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**BIJ - Your Community for Life**

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## The BIJ Bulletin

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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Welcome Rabbi Gottlieb!

By Joshua Goodman



Fellow members of our BIJ family: As this is my first bulletin article since our new rabbi joined our congregation, let me welcome Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and Ricki Weintraub to our family. Since his arrival on August 1<sup>st</sup>, we have had

four meet-and-greet events in members' homes (with more to come!), a Friday Night Feast and several extended Kiddushim following Shabbat services. Many of you have taken the opportunity to get to know our new rabbi and to learn first-hand how warm and impressive he is. You have also given him a chance to meet you and begin his journey of discovery into what is BIJ.

Of course, I have had many of my own opportunities to speak with Rabbi Gottlieb and to experience him as our rabbi. After only a few short weeks, it feels like he belongs. That is, I suppose, a tribute to his experience, his ease with people, and his sincere desire to be our rabbi. But most of all I have been thrilled to speak to so many of you who have met Rabbi Gottlieb. I am not surprised at the uniformly positive reactions but it is welcome to hear nonetheless. People have responded to his sermons and stories, to his sensitivity and sincerity, and to his obvious love of Judaism and of being a rabbi. Services with Rabbi Gottlieb and David Morgenstern have been a complete pleasure. We are fortunate to have both of them.

As I have watched our new rabbi become part of our community I have given some thought to what we should expect in the coming months. Some things will be different, though many more will be the same. Personally, I am looking forward to new experiences, whether it is Rabbi Gottlieb's guitar playing, different prayers or melodies, some variations in our traditions, or Ricki's beautiful singing. With the help of feedback from and discussions with our community, I am confident Rabbi Gottlieb will strike a good balance with our many beloved traditions.

I would encourage each of you to be as much a part of this transition as possible. Meet the Rabbi, come to services, join Rabbi Gottlieb for his Elul class (preparation for the High Holidays) on four successive Tuesdays starting September 6<sup>th</sup>, call the office and ask how you can help. Most of all please help welcome Rabbi Gottlieb and Ricki into the BIJ family. And while you are doing that, share your hopes and dreams for BIJ. There is no better way for Rabbi Gottlieb to learn about BIJ than from our members.

Friends, the High Holy Days are right around the corner. It is a time when we each take stock of ourselves and take a sort of mental and moral inventory. It is also a time when we come together as a community. I can think of no better time for all of us to be a community together with Rabbi Gottlieb and to make BIJ the vibrant Jewish home we all desire.

*Joshua Goodman*

President, Board of Trustees



### Become a 'Shabbat Greeter'

At BIJ, we pride ourselves on our warmth and hospitality. We want everyone who visits our congregation to be able to say, "I felt welcome at BIJ."

As an important member of our community, please consider participating as a Shabbat service greeter any time you arrive early to a service.

No need to sign up, just stand at the sanctuary entrance and greet your fellow congregants with a friendly smile and a "Shabbat Shalom."

# FROM THE BIMAH

## A Time of New Beginnings By Rabbi Danny Gottlieb



While it may be true that the High Holy Days fall a little bit later in September this year, for your new rabbi it seems as if the New Year has already begun. In the past few weeks I have received official permission to work in the United States, been issued a Social Security Number, applied for a California Driver's License, and opened a new bank account.

It is amazing how much there is to do when you move from your home country (in my case, Canada), even when the two countries are as close together, geographically and culturally, as they could be. Everything seems new to me, and to Ricki, as we have moved into our new home in Pacifica, collected our belongings (hers from San Luis Obispo and mine from Toronto), and have begun to get settled in.

We have been very busy over the last few weeks meeting members of the BIJ community at small gatherings arranged and hosted by members of the Transition Team. (Don't worry if we haven't had the chance to meet yet, there are still more meetings to come before Yom Tov.) To tell you the truth, it has been a bit of a whirlwind as I hurry to get up to speed on all of the workings of the congregation. I want to thank Josh Goodman and the members of the Board of Trustees, the Transition Team, as well as our BIJ staff – Sara Heckelman, David Morgenstern, Rebecca Goodman and Neil Bronstein – for all of the assistance they have given Ricki and me as we begin our time here at BIJ.

As we have been meeting BIJ families, I am learning a great deal about the strong connection that members feel to the congregation and about the customs and traditions of the congregation that you hold dear, and I am looking forward to sharing them with you. But it is a time of new beginnings, and I'm sure you will notice that there will be some things that are new or a little bit different than you might remember from the past. I hope that you will be patient with me during this time of transition, and that you will be open to my sharing with you some of the customs and traditions that have enriched my Jewish life and practice over the years of my rabbinate, and that I have brought with me to BIJ.

**Preparing for the New Year.** Study is one way to prepare for the New Year. As the month of September coincides with the Hebrew month of Elul, traditionally a time to prepare for the High Holy Days, I invite you to join me for

some study in preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Every Tuesday evening during Elul, we will study together in the Fireside Room at 7:00pm. Don't worry if you can't attend them all; each session stands alone. Come as often as you can.

September 6 (7 Elul) – What We Believe About God

September 13 (14 Elul) – What We Believe About The Covenant

September 20 (21 Elul) – What We Believe About Holiness

September 27 (28 Elul) – What We Believe About Repentance

Another way to prepare is to hear the sound of the shofar. Traditionally, the shofar is sounded each day during the month of Elul to awaken us to the task of preparing for the New Year. Join us for Friday evening services this month. Just before we light the candles to welcome Shabbat, we will blow the shofar to remind ourselves of the task at hand.

In addition, we prepare for the New Year by taking some time to reflect upon the year that has passed; we seek out those whom we may have offended in some way, to ask pardon and reconciliation. These words from Gates of Repentance, the Reform movement *machzor* (prayer book), may be helpful in this task:

"I hereby forgive all who have hurt me, all who have wronged me, whether deliberately or inadvertently, whether by word or by deed. May no one be punished on my account.

As I forgive and pardon those who have wronged me, may those whom I have harmed forgive and pardon me, whether I acted deliberately or inadvertently, whether by word or by deed."

**An Honor and an Opportunity for Rosh Hashanah.** I am pleased to announce that Congregation Beth Israel Judea has been invited by the Central Conference of American Rabbis to be a test site for its new High Holy Day *machzor*, which is currently in the process of development. On Rosh Hashanah we will use the draft version of the new *machzor* at our services. You will find copies of the draft edition waiting for you on Rosh Hashanah. The Editorial Committee of the CCAR is looking forward to our feedback on the content and the format of the liturgy and its translations, which I will share with them on your behalf.

Ricki and I look forward to worshipping with you on the Holy Days. From our household to yours, we extend our wishes for a year of health and well-being, peace and fulfilment. May you and those you love be inscribed for a good New Year.

*L'shanah Tovah Tikateynu –*

May you be inscribed for a good year!

*Rabbi Danny Gottlieb*

# FROM THE BIMAH

## Finding New “Old” Ways into High Holy Day Traditions By Cantorial Soloist David Morgenstern



With their origins reaching back to the beginnings of our people’s history, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are associated with a vast heritage of customs, symbols and observances. These practices offer an excellent opportunity for us to connect with Jewish traditions and to enrich our celebration of this holy time of the year.

Last year, I mentioned a number of interesting and very accessible traditions: the Rosh Hashanah rituals of eating a round challah shaped like a crown, and the eating of a “new” fruit that we haven’t yet eaten in the season. For Yom Kippur, I pointed out the wearing of a white *kittel* and tennis shoes (the cloth shoes letting us avoid on this holy day the luxury of leather shoes and walking on the skin of an animal). I’ve posted this article on my blog ([kavvanotes.wordpress.com](http://kavvanotes.wordpress.com)) if you don’t save old copies of the Bulletin.

Here are a few more traditions that you might consider for this year:

A food-related custom for Rosh Hashanah is the carrot *tzimmes*, a sweet vegetable dish. Sources say that the Yiddish word for carrots sounds like the word “to increase.” We hope that we will have a prosperous year (the carrot slices look like coins) and a year filled with blessings. This Jewish tradition is similar to Chinese traditions we see in the Bay Area around their New Year celebration, when tangerines and oranges (which have the same sounds as “luck” and “wealth”) are given as gifts.

On Yom Kippur, we are supposed “to afflict” ourselves, meaning that for this one day of the year we can control our seeking of pleasurable impulses and behavior. To follow this principal, we fast, avoid wearing luxurious goods, stop bathing, don’t apply lotions or creams or perfumes, and refrain from intimate relations. (Of course, the necessities of eating for health or applying a cream-based medicine overrides this proscription.)

So, for this year’s Yom Kippur, perhaps consider not taking a shower that day? No, you won’t bother anyone but yourself. Now, we are allowed to wash our face and hands, naturally, but a hot shower is considered a luxury.

At the same time, consider not wearing perfume. I know, “horrors!” And I bet that members of the congregation who are sensitive to fragrance might appreciate it as well.

Some of you may consider that these rituals are “too much” for members of our congregation. However, I would point to the increasing interest within the Reform Movement toward these personal observances.

A number of years ago, I attended a Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) seminar in New York for lay leaders from all around the country who wanted to increase their knowledge and participation in worship services. I was surprised to find that 10 percent of attendees put on *tefillin* when they prayed in the weekday morning services! At a BIJ family education day last year with our own Bar/Bat Mitzvah families, we practiced the mitzvot for *mezuzah*, *tallit* and *tefillin*. There was a lot of interest in these rituals. Hey, have you kissed a *mezuzah* today?

May 5772 be a year filled with *simchas*, *mitzvot* and meaning for everyone.

*Shana tova umetukah* —

A good and sweet year!

*David Morgenstern*

### CALLING ALL SINGERS!

It’s not too late to join our High Holiday *Nashirah* (Let Us Sing) Choir! The group is taking on a large role in the services, so we could really use your help singing both the traditional and newer melodies.

The Choir will participate in the Rosh Hashanah evening service and first day morning service, as well as Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur day. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 pm.

To sign up now, contact David through the office or by email at [cantor@bij.org](mailto:cantor@bij.org)

### Rehearsal Schedule:

Sept 7, 14, 21 / Oct 5

# BEHIND THE SCENES

## How Does Your Garden Grow? By Administrator Sara Heckelman



When I wrote this column in the Spring, I mentioned the newly formed community garden that Elie and I were joining in Diamond Heights, half a block from our home. It's been absolutely amazing to watch the crops we've planted grow. Being on a very foggy and windy hilltop, we followed recommendations and planted mostly greens: chard, kale and four kinds of

lettuce. We also put in snow peas and haricot verts (those sassy little French green beans). And we planted some lovely flowers, which not only brought color spots to the bed, but attracted the "good" bugs. We tried two tomato plants, supposedly cultivated for this kind of environment, and the tomatoes laughed in our faces – within a week of each other, every single tomato plant in the entire garden of 28 raised beds succumbed to the mildew generated by the moisture in the air. We also planted a wine barrel container with a Meyer lemon tree and herbs – a fragrant piece of paradise. Each plant grows at its own pace, some not producing much, others providing an incredible bounty. Each needing its own kind of food. And each time we tasted a crop for the very first time, we stopped to acknowledge Hashem's part in it all, and said a "shebechyanu." In that moment, we acknowledged that it is not all in our hands; we must do the work, but as Elie is fond of saying, "Leave a little to G\*d."

And so it is with BIJ. It's now almost a year since I've become your Administrator, and I feel like much of what I've been doing is like gardening: sowing seeds, nourishing them, letting go of those that bear no fruit and celebrating those that do. It's been a year of growth for me, in terms of really understanding the needs of the community and how I can fulfill them. I began somewhat cautiously, not wanting to upset any apple carts or fix what was not broken. But as I became more knowledgeable about the inner workings, I also became more comfortable shaping systems to create a better fit. And I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the volunteers who have become an integral part of the workings of the office; I cannot thank you enough.

We've undergone two transitions: the less visible one within the office and the much more dramatic one of saying goodbye to Rabbi Glazer, who served us so well for the last five years, and welcoming Rabbi Gottlieb. Each step of the way (and there were many, from the Board gathering a Search Committee to the final approval of Rabbi Gottlieb's immigration papers) was like another leaf of lettuce unfolding from the core, and growing to the point where it was ready to be picked and enjoyed. And so many "fruits" of this labor now being harvested as we help Rabbi Gottlieb settle in and begin to get to know us. For we are quite a garden, a bouquet of flowers, each with her/his own attributes and beauty.

Rosh Hashanah approaches, the time of the Jewish calendar for renewal. Odd that it's in the Fall, isn't it? One would think "renewal" would come in the Spring! But there is so much growth going on in an understated way – the bear hibernating in her den is actually preparing for the birth of her cubs in the Spring. The bulbs we plant in the Fall will shoot up through the earth and show off their splendor in the Spring.

And so it is at BIJ. We continue to grow, discovering and rediscovering what we need to be nourished, and how we can nourish others. This is a remarkable family garden; the more we tend it, and the more we have faith in the workings of what we cannot control, the more plentiful the bounty. BIJ – our Garden of Eden.

*B'racha, With Blessing,*

*Sara Heckelman*

It is with great sorrow that we mark  
the passing of BIJ members

**Laurance Mahan**

Husband of Esperanza

Father of Sheldon and Aaron

**Robert Rudee**

Husband of Valerie

Father of Melanie and Larry

*May their memories be for a blessing*

# YOUTH & FAMILY

## Be a Part of Our Community!

By Rebecca Goodman, RJE; Director of Education

אל תפרוש מן הצבור. *Al tifros min ha tzibur.*

Do not separate yourself from the community.

Community seems to be a hot topic these days. We **affiliate** with communities (like BIJ, YAFE, the PTA at our child's school, a political affiliation, club or sporting team), we **support** communities (by donating time or resources to the charities of our choice). Some people define themselves by which communities they choose not to affiliate with, whether based on what that community does, what they believe, or how they act. Communities are clearly important and significant parts of our lives.

Why do we affiliate with specific groups? People like other people. Communities may make us think, support us, energize us... At educators' conferences I attend, I learn new techniques, new ideas, and open my mind and heart to new theories. They allow me to network with Jewish educators and reconnect with long-lost friends and colleagues. The bottom line, my communities reJEWvenate me.

At a CAJE (Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education) conference in 2007, I had the opportunity to meet Danny Siegel. Known as *The Mitzvah Hero*, he led the most inspiring session of the conference. He has transformed the way I think about tzedakah and being a righteous person. How did he do this? He shared story after story about what one person can do to change the world. You *or* I can become a mitzvah hero; it doesn't take much effort.

**An idea followed by an action. Tell a friend and get to work. You *and* me, together we can make twice the difference.**

As we enter into the Jewish year 5772, I encourage you to take one step toward social justice. Pick a cause about which you are passionate. Tell a friend. Then do something about it. You and I *can* change the world!

Our community makes a difference. We look forward to reconnecting with our community after the summer break. Become more involved this year by sharing your thoughts at the YAFE Committee meetings, join our children in exploring Jewish life and culture by taking a class with Rabbi Gottlieb, participate in Family Education opportunities. There are a lot of options for you in our community.



If you have not already returned your YAFE registration forms, please do so we can prepare adequately for the new year! **I look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school, where the YAFE community will welcome Rabbi Gottlieb, meet our teachers, and have fun – September 11<sup>th</sup>.** Please note the updates to our BIJ phone number: 415.625.3613 and check out our website for the most up-to-date information. <http://www.sites.google.com/site/bijyafe/>

### New Phone Number:

415.625.3613

*L'shalom,*

*Rebecca Goodman*

This year, **YAFE** -- the Youth and Family Education Program -- begins on:

**Sunday,  
September 11, 2011  
9:30 am**



See you there!

Return your registration material now,  
if you haven't yet!

# HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

## ROSH HASHANAH

### Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday Night, September 28

**8:00 p.m. Evening Service:** Welcome in the New Year with an uplifting contemporary musical service using the new URJ *mahzor*. It will be led by Rabbi Danny Gottlieb, Cantorial Soloist David Morgenstern and our Nashirah Choir, with piano accompaniment by Inara Morgenstern.

### Rosh Hashanah Day I, Thursday Morning, September 29

**9:00 a.m. Family Service:** This joyful and engaging service is designed for families with younger children. It will be led by Rabbi Gottlieb with David and Inara Morgenstern.

**10:00 a.m. Morning Service:** Rabbi Gottlieb, David Morgenstern, the Nashirah Choir and Inara Morgenstern will lead an inspiring service using the new URJ *mahzor*.

**10:00 a.m. Children's Program:** This program features arts and crafts, music, storytelling, drama, deliciously healthy snacks and more. It will culminate with a visit to the sanctuary to experience the blowing of the shofar with the congregation! (The reservation form is available online at [www.bij.org](http://www.bij.org). Please save your space by September 14.)

**\*1:30 p.m. Tashlich Service:** At the end of New Year's services, we will nosh on apples and honey cake. Afterwards, we will walk down to Lake Merced for a brief Tashlich service where we cast away our sins and welcome a year of goodness and blessing. For the ritual, please bring a small amount of stale bread.

### Rosh Hashanah Day II, Friday Morning, September 30

**10:00 a.m. Morning Service:** This warm, traditional-style service will be led by Rabbi Gottlieb, David Morgenstern, and members of the BIJ community.



\* Time approximate.

# HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

## YOM KIPPUR

### Kol Nidre, Friday Night, October 7

**8:00 p.m. Evening Service:** Gathering together to hear the powerful chanting of the *Kol Nidre*, our BIJ community will begin our fast with deep introspection and reflection. This moving and inspiring service will be led by Rabbi Danny Gottlieb, Cantorial Soloist David Morgenstern and the Nashirah Choir, with piano accompaniment by Inara Morgenstern.

### Yom Kippur, Saturday, October 8

**9:00 a.m. Family Service:** Designed for families with younger children, our service will include a story-telling and a discussion about how to be better people in the year ahead. It will be led by Rabbi Gottlieb with David and Inara Morgenstern.

**10:00 a.m. Morning Service:** Rabbi Gottlieb, David Morgenstern, the Nashirah Choir and Inara Morgenstern will guide our *t'shuvah*, repentance, in this inspiring service using *Mahzor Hadash*, a fully-transliterated High Holiday prayer book assembled by Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan, as well as BIJ's *Shema Koleynu Mahzor*.

**10:00 a.m. Children's Program:** Features arts and crafts, music, storytelling, drama, deliciously healthy snacks and more. The program will include a visit to the sanctuary for a special children's blessing on the *bimah* during the morning service. (Reservation form available online at [www.bij.org](http://www.bij.org). Please save your space by September 14.)

**1:45 p.m. A Yom Kippur Experience:** Each year at this time, there's a moment for the community to learn, discuss and find out more about ourselves and each other. Stay with us in the synagogue for Yom Kippur study and program.

**4:30 p.m. Afternoon Service:** We will restart worship with a brief Torah service and the chanting of the Book of Jonah. Thematic readings will be offered by Rabbi Gottlieb and BIJ congregants.

**\*5:30 p.m. Yizkor Service:** We will remember our beloved deceased family, friends and fellow members of BIJ. As in past years, we will publish a Book of Remembrance. (Please contact the office for more information.)

**\*6:15 p.m. Ne'ilah:** Our late introspective service takes place during the waning hours of the day "as the gates begin to close." Everyone is welcome to take a moment to stand at the ark and offer their prayers of the heart. We will conclude with a final blast of the shofar and a rousing *L'Shana Haba'ah* to another blessed year of *life*.

**\*7:00 p.m. Community Break-Fast:** For those inclined, a bit of sweet and savory will be provided following the service.

\* Time approximate.

# SHABBAT

## First Friday Family Shabbat

**September 2 6:30 PM**

**No First Friday on October 7, Erev Yom Kippur**

Our First Friday Family Shabbat is an evening not to be missed. Our Social Hall is filled with families celebrating Shabbat together. Tables are adorned with candles, *challah* and wine. Rabbi Gottlieb partners with our new song leader Ricki Weintraub to lead us in a fun-filled musical Shabbat.

**6:30 PM Veggie Potluck Dinner**

**7:30 PM Musical Shabbat Service**

Please bring a '*milchik*' dish (vegetarian/dairy/fish) to share with 10 people or a dessert for the *oneg*. As always, everyone is welcome!

## Contemporary Musical Shabbat with David & Inara Morgenstern

**September 9 & October 14 7:30 PM**

Join us for our contemporary musical Shabbat featuring David and Inara Morgenstern!



## Erev Shabbat Sacred

### Hebrew Chant and Drum

**September 23 & October 28 7:30 PM**

Join us for our unique Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum service, which features meditation, songs, drumming and movement that combine to create a sacred space. Our joyful band of vocalists and drummers lead us as we welcome Shabbat in an uplifting evening, layered with harmonies and rhythms. A potluck Oneg Shabbat and schmooze to follow. Please bring a treat to share.

**Tell a friend – all are welcome!!!**

## Simchat Torah Friday Night Feast, Service & Dancing

**October 21 6:30 PM**



Do you have friends who have never been to BIJ? Invite them to our free, catered Friday night dinner! This event is a wonderful opportunity to introduce

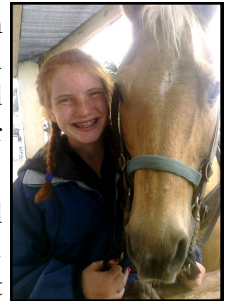
your friends to our BIJ Community. The evening includes table-side Shabbat blessings and songs.

The evening will begin as usual with Shabbat blessings and our feast. Then, on to the Simchat Torah festivities! Consecration with our new students, dancing with our sacred Torahs, unrolling and reading from the Torah scroll. The evening will continue with joyous Israeli dancing led by Bay Area dance leader Karina Niederman. **RSVP to the office by October 14.**

*There will be no Friday Night Feast in September.*

## Emily Lockshin becomes a Bat Mitzvah Shabbat Morning, September 10 at 10:00 AM

Emily was born in Berkeley on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1998. She lives in San Francisco with her parents, Janet and Howard, and her dog, Ernie. Howard has been a member of Beth Israel, later Beth Israel Judea, for his entire life.



At the end of August, Emily entered 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Brandeis Hillel Day School. She's a great student with a penchant for math and sports. She has been an

avid soccer player since kindergarten. She also really enjoys volleyball. She is now a three year veteran of Camp Tawonga, which is arguably her favorite place in the world. In her spare time she loves to horseback ride at Mar Vista, volunteer at the SF Food Bank, and shop.

Emily chose to incorporate soccer into her Bat Mitzvah project, and we decided as a family that it would be meaningful to focus on helping a local organization. Emily conducted a soccer equipment drive at school and on her spring soccer team. She was able to donate more than 60 gently used pairs of cleats, balls and bags to the SF Police Activities League, so that local kids can have access to some of the soccer necessities they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Emily has worked hard to reach this very special moment in her life, but she couldn't have done it alone. She would like to thank Rabbi Glazer, David Morgenstern, Rabbi Gottlieb, Rebecca Goodman, and the teachers at the Youth and Family Education Program for all their help preparing her for her Bat Mitzvah.

# HOLIDAYS & HAPPENINGS

## Adult Study in Elul with Rabbi Danny Gottlieb

**September 6, 13, 20, 27 7:00 PM**

The Rabbis teach us to prepare for the High Holy Days through study and prayer, and that preparation must begin *well in advance* of Rosh Hashanah. This is the beginning of our preparation...

September 6 (7 Elul): **What We Believe About God**

September 13 (14 Elul): **What We Believe About The Covenant**

September 20 (21 Elul): **What We Believe About Holiness**

September 27 (28 Elul): **What We Believe About Repentance**

Please contact the office to sign up.

## Selichot

**September 24 8:30 PM**



Our Selichot program this year will be led by Rabbi Gottlieb. A nosh, Havdallah and a screening of the film "My Mexican Shiva," followed by discussion. We'll continue with a brief Selichot service and a blast of the shofar!

## Erev Sukkot Potluck & Decorating

**October 12 6:30 PM**

Join us in the Sukkah on the first night of Sukkot to finish decorating and to enjoy a potluck dinner together. We'll do the *mitzvot* of shaking the lulav, smelling the sweet aroma of the etrog and sitting in the Sukkah. Please bring a dairy dish (vegetarian/dairy/fish) to share with 10 people or a dessert. This is a community-wide event for all ages. Everyone is welcome!



## Sukkot Yizkor Services

**October 20 10:00 AM**

Yizkor services will be held on Thursday, October 20. Details to follow...

## Current World Affairs

**September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18, 10:30 AM**

Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of every month for stimulating discussion, vigorous debate and intellectual exploration of global events and the Jewish approach to issues facing our international community. Discussion is facilitated by Eric Gattmann, Professor Emeritus in Social Sciences, College of San Mateo. Please contact the office for more information.



## Monthly Craft & Schmooze

**September 11 & October 9 1:00 PM**

Do you enjoy making friends, making or learning crafts or maybe a little knitting? Then join us for a fun afternoon of schmoozing, crafting, artistic and spiritual exploration. We meet on a monthly basis on Sundays starting at 1:00pm in the BIJ Fireside Room.



## SF Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society Lecture & Meeting

**September 18**

**12:30 PM DOORS OPEN**

**1:00 PM PROGRAM BEGINS**

### Genealogical Records at the National Archives at San Francisco

Speaker: Marisa Louie

Learn more about the National Archives at San Francisco, the repository for records of federal agencies and federal courts in northern and central California, Nevada, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. Archivist Marisa Louie will share information about records of genealogical interest, including the case files of Jewish refugees detained at Angel Island Immigration Station. Marisa Louie has been on staff at the National Archives at San Francisco since September 2009. She works closely with genealogists and family historians interested in Pacific Coast immigration.

Light kosher refreshments will be served. The meeting is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information visit <http://www.sfbajgs.org/>.

# YAFE

## First Friday Family Shabbat

**September 2 6:30 PM**

**No First Friday on October 7, Erev Yom Kippur**

Our First Friday Family Shabbat Potluck & Service is an evening not to be missed. Our Social Hall is filled with families celebrating Shabbat together. Tables are adorned with candles, *challah* and wine. Rabbi Gottlieb partners with our new song leader Ricki Weintraub to lead us in a fun-filled musical Shabbat.

## YAFE - Youth & Family Education

**September 11 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

Join us for the first day of YAFE 2011-12. Meet Rabbi Gottlieb, connect with old friends, meet new students and teachers. Can't wait to see you!! Register now if you haven't yet — information is available online: <http://www.sites.google.com/site/bijyafe/>

## Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

### Children's Program



The children's program takes place during adult morning services of the first day of Rosh Hashanah (September 29) and Yom Kippur (October 8). Drop off at 9:45am in the Mercas.

Please provide a lunch for your child; some snacks will be provided. Pick up is 1:00pm. Program includes storytelling, music, drama, arts & crafts, snacks, and outdoor playtime. Please register by September 14.

## Sukkah Building & Decorating for the Whole Family!

**October 9 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

Adults and children of all ages are invited to bring your tools, your own craft project or help us decorate the Sukkah with our supplies.

## Erev Sukkot Potluck & Decorating

**October 12 6:30 PM**

Join us in the Sukkah on the first night of Sukkot to finish decorating and to enjoy a potluck dinner together. We'll do the *mitzvat* of shaking the lulav, smelling the sweet aroma of the etrog and sit-



ting in the Sukkah. Please bring a dairy dish (vegetarian/dairy/fish) to share with 10 people or a dessert. This is a community-wide event for all ages. Everyone is welcome!

## Simchat Torah Friday Night Feast, Service & Dancing

**October 21 6:30 PM**



The evening will begin as usual with Shabbat blessings and our feast. Then, on to the Simchat Torah festivities! Consecration with our new students, dancing with our sacred

Torahs, unrolling and reading from the Torah scroll. The evening will continue with joyous Israeli dancing led by Bay Area dance leader Karina Niederman.

**RSVP to the office by October 14.**

## YAFE Program Committee

The Youth and Family Education (YAFE) Program Committee is made up of a dedicated group of parent volunteers working closely with our Director of Educator to help implement the vision of the YAFE Programs. The committee needs your help and energy. The five scheduled meetings and general topics of the YAFE Committee this year are:

September 11	Welcome back
October 23	New ideas for this year
December 4	Feedback on first half of year
February 5	Goals for 2012-2013
April 15	Reflecting 2011-2012/Budgeting 2012-2013

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Education Orientation

**October 30 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

Students studying to become Bar and Bat Mitzvah participate in four Sunday morning workshops with one or more parents. These interactive sessions help frame the process, what it means to be a Jewish adult and our actions as we mature.

### Save the date :

1/8/12	Kippah, Tallit and Tefillin: I want to wear a hat
2/26/12	Modern Connections to an Ancient Scroll
3/25/12	Kehillah Kedoshah



# GIFTS & DONATIONS

## *Pathway Bricks*

*The most important events in our lives are permanently etched in our memories ...like the engraved bricks on BIJ's Pathway! Make a lasting contribution and make sure your memories are never forgotten. Contact the office for an order form.*

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Lisa Isenstein & Timothy Brand

In honor of Evan Isenstein-Brand's Bar Mitzvah

### ***Friday Night Feast***

Anonymous

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Jacob & Zina Bronstein, Mazel Tov on your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Jeffrey Pfeffer & Kathleen Fowler, Mazel Tov on your 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

David Zeff, a Tzedekah Hero

*Correction to last bulletin's listing: please note that all the Siddur Fund donations (and bookplates) were made by Rabbi Rosalind Glazer*

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In memory of Sonia Ebstein

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**Barry & Evelyn Adler**

Books for the BIJ Library

**Steven & Amy Gottlieb**

Microwave for the BIJ Kitchen

**Lisa Isenstein**

Books for the BIJ Library

**Josh Goodman & Karen Kerner**

Carpet in Foyer and Entrance to the Fireside Room

Laptop Computer

**Nashot Mitzvah**

Two Dracaena Plants

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***L'shanah Tovah Tikateyvu from BIJ!  
May you be inscribed for a  
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## Erev Shabbat Schedule

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Family Shabbat Potluck Dinner and Service

6:30 PM Blessings and Dairy/Fish/Veggie Dinner  
7:30 PM Family service with storytelling and music  
with Rabbi Danny Gottlieb and song leader Ricki  
Weintraub. Potluck dessert Oneg Shabbat follows.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: Musical Shabbat Service

7:30 PM with the "The Morgenstern Duo" followed by  
Oneg Shabbat.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday: FREE Friday Night Feast

6:30 PM Tableside Shabbat Blessings & Community  
Dinner. Includes singing and program. RSVP to office.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Friday: Sacred Hebrew Chant & Drum

7:30 PM Soulful singing, joyful rhythms and meditative  
worship. Potluck Dessert Oneg Shabbat to follow -  
please bring goodies!!

## Weekly BIJ Saturday Morning Services

9:00 AM Torah Study  
10:00 AM Shabbat Services  
Light Kiddush follows

## Beth Israel Judea Mission Statement

Congregation Beth Israel Judea is a center for progressive, egalitarian Judaism located in southwest San Francisco.

Our multigenerational, participatory community welcomes all Jews and interfaith families along with their partners and friends.

We value celebrations of the spirit, Jewish culture, our children's education, and life-long learning, music, social justice and Tikkun Olam.



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