Bar-Gil’s visit to Chico, and to the Stern Foundation. Thanks to Carol Edelman for organizing the Hillel dinner and members of the CBI Hillel Board and others for bringing great food.

and Health Care Reform”

- Book club, Haverot Sisterhood ceramics event, mahjongg, Senior Sages’ brunch with 15 participants
- A new Menchkin’s playgroup starting for families with young children
- Preparing for our Silent Auction and Hanukkah Party
- Collecting “Coats for Kids” for the winter season
- Children and parents learning modern Hebrew together and making jumbo Hanukkah menorahs, among other creative educational activities
- A dozen CBI members participating in the Interfaith Council Dinner, with our own JTC teens working at the event to raise money for a service trip to Costa Rica
- Adults study “The Prophets,” and Confirmation teens tackle “Tough Questions.”

Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, founder of the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement, is usually credited with the concept of a “synagogue center,” but recently author Kenneth Libo has shown that others embraced this vision before him, including Rabbi Henry Berkowitz (1857-1924), a member of the first graduating class of Hebrew Union College (Reform). Whoever originated the idea, it is clear that Judaism is much more than a religion, but as Kaplan put it, “the ongoing Religious Civilization of the Jewish People.” CBI is truly a dynamic and lively center for Jewish culture as well as spirituality in the Northstate.



Today to Michael Leitner, David Frankel, Victor Mlotok, Justin Bergson and Scott Pressman for playing in the band, and to Annalisa Corioso and Esther Hatkoff from the Hillel for singing so beautifully that Shabbat, and to Jessica Leitner for her contributions.

Many thanks to Rob Greenberg who has donated much of his time to restore the office computer system after the recent crash and who continues to be “on call” for all computer issues.

Thank you to Michael Mulcahy for caulking all the windows in the office area before the temperatures dropped.

Religious School News

By Carol Edelman

We are nearing the end of our first semester of Religious School. Chanukah is upon us and so is the halfway mark of our school year. We end on Tuesday, December 15.

In November, in addition to our regular Monday and Tuesday classes, we made huge and beautiful indoor/outdoor Chanukah menorahs thanks to the enormous time and effort that Dan Franden devoted to this project. Thank you so very much Dan and Gabe, your right hand man. We also spent a fun hour doing Hebrew dancing with Levi and Ayelet Bar-Gil. Thank you, Michael Leitner, for arranging that for us.

This month, our two Thursday classes before winter break will be devoted to conversational Hebrew with the Rabbi and then preparations for the holiday.

Jewish Teens of Chico News



We have a lot of events planned for the year, but we are always open to new ideas. We gratefully made quite a bit of money working at the Interfaith

Council Dinner on November 12, but we will still need to earn a lot more for our service trip to Costa Rica next summer. Please share any fundraising ideas with us. Questions? Call Ryan Carter 925-324-9931 or Charles Danan 530-966-4982. Here are a few of our upcoming plans.

JTC Calendar 2009-2010

- Saturday, December 12 – White Elephant Gift Exchange Hanukkah Party (bring a \$10 gift)
- Friday, December 25 – Activity Day
- Saturday, January 16 – Havdallah Game Night at the Halimis
- February 12 – 15 – President's Weekend Snowboarding/Skiing at Tahoe
- Saturday, February 27 – Purim (teens will be involved)

From 4–5 p.m. on December 3rd and 10th, we will be rehearsing a Chanukah play that we will perform at CBI's Chanukah party on the 13th. If you are planning to be at the synagogue party, then we really want you to bring your children to the rehearsals on Thursdays, December 3rd and 10th so they can be a part of our skit. Those who have been participating in Rabbi Danan's Hebrew class should come at 3:30 p.m. on those Thursdays. If your children have not been participating in the Hebrew class, you are welcome to bring them at 4 p.m. so they can be a part of our Chanukah skit. Also on the 10th, after our dress rehearsal, we will have a short and lively Chanukah celebration to mark the end of this part of our school year. Have a happy Chanukah and a safe winter break and we will see you all in January.

Camp Tawonga



Camp Tawonga's 2010 program dates are available online now and registration begins in December! Camp Tawonga is an American Camping Association accredited camp with a staff/camper ratio of 1:1.5 located outside Yosemite National Park on 160 acres in the national forest. It offers camp sessions, teen leadership, service learning, and adventure travel programs for 2nd through 12th graders. We also have Weekend Programs for individuals, couples and families.

Camp Tawonga has a camp scholarship program, and CBI offers additional camp assistance to member families through the Gert Lenner Fund. Special large camp scholarship grants are available to first time Jewish campers in grades 6-8; visit www.onehappycamper.org to learn more.

More info: 415.543.2267, www.tawonga.org, or info@tawonga.org

From the President– An Alternative to AIPAC

By Irv Schiffman

Members of our congregation have differing views on the Arab-Israeli conflict, although we don't usually hear them discussed out loud. While we all support the Jewish state, there are among us important differences regarding what policies Israel should follow in its quest for peace with the Palestinians. A critical area of dispute has to do with the question of the settlements, that is, the establishment of Jewish communities on land that Israel captured in the 1967 war. The views on this subject go from the position that the captured Palestinian territory is part of the "Land of Israel" and Jews have the right to settle anywhere within that land, to the view that the settlements are illegal and that Israel should halt further building and retain only those settlements agreed upon with the Palestinians as part of a land swap. Most of the members I talk with about the subject are somewhere in the middle, although after what happened in Gaza there is a reluctance to see Israel give up any ground without a strong assurance of security.

The differences within our congregation are also apparent at the national level, but now views opposing existing Israeli settlement policy are getting more of a hearing with the establishment of a pro-Israel lobbying group called "J Street." Left-leaning groups like Peace Now and Brit Tzedek V'Shalom have been around for a while but have not succeeded in making much headway in their efforts to influence American political leaders. The elephant in the room has always been the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the main pro-Israel lobbying group since the 1950's. AIPAC has a wide base of support among members of Congress and generally reflects the views of the government in power in Jerusalem.

The J Street philosophy is that there is a "silent

majority" of US Jews who aren't happy with Israel's settlement policies and the lack of progress in peace discussions, and who don't believe they're represented properly by groups such as AIPAC. The group is wholly committed to Israel's security which, it believes, is best achievable through peace and compromise.

The group was founded in April of 2008 by a few political and media savvy individuals and held its first national conference last October. The conference was attended by some 1500 activists, including representatives from Congress and the Obama administration. J Street's main appeal is to liberal Jews who support a two-state solution. Already it has received criticism for questioning the ferocity of the Gaza campaign and its insistence on more time for diplomacy with regard to Iran. **I will be discussing J Street as an alternative to AIPAC at CBI on Friday, December 11.**

The week before my talk, on Saturday, December 5, we will be holding our Silent Auction. We started this annual event back in 1982. In the earlier years, CBI held an annual rummage sale, members cleaning out their closets and garages in a spring-cleaning ritual that earned us a few hundred dollars. Today's Silent Auction is a major upgrade, both in terms of the quality of items offered and the amount of income received. It has become our most important fundraiser and has turned into a warm noshing and sipping social evening as well. I hope to see many of you there.

Finally, Friday, November 13, was a special evening at CBI, starting off with a dinner for Hillel students sponsored by the Hillel Board and ending with a lively Israeli dance session led by Levi and Ayelet Bar-Gil. Carol Edelman deserves thanks for making the dinner arrangements and Sara and Michael Leitner deserve thanks for arranging the Bar-Gil visit.

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Sisterhood/Haverot News

By Donna Greenberg

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with good food, family and friends. Can you believe it is already December — with winter, cold temperatures, brrr, and Chanukah?

Although there were only nine of us at the November program at All Fired Up, those of us there would agree it was great fun! We learned how to make a clay object using a fresh fallen leaf and pressing it into clay, cutting and then painting each piece. After the items are dried, they will be put into the kiln to be fired and ready for pick up in 7-10 days. Thank you, Fran, for arranging and reserving All Fired Up and for the yummy snacks. Thank you, Kristy, for the bringing the delicious wine.

Sisterhood/Haverot will be donating food baskets filled with delectable delights to the Silent Auction this year. Sisterhood/Haverot participated last year for the first time and was quite successful, so we hope to continue this annually. I look forward to many of you donating items and/or bidding on items at the Silent Auction to be held on December 5th. Remember, all proceeds benefit CBI's Religious School.

Chanukah is just around the corner and although Sisterhood/Haverot does not have our own party, we

do join in the season by presenting the children in the Religious School small gifts and providing dreidels and chocolate gelt for the children who attend CBI's annual Chanukah party on December 13th.

Mark your calendars for the annual Sisterhood Shabbat, which will be on Friday evening, January 22, 2010. I hope many of you will offer to participate in the service, the choir and/or the oneg. When asked to help and participate please say YES! This is always a wonderful and meaningful service, and it keeps getting better each year.

Our Rosters are ready and you should have received a copy either by e-mail or regular mail. If you have not received your copy please contact Donna Greenberg at 891-6439 or drg@mv.mv.com. Please check the roster to make sure all of your information is correct. Let Donna know of any corrections and the roster will be updated with the corrections/additions in the next newsletter as well as online.

It is never too late to join. Remember, in order to participate in Sisterhood and experience all it has to offer, you have to be a member. For more information call or e-mail Donna Greenberg, 891-6439 or drg@mv.mv.com.

Shalom, Donna

Sisterhood 2009-2010 Calendar

Sisterhood Shabbat January 22
Jewish MeditationFebruary TBA
Bagel Brunch April 25
End of the year Brunch June 13

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Mitzvah Day a Big Success!

Thanks everyone for your help for a very successful Mitzvah Day on November 1st! About 45 people of all ages participated in the following good deeds: a large group sprucing up the synagogue building and grounds; kids making colorful place mats for local Meals on Wheels and greeting cards for elders at a senior center in Kfar Saba, Israel; JTC teens working at the Dorothy Johnson Community Center garden; adults meeting to plan newsletter columns on the environment, panels on health care and activities to encourage volunteerism;



and a used book sale to fund social action projects.

A special thanks to chairperson, Phyllis Cullen, and to our team leaders. Check out Mitzvah Day pictures on our CBI website and Facebook pages. Pictured here are Ingeborg Johannsen and Mia Rappaport planting flowers.

We hope to form a Team CBI to participate in community events. We need a logo to put on our T-shirts. Send us your ideas! Watch for a contest for our young people regarding saving the earth.

Tikkun Olam Committee News

The Green Menorah: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle for Hanukkah

Hanukkah, with its story of the miraculous long-lasting jug of oil, reminds us that we need to make our resources last longer — and we can't always count on miracles to do so. This season, let's try to be more creative about reusing or helping others reuse things. Before we buy new gifts, let's take a moment to go through the clothing, coats, toys and gifts we already have, and reuse or donate them to those who can use them.

There are several ways to recycle at CBI:

1. In a container in the CBI lobby, we already collect used ink cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras, GPS devices, iPods, and laptops. Collect items from home, businesses, family, friends, staff and collection drives. Proceeds from these items benefit our congregation.
2. We will have a collection bin for various items for the needy appropriate to the seasons and holidays. We will start with a coat collection for Hanukkah. Please leave used coats for children or sizes teens can wear in the lobby bin OR bring to the Hanukkah party. We'll combine recycling with tzedakah.
3. The CBI Silent Auction is a great place to "recycle" nicer items that you can't use anymore, by giving someone else a chance to enjoy them, while raising money for our Religious School! Buy your Hanukkah gifts at the Silent Auction and you will be doing a triple mitzvah: recycling the item, helping our school, and making someone happy for the holiday!

Instead of just throwing something away, you can sell it, give it away, or re-use it for another purpose. If you can't think of another way to use the item, you can donate it so that someone else can use it. It's not rubbish, it's a resource! Simple actions can have big impacts on CO² emissions. Re-using something saves the energy associated with manufacturing a new one — for example, it takes 800 litres of water to make just one t-shirt, and 24% of the world's pesticides are used to grow cotton. So every time you donate to charity shops, or buy from one, you're helping the planet.

More "Green Menorah" ideas on how to reduce, recycle and reuse will be posted on the "blog" section of the CBI website: www.cbichico.org.

CBI Relay for Life Team

Over the past few years there has been growing interest in forming a team from CBI for the Relay for Life. When we met for Mitzvah Day at CBI,



our committee decided that this would be the year there would be representation from us.

The Relay will be held May 1–2, 2010 at PV High School. If you never have attended this event, you are truly missing quite an experience — a life-changing one.

I am asking all members of CBI from young to "gray" to come together and form a team. Once our "team" has been determined, we will meet to brainstorm fundraising ideas, a team name, and other topics to make this a fun and meaningful experience for everyone.

There will be a Team Captains' meeting December 16, 2009 from 6–7 p.m. at the Enloe Conference Center. I would like to receive some calls from those interested in co-captaining our team. Please call me, Karen Rogers at 343-7570.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	2	3 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	4 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Services 6 p.m. Mishpachah POTLUCK Dinner & Shabbat Service	5 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction
6	7 5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah	8 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	9 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7 p.m. Board Meeting	10 3:30 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Exploring Judaism	11 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services Shabbat Scholar Irv Schiffman	12 9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service Youth Group Hanukkah Party Time TBA
13 5 p.m. CBI Hanukkah Party at ARC Pavilion, 2040 Park Ave, Chico	14 5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah	15 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	16 11 a.m. Sages' Brunch	17 5:15 p.m. Last Exploring Judaism Class for 2009	18 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services and Healthcare Panel	19 9 a.m. Adult Study Speaker Jed Wyrick 10 a.m. Torah Service
20	21	22 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	23	24	25 Youth Group Fun Day NO Service 6 p.m. Potluck at the Danan Home	26 NO Adult Study NO Service
27	28	29 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	30	31	1 NO Service	2 NO Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service

Shabbat Services for December

CBI celebrates Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. (First Friday is an early Mishpachah Service) often accompanied by instrumental music. An Oneg Shabbat follows. Shabbat Saturday programs start with a class for adults. The morning service generally begins 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, December 4 Light Candles at 4:25 p.m.	5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:45 p.m. (approx.)	Tot Shabbat POTLUCK Shabbat Dinner Please bring a generous veggie/dairy dish to share. (Kiddush for everyone is promptly at 6 p.m.) Family-style service after dinner
Saturday, December 5	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service Parashat: Vayishlach Torah Reading by Charles Danan. Kiddush provided by the Mitchells in honor of Bonnie's birthday.
Friday, December 11 Light Candles at 4:25 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat I of Hanukkah (First Candle). Shabbat Scholar Irv Schiffman will speak about "An Alternative to AIPAC." Oneg sponsored by the Sisterhood
Saturday, December 12	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class Shabbat of Hanukkah Parashat Vayeshev Kiddush sponsored by Victor Mlotok..
Friday, December 18 Light Candles at 4:27 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat II of Hanukkah followed by a discussion on "Jewish Values & Health Care Reform," with panelists: Helene Ginsberg, Steve Naiman, Karen Rogers, Renee Everett and Dr. Marv Megibow as moderator. Oneg Sponsor TBA.
Saturday, December 19	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class with Guest Speaker Jed Wyrick Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat Miketz Kiddush provided by Loretta Steinke.
Friday, December 25 Light Candles at 4:30 p.m.	6 p.m (Shabbat dinner, no regular service)	POTLUCK Dinner at the Danan home. Bring a generous veggie/dairy dish to share. RSVP: 343-6337 or rabbi@cbichico.org
Saturday, December 26	NO SERVICE	Enjoy Winter Break

Thanks to everybody who sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush in November: The Jessees, the Sisterhood, the Feldman-Frandens, the Ginsberg-Saberskys, Rhonda Zisle, and the Danans.

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.

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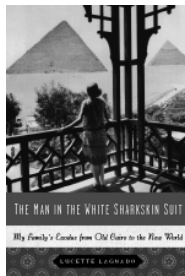
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CBI Reads!

By Wendy Diamond, CBI Library Chair

Last month the Book Group officially decided to consider non-fiction for our reading selections. Now we can choose an engaging personal memoir or an historical tale — such as our next book:

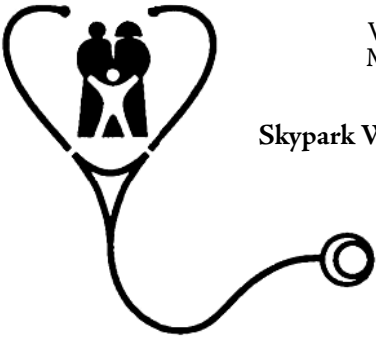
The Man in the Sharkskin Suit: A Jewish Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World by **Lucette Lagnado**.



The meeting will be on **Sunday, December 6 at 2 p.m.**

On **Sunday, January 3 at 2 p.m.** we will discuss *The Wind of the Khazars* by **Marek Halter**.

Meeting locations are announced via e-mail from Harriet Spiegel. If you want to be included in updates, contact her at hspiegel@csuchico.edu. You are welcome to join us!



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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.

Birthdays in December

Heather Fisher	December 1
Andrea Lerner.....	December 1
Clara Shapiro.....	December 3
Dennis Deromedi	December 6
Sharonne Edelman.....	December 6
Jeremy Miller.....	December 7
Amy Miller	December 9
David Zeichick	December 9
Robert Greenberg	December 10
Sophie Gordon.....	December 11
Mia Rappaport	December 12
Joel Mintzes.....	December 13
Tamar Schiffman	December 15
Ben Cullen	December 16
Shirley Hajdu.....	December 16
Isabella Naiman.....	December 16
Noah Steinmetz	December 21
Ari Edelman	December 22
Nelda Jessee.....	December 22
Peter Straus.....	December 22
Ari Frankel	December 24
Shaelyn Howard	December 24

Welcome New CBI Member Families

We extend a warm CBI welcome to our new members: Vicky Tarazon and Victor Castaneda and their son Daniel Tarazon of Redding; and Lisa Benaron and her 12-year-old daughter Mollie Steindorf of Paradise.

Refuah Shelemah

We wish a complete and speedy recovery to Michael Passovoy.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to Laurie Feldman on the death of her father, Robert Feldman.

May his memory be a blessing.

Yahrzeits

Bill Solomon.....	December 1
Remembered by Joel & Susan Mintzes	
Nathan Appel	December 4
Remembered by Mendel & Nadine Tochterman	
Aaron Passovoy	December 6
Remembered by Michael & Carol Passovoy	
Salvador Troncoso Jr.....	December 6
Remembered by Derek & Magdalena Baum	
Jacob Shapiro	December 8
Remembered by Deborah Shapiro	
Marion Lerner Bresnick.....	December 11
Remembered by Marshall Thompson & Andrea Lerner	
Betty Goff.....	December 11
Remembered by Steven Margolin	
Gwen Schoenfeld.....	December 12
Remembered by Karen & Richard Rogers	
Jeanette Abrams	December 15
Remembered by Al & Sandy Abrams	
Earl Wilson Jessee	December 16
Remembered by James W. & Nelda Jessee	

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Dec. 4	Mishpachah Shabbat Potluck Dinner
Dec. 5	Silent Auction
Dec. 11	Shabbat Scholar, Dr. Irv Schiffman
Dec. 13	Hanukkah Party at ARC Pavilion
Dec. 18	Jewish Values and Health Care Reform, Part II
Dec. 19	Jed Wyrick, Speaker at Adult Study
Dec. 25	Potluck Shabbat Dinner at the Danan Home

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 5769
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