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Hop on our Bus to the Jewish Heritage Festival May 2 in Sacramento!

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Thanks to a Community Development Grant from the Jewish Federation of the Greater Sacramento Region, CBI has chartered a bus to the Second Annual “Jewish Heritage Festival” in Sacramento on May 2. Join our CBI bus trip at 11 a.m. and be part of a giant celebration of Jewish culture, with no worries about driving, parking, or schlepping! We’ll provide noshes, sing a few songs and schmooze our way to Sacramento as a group. Our bus will be equipped with a bathroom on board. Cost is just \$5 per person or maximum of \$15 per family. All ages are welcome. The bus trip is first come-first served, as the bus is limited to 50 people. Festival entrance is free, but bring some money for food, rides or other purchases.

Building on the success of the annual “Salute to Israel,” and last year’s inaugural Jewish Heritage Festival, which attracted over 3,000 participants, the 2010 Jewish Heritage Festival will celebrate Jewish life around the world, with a special focus on “The Centennial of the Kibbutz Movement.” The festival runs from 1:00-4:30 p.m. and then you can relax on our bus back to Chico.

Featured performer at this event is Matisyahu, the Hassidic singer whose unique style combines Reggae, rock and hip-hop music. The event will feature live music, traditional food, entertainment, the Los Angeles Israeli Dance Team, cultural exhibits and displays, rides, many fun children’s activities, eco-fashion contest, a special teen zone and more. For more information, visit <http://www.jhfsac.com/>

Shabbat News for April

There will be no Mishpachah Shabbat in April; the next one will be May 7, which will include a potluck dinner and service led by the Religious School.

In fact, there is **no service on April 2**, so that you can enjoy a Shabbat of Passover dinner at home.

On Friday, April 23, (the week of Israel Independence Day) our 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat will have an Israel theme, with prayers and readings about Israel. Rabbi Danan will speak about “The Women at the Wall,” Israeli women who seek the right to lead prayer services at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Professor Raphael Israeli presents *The Forgotten Refugees*, a film about the Jews of the Middle East and their Journey to Israel, April 19

Congregation Beth Israel will host the showing of the film *The Forgotten Refugees*, a documentary about the mass exodus of Jews from Arab countries and Iran in the 20th century. The event will be Monday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at CBI, the eve of Israel Independence Day Yom Ha'Atzma'ut. The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The film will be introduced and discussed by Dr. Raphael Israeli, Professor of Chinese History and Islamic Civilization at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Professor Israeli is interviewed in the film and was a consultant to the filmmaker, Michael Grynspan.

The film explores the history and destruction of Middle Eastern and North African Jewish communities during the 20th century, some of which had existed for over 2,500 years. Extensive interviews with former citizens of Egypt, Yemen, Libya, Iraq, Morocco, and Iran enliven the film with personal stories. Together with dramatic archival footage of events that are hardly known, the film brings new information to the usual political discourse about the Middle East.

Religious School Trip to the Jewish Museum in San Francisco, April 18.

We are planning to car pool to the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco. We'll have a 2-3 hour private tour of the museum, including their *As It Is Written: Project 304,805* with a *soferet* (a professionally trained female scribe) who, while on public view, is writing out the entire text of the Torah over several months. We will talk with her and see the Torah she is creating. Our tour ends with a lesson on scribal arts and the kids will be able to experiment with scribal materials and calligraphy.

For more information, contact Carol Edelman at cedelman@csuchico.edu or 345-3974.

PJ Library Birthday, April 18, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Sacramento Zoo

PJ Library is a program in which Jewish children from 6 months to age 8 receive FREE Jewish books or CD's each month. The PJ Library Program is about to have a birthday and they're ready to celebrate. Join them at the Sacramento Zoo (3930 West Land Park Drive) to meet other PJ Library families, listen to performances by storyteller and juggler Izzi Toinsky, and enjoy the animals. Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch; they'll provide the birthday cupcakes.

There will be a Car Caravan from Chico! Call Lisa Rappaport, 345-9326, if you would like to join it.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration Sunday, April 11, 7 p.m.

CBI, in conjunction with Chico Havurah, will commemorate Yom HaShoah on Sunday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at CBI. The service will be led by Rabbi Danan and Carol Edelman. This year is the 65th anniversary of the defeat of the Nazis. Our Jewish community will mark the end of the Third Reich and the end of the genocide with a program focusing on the heroes of the Holocaust, those good people, many of whom were Christians, who rescued Jews and others despite the risks.

We will hear the stories of several who cared and had the courage to do something about it. We will be fortunate to hear from one such person, Lubertus Schapelhouman, a man who with his family, risked his life to save Jews and resist the Nazis. Please join us at the commemoration for a short service, a program on Heroes of the Holocaust, a presentation by Mr. Schapelhouman, and a reception honoring him for his heroic deeds and for the suffering he had to endure because of them.

Purim Thanks!



Kristy Bergson organizing the Mishloach Manot.

Thanks to all who helped make our Purim Party such great fun: Kristy Bergson (our Social/Cultural chair) and all the hamantashen bakers; our fabulous Hemlock Street Klezmer Band: Scott Pressman, David Frankel, Gabe Feldman-Franden, Justin Bergson, Michael Leitner, Victor Mlotok; Hillel singers; our Megillah readers: Avraham Danan, Rabbi Julie Danan, and Keren Carter; our Purim

“Shpielers”: Rabbi Julie Danan, Irv Schiffman, Michael Mulcahy, and Wendy Diamond. Thank you to all the teachers, parents, and volunteers who produced a great Purim Carnival for the children.

Pizza Fundraiser at Woodstock's April 7

As his Bar Mitzvah project, Gabe Feldman-Franden is having a fundraising evening at Woodstock's Pizza on Wednesday, April 7, 6-9 p.m. The band “Suspended Animation” will perform from 7-8 p.m. The band plays punk rock music, so those who prefer quieter dining may wish to come before 7 o'clock. Please present flyer (available in this newsletter or in the CBI lobby) to cashier when ordering. A portion of the evening's proceeds will be donated to the American Jewish World Service.

From Our Rabbi

By Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan

This month's column, in honor of Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, was first written by Rabbi Danan for The Jewish Journal of San Antonio, February 1985. It was part of her "Israel Journal" series about her four years in Israel.

When I hear the word "Israel," many images spring to mind – the walls of the Old City glowing like gold, the blue waves of the Mediterranean, the Kenneret, shining and serene ... and buses.

That's right, buses. Even when I dream of Israel, I dream buses. Not just because a good portion of one's day in an Israeli city is spent getting around on buses. Not just because I knew the bus routes around Tel-Aviv like the palm of my hand, including which route is really faster and on which one you're more likely to get a seat and which one might even be air-conditioned.

It's not only these, but perhaps that so many interesting things tend to happen on buses in Israel. Like finding a Chanukah menorah aglow on the dashboard, or seeing the children in their Purim costumes.

Once a Bedouin girl on an inter-city Eged bus parted her black veil enough to reveal large aquamarine eyes and smile at me with pearly teeth in an expression that captured the mystery of the East, all the way from Beer-Sheeva to the desert stop where she and her chaperone-brother simply disappeared into the vastness of the Negev.

The bus can almost be a microcosm of Israeli society, carrying soldiers and Arabs and Hasids and beach bunnies. No one minds their own business. Once a woman sitting next to me curtly informed me that "she was a nurse" and that it was her duty to inform me that my (two-month-old) daughter had flat feet!

People may insult you or invite you for dinner. Drivers may be rude if your change isn't ready or unexpectedly courteous, like the Jerusalem driver who made an unscheduled stop so that I wouldn't have to walk too far with my two young children.

Of course, there was the time that I ended up getting punched in the eye because I got in the way of a fistfight on a packed bus.

Yes, the buses can be packed so that the passengers feel like sardines. Sometimes the heat and weariness and tension can really show in people's faces and one suddenly becomes aware that Israelis aren't a bunch of super-heroes out of a Leon Uris novel after all.

Usually the driver (who by the way is an upper-income earner in Israel) has the radio on, and every hour when the familiar beeps herald the news

broadcast, everyone in unison checks their watches and strains to hear how the Bus of State is running, and everyone sighs in unison if the news isn't good.

But there are pleasant memories too, like the giggly 45-minute summer bus ride to the beach and back with my friend Galia, gritty with sand and she grinning and flirting with selected male passengers in her thick Russian accent.

Or the expectancy with which I looked out my dorm window every Tuesday afternoon towards the bus-stop by the orange orchards, straining for the sight of a familiar figure in a grey air-force uniform to finally descend from one certain bus and make his way to see me.

On several occasions on Israeli buses, I unexpectedly ran into old friends from Texas; this also happened to members of my family. The strangest meeting, though, had to be when I was waiting by a bus-stop in Ramat-Aviv, with a kerchief on my head and seven-months pregnant, looking like a member of Gush Emunim on holiday. Suddenly the young woman sitting next to me turned to me and said calmly in perfect English, "You're Julie Hilton, aren't you?" (Turns out she was from Houston and remembered me from our Texas youth group; she happened to be taking my bus in Israel while on a holiday from studying in France.)

Yes, when I think of Israel, I think of a bus. The passengers may be very different; they may not even agree on which direction the bus ought to travel, but they all know that, like it or not, they are going somewhere together, a group. When the newscast comes on, it's talking to all of them, and everyone feels not only affected, but actually responsible.

When I think about America, or even when I dream about it, it's often about cars. Here I spend a great deal of time driving my own car. I love the convenience and the feeling of independence. The radio keeps me company; I enjoy talk shows and newscasts, in which I take an academic interest.

It's comfortable and air-conditioned and you can go where want. And only once in a while does it seem a little bit lonely.



Jewish Teens of Chico (JTC) April Fundraising Events

In June ten members of our JTC will be leaving for a 10-day service trip in Belize. They are working hard on fundraising to help cover the considerable costs.

Join them on **Thursday, April 1, 5-8 p.m. at the T. Bar** (formerly Teaz Me), 250 Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico. Enjoy a refreshing cup of tea and some of the Passover goodies that JTC will have for sale to enjoy with your tea. Bring your flyer from last month's newsletter or the CBI lobby and T. Bar will donate 20% of the proceeds back to JTC toward their summer service trip! (If you don't have a flyer, there will be some at the door.)

JTC invites all of our congregants to come shop at their **Rummage Sale at CBI on Sunday, April 11, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** You may also look through your homes for any items you may want to donate. Donated items may be dropped off at CBI after 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10. If you cannot bring the items to CBI, please

Steve Margolin

By Jim Jessee

Steve Margolin came to lunch at our house on one of those glorious spring days recently. I had asked him for an interview, wanting to learn more about this fellow who always looks so distinguished with his beard and in his tallit at CBI services, prays with great focus, sounds the shofar with great skill, and has been doing such wonderful Torah readings for our congregation with his beautiful, deep, resonant voice. As Steve himself said to us, "Don't judge the book by its cover." We chided him that he sometimes looks very serious, too, but we immediately found him to be a warm, open, funny, and a very interesting and intelligent person.

His Jewish roots are deep, and we enjoyed learning about each of his paternal and maternal Margolin, Bregmann, Skulnik and Goff grandparents and great-grandparents, all of whom came to America around 1900, from such cities as Pinsk and Odessa and a shtetl in Galicia. They all settled in New York City and eventually the Bronx, living there from circa 1900 to the 1970s. We enjoyed hearing all the family names. Steve is Shlomo Zalman, his father was Motl, his grandparents Levi Yitzhak, Faival, Bayla, and Betty. His father's family spoke Yiddish and that was his father's first language, but his mother's family from Odessa spoke only Russian and had to learn Yiddish to survive in New York, when they came to America.

Steve said that sometimes people mistake him for having been brought up in the orthodox tradition, which is very far from his own upbringing in North Merrick, Long Island, New York. Steve's paternal grandfather was deeply involved in the Workman's Circle movement and labor unions, and Steve's father was not religious. Steve's

Jewish Teens of Chico

contact Charles Danan at charleshdanan@gmail.com (preferred) or call 530-966-4982.

Charles will also accept valuable donated items to sell on eBay or Craigslist. If you have any items you believe are worth over \$50, contact Charles, and he will come appraise your item. If the item is small enough, he can take it home and place it on eBay. Larger items will be photographed and posted on Craigslist, and then picked up by the buyer. This is a great way to get started on your spring-cleaning and aid a good cause!

JTC members are excited about this upcoming trip and are eager to volunteer and represent CBI abroad. If you would like to make a donation of money towards their trip you can do so by sending a check to CBI, made payable to Jewish Teens of Chico.

parents joined a classical Reform synagogue, where the wearing of any religious articles was forbidden, and where modern Israeli Hebrew, not Biblical Hebrew, was taught. Steve and his older and younger brothers had bar mitzvahs there, but Steve said the temple was not very satisfying and their religious education not very deep.

Steve said he grew up as a fat boy and one of those nerdy band kids, so we commiserated about being socially retarded in our teens. However, Steve's musical career is impressive and a blessing to CBI. Beginning in the fourth grade he learned to play the saxophone, and later the clarinet, and can handle most woodwinds. His first music teacher and mentor into college, Benedetto DiDia, was one of the most important people in his life. "Ben" was a friend of Benny Goodman and had played in one of the Glenn Miller bands during World War II.

This also greatly influenced Steve's love of music today. He plays regularly for the Oroville and Paradise Community Bands, the local big band The Skyliners,

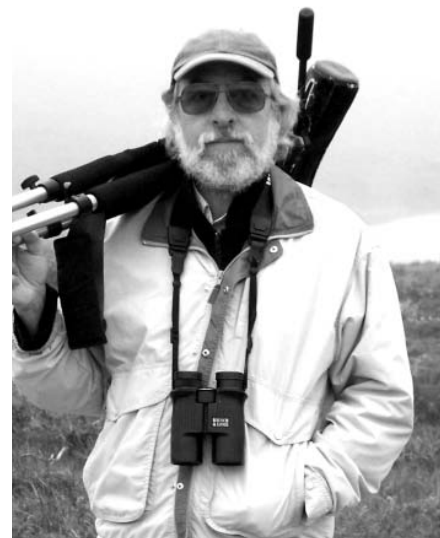


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Sisterhood/Haverot News

By Donna Greenberg

I hope everyone had a joyous and delicious Seder with family and friends. Did you come up with some new and creative recipes this Pesach? I always enjoy finding and trying new recipes during the holiday whether it is a main meal or a dessert. And then foist it on family!!

On Sunday March 7th Haverot/Sisterhood had a grand time at CBI assembling placemats, which were presented to the Yoseftal Senior Center in Israel. We cut out all sorts of gardening pictures from magazines and pasted them into collages on cardstock that were then laminated. Thank you, Fran Halimi, for organizing this event and taking the placemats with you to Israel. Big thanks go to those who helped: Maureen Knowlton, Nitsa Schiffman, Kristy Bergson, Robin Black, Irma Dakof, Joy and Audrey Zeichick, myself and, of course Fran, who also provided us with yummy snacks. We made a total of 40 colorful and artistically pleasing placemats.

Our next major event, which also is Sisterhood/Haverot's biggest fundraiser of the year, is the Bagel Brunch. The date is fast approaching— Sunday April 25th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. I hope you all will be attending and are selling your tickets. For the Bagel Brunch to be successful a lot of help is required whether before the event, during the event or after. A sign up sheet is available. Contact Fran Halimi at 345-9616 or halimifamily@sbcglobal.net if interested in helping. Help includes baking desserts, cutting up fruit, serving, arranging flowers, setting up, cleaning up, etc. In order for this event to be successful we need plenty of volunteers! Money raised goes towards helping CBI and the religious school.

We were all deeply saddened with the loss of longtime Sisterhood/Haverot member Marilyn Belmonte. I would like to pay tribute to how important Marilyn was to Sisterhood/Haverot — without her we may never have existed. She was one of the founding sisters over 20 years ago and supported our many endeavors to help us become the strong, autonomous, organization we are today. According to her daughter and longtime Sisterhood/Haverot member Pam Dakof, "Our first meeting was at Marilyn's home" and thus was hatched — "the birth of the Haverot /Sisterhood." The first kickoff was a Tea at her home outside on the lawn. The first Progressive Party for Sisterhood/Haverot members ended at her home with music and dessert. Marilyn always opened her home for any event and treated everyone like family. That's how she was throughout her life — her home was always open and she loved her friends old and new. "My mother was 'Sunshine' for Sisterhood/Haverot for many years," stated Pam. She helped teach mahjong to our members starting over 9 years ago and today we're still playing strong every

Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Marilyn was an outstanding mah-jongg player and continued to be up until the end of her life. She belonged to many of the interest groups, theater, book group, walking, etc. Not surprising, Marilyn was the top ticket seller for the Bagel Brunch every year, and promoted goodwill everywhere she went. Marilyn, you will be dearly missed.

Our slate is starting to come together for next year, but we are still looking for a few more members to serve on the board—particularly President-elect and Member-at-large. Contact me at 891-6439 or drg@mv.mv.com, or any current Board member for more information.

Shalom, Donna

Sisterhood 2009/2010 Calendar

Bagel Brunch	April 25
Jewish Meditation	May TBA
End-of-the-year-Brunch	June 13

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CBI Reads!

By Wendy Diamond, CBI Library Chair

The CBI Book group is now mixing in memoirs and history, while maintaining our commitment to fiction about Jewish culture and tradition.

On Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. we will discuss *The Lazarus Project* by **Aleksander Hemon**, a MacArthur Prize winner.



America has a richer literary landscape since Aleksandar Hemon, stranded in the United States after war broke out in his native Sarajevo, adopted Chicago as his new home. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, and *The Paris Review* and in two acclaimed books, *The Question of Bruno* and *Nowhere Man*. In *The Lazarus Project*, his most ambitious and imaginative work yet, Hemon brings to life an epic narrative born from a historical event: the 1908 killing of Lazarus Averbuch, a 19-year-old Jewish immigrant who was shot dead by George Shippy, the chief of Chicago police, after being admitted into his home to deliver an important letter.

On Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. we will discuss *A Late Divorce* by A.B. Yehoshua



Written by one of Israel's finest contemporary authors, the novel tells a family story. A father of three grown-up children comes back to Israel to get a divorce; another woman, pregnant, awaits him in America. Narrated in turn by each participant in the drama, events grow increasingly intense, coming to a head at the traditional family gathering on Passover. Translated by Hillel Halkin.

Locations are announced via e-mail from Harriet Spiegel. If you would like to be included in updates, contact her at hspiegel@csuchico.edu.

Everyone is very welcome to join us! We seek new members to enliven our discussions.

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and will be playing clarinet and saxophones “in the pit” at the State Theater in Oroville for the Birdcage Theatre production of a Yiddishkeit musical, “East Baltimore Street,” in March and April. He is a member of our ever-evolving CBI Hemlock Street Klezmer Band, and virtuoso of the shofar at CBI services. His wife, Renee, is also a very accomplished musician and plays the French horn in several bands as well.

Steve went to Yale College and graduated with a B.S. in biology in 1977, but his “major” was the Yale Band. He was a member throughout his college career, becoming President of the Yale Band. He traveled with the Band all over the US and Europe. When the Band played in Berkeley, Steve found his next home and career, not to mention future wife. He moved across the country. His parents and brothers had just relocated to Southern California. Steve went to the Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley from 1977 to 1980. He met Renee, soon to become his wife, when she transferred to UC Berkeley from Butte College to complete her undergraduate degree and decided to take a room in the law student dorm, because she thought she would be less distracted. Steve’s room was just down the hall.

Steve and Renee married in a garden in Berkeley, California, in 1979. Renee was a potter, and developed her art into a successful business. As Steve said, fate seemed to always play a role in the jobs he was led to. In some ways the jobs came to him; he even had an interview for a very specific high-level job before the law firm knew they had an opening. Steve knew.

After law school, Steve and Renee moved to Connecticut for six years where he became an associate at the second largest law firm in the state. He said that the East Coast law firm pace of life was “fairly brutal,” and he soon learned that he did not want to give up his “real life” to do what was necessary to become a partner. He did however, become an invaluable expert in trusts, wills, and estate planning. As fate would have it, he is an independent contractor working for this same firm today, working much more at his leisure from his home in Butte Valley. However, in the intervening years, Steve and Renee moved back to Berkeley, where Steve commuted to San Francisco and worked at a high level for another prestigious law firm.

While they lived in a home with a beautiful garden in the Oakland-Berkeley hills, the traffic, noise, crime, and other pressures were degrading their lives. The Oakland Hills fire, which burned within a block or so of their home, and a tragic senseless mass killing at his law firm in San Francisco in 1993, were the last straws. In 1996, they decided to move to Butte County. Renee was born and grew up in Oroville, and her mother’s family is there and in Chico. They wanted to find some land, far away from urban civilization, traffic, noise and lights, in “acorn woodpecker habitat,” where Renee could garden and potter, and Steve could work “very remotely” away from cities and law firms, associates and

partners, but not too far from his Bay Area clients; he craved quiet. Fate led them again to just the right real estate agent who looked high and low to find the perfect acorn woodpecker habitat with a beautiful home, in the foothills out near Butte College.

Steve’s other great passion in life, next to Renee and music, is bird watching, and all the travels and adventures associated with it. He studied ornithology at Yale and has been involved with bird watching and the Audubon Society since his youth. In Berkeley he became a leader in the Golden Gate Audubon Society and served as its President. He became a teacher and guide, and he and Renee began to explore Central and South America, Australia, and Africa on trips led by birdwatcher friends. Ask Steve to tell you about speeding down the Amazon in a powered canoe in the black of night. In 1999, Steve led his first Golden Gate Audubon Society tour to Panama. He has led five more tours to Panama, most recently for our local Altacal Audubon Society, and one to Kenya and Tanzania, since. They have traveled to many exotic and remote places in pursuit of their shared love for bird watching. Their home is a bird sanctuary, and they enjoy their acorn woodpeckers, even when they peck holes in their telephone cables.

Steve has always stayed connected to his Jewish heritage, enjoying Hillel at Yale and Berkeley, and going to services from time to time in Berkeley. After the move from Berkeley to Butte Valley, he began attending services at CBI occasionally and then in the last six years or so became more motivated to seek a congregation and community in which he feels his Jewish connection. He said, “For me it is the community.” Lucky for us he found his way to CBI, and increasingly has become an important contributor to our services in several ways.

I love Steve’s chanting of Torah and prayers, and thought he must have studied for years. To my surprise, if not embarrassment, Steve began to study trope with Keren Carter at the same time Nelda and I learned beginning Hebrew, and I studied my portion for my Ben Torah, only three years ago. Besides music, Steve does have talent for languages. He studied Russian at Yale and Spanish in junior and senior high school (but has lost both from lack of use), and he has been teaching himself Biblical Hebrew on his own over the last few years. We are graced with his Torah readings, as he learns them.

Yasher Koach, Steve.



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Shabbat Services for April

CBI celebrates Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. (Usually first Friday is an early Mishpachah Service, this month is an exception), 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, April 2 Light Candles at 7:14 p.m.	NO SERVICE TONIGHT	No Mishpachah Service in April
Saturday, April 3	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Class Torah Service: Shabbat of Passover Hallel and Yizkor will be recited Kiddush sponsored by the Jessees
SUNDAY, April 4 Light Yom Tov Candles at 7:16 p.m.	NO Service	Eve of Yom Tov of Passover
Friday, April 9, 2010 Light Candles at 7:21 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg is sponsored by the Sisterhood
Saturday, April 10	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Group Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat Shemini POTLUCK Kiddush
SUNDAY, April 11	7 p.m.	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial) Service At CBI Honoring the Rescuers, including Bert Schapelhouman Service led by Rabbi Danan and Carol Edelman
Friday, April 16 Light Candles at 7:28 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg sponsored by Jess and Rene Price
Saturday April 17	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Group Torah Service Parashat Tazria/Metzora Kiddush sponsored by Ingeborg Johannsen in honor of her mother
Friday, April 23 Light Candles at 7:35 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat with Israel Theme Rabbi Danan will speak about "The Women on the Wall." Oneg sponsored by Amy and Jeremy Miller
Saturday, April 24	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Adult Study Group Torah Service led by Rabbi Danan Parashat Acharei Mot/Kedoshim Kiddush sponsored by Harriet Spiegel in honor of Earth Day.
Friday, April 30 Light Candles at 7:42 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Oneg sponsored by Ingeborg Johannsen

Thanks to everybody who sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush in March: The Feldman-Frandens, the Sisterhood, the Mitchells, the Carters for opening their home for a potluck dinner, the Membership Committee, and the Zises. 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	First Seder at home	No Religious School 6 p.m. Congregational 2nd Night Passover Seder		No Religious School 5 p.m. JTC Fundraiser at T. Bar 5:30 p.m. Beginner's Hebrew	NO SERVICE TONIGHT	9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7:16 p.m. Light Yom Tov Candles Eve of Yom Tov of Passover	No Religious School	3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	6 – 9 p.m. Pizza Fundraiser at Woodstock's 7 p.m. Sisterhood Meeting at CBI	3:30 p.m. Religious School Enrichment 5:30 p.m. Beginner's Hebrew	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Youth Group Rummage Sale for Service Trip 7 p.m. Yom HaShoah Service at CBI	5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	3:30 p.m. Religious School Enrichment	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Religious School trip to San Francisco to visit a Torah Scribe PJ Library Event at Sacramento Zoo	5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class 7 p.m. "The Forgotten Refugees" at CBI	3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg	CBI Board Meeting 11 a.m. Sages' Brunch	3:30 p.m. Religious School Enrichment	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Sisterhood Bagel Brunch	5:30 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Class	3:30 p.m. Religious School 6:30 p.m. Mah Jongg		3:30 p.m. Religious School Enrichment	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services	9 a.m. Adult Study 10 a.m. Torah Service

Donations

We would like to thank the following *nadvanim*.

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Birthdays in April

Eli Stillman..... April 1
Ella Shapiro April 6
Aaron Einhorn..... April 10
Arielle Danan..... April 15
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Condolences

Congregation Beth Israel extends sincere condolences to our members who have recently lost family members.
To Terri Lind and Mike Richman on the passing of Terri's grandmother, Barbara Lind, on March 7.
To Wendy Diamond and Michael Mulcahy on the passing of Wendy's uncle, Eugene Altman, on March 11.
To Bonnie and John Mitchell on the passing of Bonnie's mother, Elizabeth Birks, on March 12.
To Nitsa and Irv Schiffman on the passing of Nitsa's father, Yitzhak Ben Zvi, on March 15.
To the Edelman family on the passing on March 19 of Jack Edelman, husband of Helen Edelman and father of Sam Edelman.

May their memories be a blessing.

Thank You

Thank you to Rob Greenberg for his continued assistance with computer issues at the CBI office.

Anniversaries in April

Scott & Jona Pressman..... April 3
Jeremy & Amy Miller April 30

Yahrzeits

Maria NederApril 2
Remembered by Derek & Magdalena Baum

Lizzie Grossman April 3
Remembered by Deborah Shapiro

Abe Osheroff April 6
Remembered by Michael Mulcahy & Wendy Diamond

Paula Berman.....April 10
Remembered by Debra & Joel Berman

Beryl May.....April 11
Remembered by Beverly & Michael Paull

John Rogers.....April 11
Remembered by Karen & Richard Rogers

Jeanette Rubinoff.....April 11
Remembered by Karen & Shane Rubinoff

Jeff ForrestApril 13
Remembered by Renee Everett

Charles Hilton.....April 14
Remembered by Julie Hilton & Avraham Danan

Heinz Johannsen.....April 14
Remembered by Ingeborg Johannsen

Morrie Dakof.....April 15
Remembered by Irma, Pam & Michael Dakof

Stephen LewkowiczApril 17
Remembered by Carol & Mark Lewkowicz

Ellen MargronApril 17
Remembered by Dave Bermann

David Tochterman.....April 19
Remembered by Nadine & Mendel Tochterman

Edith Gottlieb April 20
Remembered by Anne & Stanley Gottlieb

Mildred Spritz.....April 21
Remembered by Mark & Helen T. Levine

Mollie NaimanApril 22
Remembered by Maria & Steven Naiman

Dr. Marcus ArginteanuApril 23
Remembered by Selda & Louis Arnoff

Jacob GrossmanApril 23
Remembered by Deborah Shapiro

Morris Gottlieb.....April 25
Remembered by Anne & Stanley Gottlieb

Marrietta PriceApril 28
Remembered by Renee & Jess Price

Isidore DiamondApril 29
Remembered by Wendy Diamond & Michael Mulcahy

Mazal Tov!

To Andrew Sabersky and Helene Ginsberg on the birth of their grandchild, James Sabersky, born March 1, in Pittsburgh, PA, to Dr. Abraham and Katherine Sabersky.

To Jean and Norm Corwin, on the naming of Jean's great-grandson, Niko Kale Gordon-Mills, son of Molly Gordon and Rich Wakeman. The naming ceremony was conducted by Rabbi Danan at the Corwin home on March 14.

To the Danans on the marriage of their daughter Elisheva to Peter Huckfeldt, in Santa Monica on March 21.

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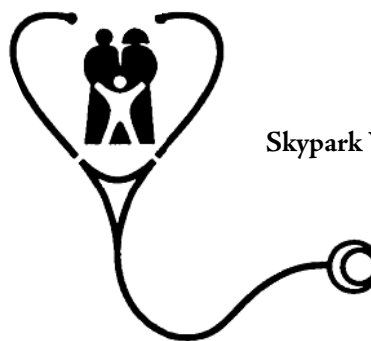
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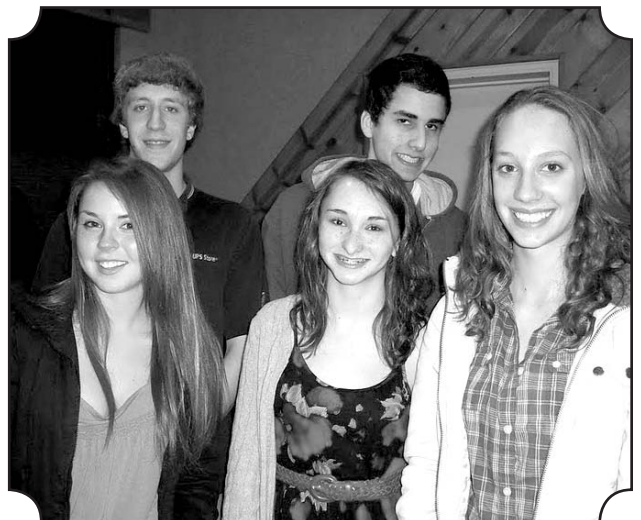
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Mark your calendar	
April 11	JTC Rummage Sale
April 11	Yom HaShoah Commemoration
April 19	Film: <i>The Forgotten Refugees</i>
April 25	Bagel Brunch
May 2	Jewish Heritage Festival in Sacramento

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*.



Teens at Purim Party 2010