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*The Installation of
Rabbi Danny Gottlieb*

Saturday, November 12, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Congregation Beth Israel Judea

625 Brotherhood Way

San Francisco, California

Kiddush lunch follows Shabbat worship

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Into the New Year...

By Joshua Goodman



Fellow members of our BIJ family: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah are all behind us. Throughout it all I sensed a growing excitement within BIJ. The services were lovely, the music and song were inspiring, and the sermons were thoughtful and thought provoking. We had new members with us for their first BIJ High Holidays and former members who we hope will rejoin our congregation. It was a particular pleasure for me to join nine former Presidents in the Rabbi's office before the start of Kol Nidre. The ten of us spanned forty-three years of service to Congregation Beth Israel Judea.

Simchat Torah is always one of my favorite holidays and no less so this year. More than seventy people attended the potluck dinner, services and Israeli dancing, which meant we had plenty of adults to hold the unwound Torah scroll in a large circle around the sixteen or so kids in attendance. The kids walked around the inside of the circle as Rabbi Gottlieb and David Morgenstern showed them the creation story, Noah and the flood, the parting of the Red Sea, the beginnings of all five books and many other interesting features of the Torah. The kids loved it. The adults did as well, and more than a few came up to me to tell me they had not seen the Torah unwound like that before. Rabbi Gottlieb chanted the last few verses of the Torah and David chanted the first few. And a New Year begins.

So now we all turn our attention to the coming year at BIJ. Friends, there is quite a lot going on, with something for everyone. Please check out our website, eblasts, bulletins and flyers for details. The Youth and Family Education (YAFE) program is off to a wonderful and exciting start. Our adult education programs, film series, Sisterhood events, Torah study and regular services, including Friday Night Feasts, Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum services and Shabbat morning services, are enjoyed by all who attend.

But before we get to all of that, we have an important event at BIJ. On Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th Congregation Beth Israel Judea will formally welcome Rabbi Danny Gottlieb at his Installation as our new Rabbi. Please join us for services on Friday at 7:30 pm and on Saturday at 10:00 am followed by a catered lunch. Most of us have had the opportunity to welcome Rabbi Gottlieb at services, at the High Holy Days, or at one of the many meet-and-greet functions we held during August and September. His Installation as our Rabbi, however, is an important event in the life of BIJ. Please show your support for our new Rabbi and join us. Please also RSVP to the office so we can get an accurate count for lunch. But even if you forget to do so, please come. There is always room, and setting up an extra table is a problem we like to have.

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 RABBI'S STUDY

A Time of New Beginnings By Rabbi Danny Gottlieb



As I look back upon this year's High Holy Day services, my first here at BIJ, I cannot remember a year in which the services were so wonderful for me. The participation of the congregation in music and prayer, and the welcome that you gave to me and Ricki, gave me a sense of wholeness and well-being and renewal. The warmth and spirituality of those days remains with me as the New Year unfolds. Many of you have shared your good wishes with me, and I am looking forward with confidence to the year ahead. I am excited for our present and our future...

First a word of thanks to all of those who worked so hard to make our High Holy Day services so beautiful. In particular, I want to thank the following people:

David Morgenstern

Inara Morgenstern and the BIJ choir

Our synagogue musicians: Ricki Weintraub, Elie Aharon, and Ariela Morgenstern

All of the readers, service participants and shofar blowers

Rabbi Norman Mendel

Sara Heckelman and all the office volunteers

Rebecca Goodman and the staff of our children's programs

All of our greeters and ushers

David Morgenstern and Blair Horst, who arranged and managed the webcasting of our services to those who were homebound

Sarah Glew and Phil Hartman, for their assistance with our sound system

Neil Bronstein

Joshua Goodman, our Past Presidents and the members of the Board of Trustees

The beauty and harmony of our High Holy Day worship has set the tone for what I hope will be many successful Temple events and programs in the year ahead. May it be a year of peace and blessing for us all.

Following Up

Together with this Bulletin, you will receive a copy of the flyer and the itinerary for our BIJ Summer Israel Trip. I have already had some positive responses, and I hope that you will consider making this the year that you visit Israel. Ricki and I

are looking forward to travelling with you, and we hope to hear from you soon. By the way, the trip is open to your family and friends, whether they are members of BIJ or not. You will also find the ARZA Membership Form. If you are not already a member of ARZA, please join us and support our Movement in Israel.

Looking Forward

These next months will see a flurry of activities, as the High Holy Days give way to our ongoing Temple calendar. Check the weekly email for information about adult and family education programs and workshops, Sisterhood programs, movie nights, and Havdallah gatherings. And join us for Shabbat services—there is a wide variety of service offerings, potluck and catered Shabbat dinners, as well as our special Shabbat morning Torah study breakfast before services—each week. Be a part of our expanding menu of community activities, as we reinvigorate our *chesed* and *tikkun olam* programs, “reaching in” to our own community and “reaching out” to the community-at-large.

Gilad Shalit is Home

As I am writing this message, the news has come from Israel confirming the safe return of Gilad Shalit to his family and his homeland after five years of imprisonment at the hands of Hamas in Gaza. As she has done in the past, Israel has paid a high price for Gilad's return. The price of *Pidyon Shevuyim*—Redeeming the Captives—is always high, but never too high. In this case, Israel reluctantly agreed to release over 1,000 Palestinian prisoners, many of them responsible for the deaths of Israeli citizens. On Yom Kippur, Ricki and I sang “*Al Kol Eleh*”; Naomi Shemer's song that speaks of the “honey and the bee sting, the bitter and the sweet.” This is how it is in Israel. Nevertheless, our joy is greater than our misgivings, and we rejoice in Gilad's return. “...*shebechyanu v'keiymanu, v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.*”

Looking forward to seeing you often over the coming months, and to the warmth of our gatherings,

Shalom,

Rabbi Danny Gottlieb

See pg 10 for more from the Rabbi and our *chesed* program...

RABBI'S INSTALLATION

Join us for our joyous Installation Shabbat

Friday, November 11

The Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 7:30pm on Friday night will welcome our honored out-of-town guests, including friends and family of Rabbi Gottlieb. Rabbi Emma Gottlieb (our rabbi's daughter), will be sharing a Dvar Torah and there will be special musical selections. We will also honor the Jewish War Veterans, who are co-sponsoring the Oneg, where we'll have an opportunity to meet and schmooze with the guests.

Saturday, November 12

Shabbat morning will begin at 9:00am with Torah Study led by Rabbi Jordon Goldson. Shabbat morning service will begin at 10:00am; Rabbi Gottlieb's installation will take place as a part of the Torah service. Long-time friend Rabbi Jordan Goldson of Congregation B'nai Israel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana will lead the installation ceremony. A celebratory Kiddush luncheon will follow services.

Childcare can be provided during the luncheon; when you RSVP, please notify the office if you are interested in childcare.

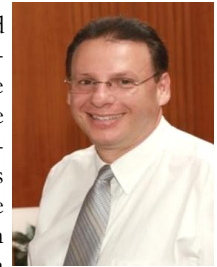
RSVP to the office by November 1: office@bij.org or 415.586.8833.



Shalom! My name is **Rabbi Emma Gottlieb** and I am originally from Toronto, Ontario. I grew up at Temple Har Zion and then Temple Kol Ami (both in Thornhill, Ontario) and was active in NFTY-NEL (the Reform youth movement) and the URJ camping movement, as

well as in the Hillel at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario where I completed a dual degree in Religious Studies and Vocal Music. After university I was accepted into the cantorial program at the Hebrew Union College, where I completed two and a half years of cantorial studies before transferring into the rabbinical program. As a rabbinical student, I served as the Rabbinic Intern for the URJ Department of Worship, Music & Religious Living, for the URJ Department of Lifelong Learning, and for Federation's Rabbinic Cabinet. I also served as the student Rabbi for Community Synagogue of Rye, in NY. Currently, I am the Rabbi at Temple Beth Israel in Plattsburgh, NY. In addition to my congregational duties, I sit on the Interfaith Council of Plattsburgh and Clinton County and on the Spiritual Care Committee at CVPH Hospital. I also volunteer regularly at the Interfaith Foodshelf and for Family Promise. Additionally, I teach Introduction to Judaism at SUNY Plattsburgh. I also served as faculty at URJ Crane Lake Camp. Oh yeah, and Rabbi Danny Gottlieb is my dad. :-)

Rabbi Jordan Goldson was born and raised in Long Island, NY. After earning a B.A. in Philosophy from Tulane University, he began his studies for the Rabbinat at the Hebrew Union College. He studied in Jerusalem, in Los Angeles and in New York where he was ordained in 1987. Rabbi Goldson served for 12 years at his first pulpit in Calgary, Canada. During that time he served as the President of the Canadian Region of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Chairman of the Calgary Rabbinical Council. Rabbi Goldson has been involved in many communal activities including ARZA-Canada, Executive Board Member; Community Relations Committee, Committee Member; Council of Christians and Jews – Alberta, Board Member; Jewish Free Press, Columnist; UAHC Camp Swig, Rabbinic Faculty; Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge. In 1999, Rabbi Goldson, his wife Rebecca, and their two children pursued a lifelong dream and made aliyah to Israel. There, they hoped to contribute to the future development of the Jewish state. Unfortunately, due to family circumstances, they returned to the United States a year later to settle near family in Los Angeles. He served as Executive Director of the Hillel-Jewish Student Center at Cal State Northridge from 2000-2004. Rabbi Goldson then served for five years as the Senior Rabbi of Temple Kol Ami in Scottsdale, AZ. He is thrilled to now be in Baton Rouge as the rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel and to be back in Louisiana after so many years.



THE CANTOR'S VOICE

Bringing BIJ's High Holy Days into the Internet Age By Cantorial Soloist David Morgenstern



There were a number of “firsts” that happened here at BIJ during the High Holy Days: our first Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services with Rabbi Gottlieb on the bimah, the use of new *machzor*s for the New Year and for our family services, a new healing service on Yom Kippur, and last but not least, the streaming of our services live over the

Internet.

The streaming was a great success, according to some of those who connected to our services. There were members who couldn't make it to BIJ for the High Holy Days and were able to watch and hear our beautiful services.

In a High Holy Days planning meeting, Rabbi Gottlieb said web access was appreciated at Temple Kol Ami, his previous synagogue, and he wanted to offer it this year at BIJ. However, when I heard Rabbi Gottlieb's request, the first words out of my mouth were “We will try,” not the more biblical (and gung-ho), “We will do.” Why the worries? After all, here in the Bay Area, the hub of technical progress for the whole world, we should be able easily to stream the services, right?

Back in the days of the dotcom boom, I worked at a startup Internet video company, so I have some understanding of the technology. While web-video appears simple enough to accomplish — after all, any piano-playing feline can be a star on YouTube and many of us have used teleconferencing such as Skype — the live streaming of video and audio makes significant demands on computer hardware, software and infrastructure. And to be honest, the technology we had available at that moment in-house (or in house-of-worship) wouldn't do the job.

First, we had to find a computer and camera that could handle the streaming, then get that video stream from the sanctuary all the way to our server room on the other side of the building (it's in the hallway behind the Fireside Room), and finally, find and test a streaming video company that would let our members watch our services. Oh, and do this without a significant cost. Or perhaps any cost.

The computer hurdle was overcome when I was able to borrow a newish Apple iMac computer from a neighbor — only in the Bay Area, right? He is a software developer considering creating some iPhone apps in the future. The

purchase of a powered USB extension cable allowed me to mount a web camera on top of the divider in the back of the sanctuary.

The hardest task was the networking. The logical choice would be Wifi but a wireless connection wouldn't be reliable enough for our purposes, since we couldn't check and restart the video or the router during the service. It had to be a wired connection. Thankfully, Blair Horst, Chair of the House Committee, has experience in computer networking and he was able to pull ethernet cable through the ceiling! Phil Hartman, an audio engineer and Torah Study regular, helped with attaching the connectors.

After looking at several video companies and calling Toronto to talk with Kol Ami's tech guy, I chose the Livestream.com service. It works in a web browser and allows an unlimited number of simultaneous viewers for free (it serves up ads to viewers).

I've heard from some of those who enjoyed our services online, including a member who had recently undergone surgery. My father watched Kol Nidre and the Yom Kippur afternoon services; he said they “sounded great.”

Barry and Evelyn Adler wrote: “A thank you on behalf of a friend who linked up to our holiday webcast. She was so happy to be able to join the congregation for services she could not have attended. It is a wonderful idea that should be repeated.”

Now that the hard work is done, there's no reason not to stream next year's High Holy Day services. Many thanks to everyone who made it possible.

The Talmud says: “The Shabbat was delivered unto you, not you unto the Shabbat.” With the Internet, this text takes on a whole new dimension.

And many many thanks to everyone who contributed their voices, time and spirit to singing in the Nashira Choir for the High Holy Days! You made such a difference to our worship. *Kol Hakavod* (All the Respect)!

B'vracha (with blessing),

David Morgenstern

YOUTH & FAMILY

***Kehillah Kedoshah* — A Holy Community!**

By Rebecca Goodman, RJE; Director of Education

One week after we celebrate Rabbi Gottlieb's installation, YAFE students and their parents will ponder ideas such as: What does it take to be a community? What does it take to be a religious community? A social community? A caring community? In connection to our theme last year: What does it take to be a **just** community? Finally, in keeping with our theme this year, what does it take to be a **holy** community, a *Kehillah Kedoshah*? The faculty and I are looking forward to our first Family Education day on the topic of *Kehillah Kedoshah*. It will take place on Sunday, November 20.

Dan Nichols wrote a song titled *Kehillah Kedoshah*; I want to share his lyrics with you:

If you are *atem*,
Then we're *nitzavim*.
We stand here today,
And remember the dream.
Kehillah Kedoshah!

Each one of us must play a part,
Each one of us must heed the call,
Each one of us must seek the truth,
Each one of us is a part of it all,
Each one of us must remember the pain,
Each one of us must find the joy,
Each one of us, each one of us...
Kehillah Kedoshah!

Each one of us must start to hear,
Each one of us must sing the song,
Each one of us must do the work,
Each one of us must right the wrong,
Each one of us must build the home,
Each one of us must hold the hope,
Each one of us, each one of us...
Kehillah Kedoshah!

It's how we help.
It's how we give.
It's how we pray.
It's how we heal.
It's how we live.
If you are *atem*,
Then we're *nitzavim*.
We stand here today,
And remember the dream.
Kehillah Kedoshah!



From the album "My Heart is in the East"
Words: Dan Nichols & Rabbi Michael Moskowitz
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Atem, the first of two Hebrew words at the beginning of the song means "you" while *nitzavim* is the name of one of the final parshiot of Deuteronomy. The parsha begins, "*Atem nitzavim*," — "You stand this day, all of you, before Adonai your God...to enter into the covenant of Adonai your God."

In Hebrew we often use the word *omed* to mean "stand." Therefore, there must be more to the meaning of *nitzavim*. The latter is more like "be present," almost like stand up for something. Rashi links *nitzavim* to the similar word in Hebrew for monument. In other words, stand up, be a monument to your faith and to God.

Kehillah Kedoshah, we must work together, each one of us and do our part for the covenant, for the world, and for each other. Please share your ideas about holy people, holy places or monuments, and holy times with others in our BIJ community. Determine how you can help be a part of our *Kehillah Kedoshah* and then join us!

Don't forget to check out our website for the most up-to-date information: <http://www.sites.google.com/site/bijyafe/>

Rebecca Goodman

BEHIND THE SCENES

Being of Service

By Sara Yakira Heckelman, Administrator



When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything you gave me." -- Erma Bombeck

I never imagined quoting Ms. Bombeck, but she expresses exactly what I'm feeling after my first High Holy Days as Administrator at BIJ. Let me draw from another source...

The very end of the Torah, which we just read on Simchat Torah, contains a report of Moshe Rabbenu's death. It describes his death, how the people mourned, and the passing of wisdom to Joshua. The Rabbis asked, if G*d gave the Torah to Moses to write (the theory of multiple Torah authors is a recent perspective) and Moses is dead, who wrote those last verses? And their consensus was that Joshua did. But there's always a dissenting opinion: Rashi thought that Moses himself wrote them "with his tears." The common understanding of Rashi's view is that Moses wrote them with tears in his eyes, but the Rashba (a student of Maimonides) had yet another view: that Moses wrote them with actual tears, not ink. This teaching was related as part of a dvar torah given by Rabbi Gottlieb on Shemini Atzeret, when we joined with B'nai Emunah. Rabbi Gottlieb continued with his own commentary: Moses took the tears of his memories and experiences, and was able to use them as ingredients to fashion something of beauty, to transform his pain into a message that could help us move forward with our lives. (Thank you, Rabbi Gottlieb!)

The connection? Seems to me that Moses stood before G*d at the end of his life, having used all his talents, nothing left but tears, in the service of his people.

This concept of service is beginning to take hold in me. I've had aspirations to illuminate the human condition to audiences in my theatre work (and perhaps I did), but truthfully, I always felt that I was stretching to imbue the work with a grander meaning. But after all the effort that went into the outreach and running of our High Holy Days, I really do feel like I've used all my talents, and I have been of service. It's not glamorous, not showy or grand, and so much done behind the scenes

(hmmm, isn't that what this page is called?) And not unrewarded – acknowledged and thanked by many, valued by others. But it's the knowledge that I have made an impact, assisted in creating a sacred space for our holy community, that makes me feel I have been of service.

It came at a price – many long and stressful hours in the months before Rosh Hashanah. And the knowledge that I would be "working" on the Holy Days, something I'd never done before. My father z'l was a rabbi, and I watched him prepare for and work on many Shabbatot and holidays; I watched, I didn't work. This was the year that I prepared myself; a switch clicked inside which enabled me to make the leap, and be available for whatever and whoever had needs to be addressed.

I found out some things about myself. Other than standing for hours which really taxed my back, I enjoyed it! I was amazed at how many members I actually knew, and was able to put names to voices and faces. Hostess, coordinator, juggler, and Miss Fix-it – these are talents that I have and all were put to use. Think about the times that you've gotten to use your talents fully, and see the impact they have. Doesn't it feel terrific???

And I was very grateful that we celebrate two days of Rosh Hashanah, that the second day is lightly attended, and therefore I had one day of the Holy Days where I could just be a congregant. I davened, chanted the Torah portion, sat with my beloved Elie and with friends. Josh Goodman and Neil Bronstein even had a bet going — whether I could NOT work the whole day (I think I succeeded). In honor of Elie's birthday, I sponsored the Kiddush (trust me, I ordered in), sat down, ate and relaxed. And I was grateful we joined B'nai Emunah for Shmini Atzeret, as the yizkor service that day that made up for my being unable to enter into a prayerful space on Yom Kippur. Both my parents are gone, along with other close family and friends; I needed that yizkor.

So what differentiates using our talents and "being of service?" Is there a difference? Or is it like Moshe Rabbenu, caring enough to create from the depths of his heart not for himself, but for us.

Sara Yakira Heckelman

SHABBAT

First Friday Family Shabbat

November 4 & December 2 6:30 PM

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/Dairy 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!

Shabbat Shira (Musical Shabbat)

November 18 & December 9 7:30 PM



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

Erev Shabbat Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum

November 25 & December 30 7:30 PM

Join us for these special "holiday editions" of our unique Sacred Hebrew Chant and Drum service: Thanksgiving Weekend and *Erev* New Years Eve. Our joyful band of vocalists and drummers lead us as we welcome Shabbat in an uplifting evening, layered with harmonies and rhythms, creating a sacred space. A potluck *Oneg* Shabbat and schmooze to follow. Please bring a treat to share.

Tell a friend – all are welcome!!!

Special Friday Night Musical Guests

December 16 7:30 PM

University of Chicago a cappella group Rhythm & Jews (including BIJ member Jessica Goodman) will be in town and will add their musical talents to our *Erev* Shabbat service. Don't miss this very special evening!!!



David Jenkins becomes a Bar Mitzvah!

December 10 at 10:00 AM



David Jenkins is a seventh grader at Cabrillo School in Pacifica, where he plays the trumpet in the Cabrillo/Vallemar combined marching and concert band. David started with drums when he was seven years old, and the summer before sixth grade, he picked up the trumpet, which has

become his sole musical passion. David is also an animal enthusiast. This past summer, he volunteered on the San Francisco Zoo Nature Trail two days per week, and he has also been involved with Rocket Dog Rescue, an all-volunteer organization in San Francisco which rescues dogs from animal shelters and adopts them into loving homes all over the Bay Area.

David lives with his parents, Alyssa and Dan, older brother Adam, foreign exchange brother Finn, and two cats, a dog, two hermit crabs, and three fish...the perfect domestic zoo.

Hanukkah Friday Night Feast

December 23 6:30 PM

Our annual community-wide celebration begins with Hanukkah & Shabbat candle lighting. Blessings and a catered dinner will be followed by a rousing sing-along. Then we'll spin ourselves silly with *dreidls* and enjoy a dessert of sweet, sugary *sufganiot*.

BIJ will provide the doughnuts, drinks, dreidls & decorations. Remember to bring your favorite *hanukkiot* for the lighting!



Do you have friends who have never been to BIJ? This is a wonderful opportunity to invite them and introduce them to our BIJ Community.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, serving and clean-up! Please contact the BIJ office at 415.586.8833 or office@bij.org

Please RSVP to the office by December 13.

There will be no Friday Night Feast in November.

HAPPENINGS

Kehillah Kedoshah / Holy Community Chevrat Chesed Forming

This year, 5772, is one in which Congregation Beth Israel Judea is rededicating itself to the various ways in which it serves as a *kehillah kedoshah*.

The first of these is to be a Caring Community, putting the value of *chesed* (compassionate caring) at the top of our priorities. We are looking to create a *Chevrat Chesed* (a *chesed* committee) to extend our compassionate caring to members in need.

Some of the tasks that the members of the *chevra* would perform include:

- Giving rides to and from the Temple to members who cannot drive
- Helping our seniors with shopping and other household responsibilities
- Providing transportation to personal or medical appointments
- Visiting those in our community who are sick or homebound
- Visiting those who are in their year of mourning the loss of a loved one
- Checking in on those who are without extended family
- Inviting new members for Shabbat dinner and accompanying them to services

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of our new *Chevrat Chesed*, or if you would like to help us organize the *chevra* and its work, please contact Rabbi Gottlieb at 415-586-8833 x22 or by email at rabbigottlieb@bij.org

Current World Affairs

November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20
10:30 AM

Join us on the 1st and 3rd 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.



Learn to Bake Challah!

November 13 10:00 AM — 12:00 NOON

BIJ member and expert challah-baker Beth Alberts will teach us everything we need to know. Bring a mixing bowl and spoon, measuring cup and measuring spoons. RSVP to Beth at gordonbeth@aol.com or 415-759-9508.

Coming REEL Soon Film Series November 5

Havdallah at 6:45 PM, Film at 7:00

“Lady Kul El Arab” is a powerful documentary of the first Arab-Israeli woman to attempt significant steps within the Israeli fashion world. What begins as a glamorous film about a young woman entering the Miss Israel beauty pageant turns into a moving story about a family and their daughter caught in a conflict between two cultures. This film asks the question: how far would anyone of us go in challenging authority to attain our dream. There will be discussion after the film. Refreshments will be served. Donations welcome. Come join us!



Monthly Craft & Schmooze

November 13 & December 11 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.

SF Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society Lecture & Meeting

November 20

12:30 PM DOORS OPEN

1:00 PM PROGRAM BEGINS

Family History at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life

Speaker: Lara Michels

In July 2010, the Judah L. Magnes Museum became a division of the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley. Magnes archivist Lara Michels will provide an update on the Magnes Collection and its services and facilities, paying particular attention to the ways in which the new Magnes can serve the needs and research interests of genealogists and family historians.

Lara Michels, Ph.D, is an archivist and historian with a special interest in increasing public access to and awareness of archival and library collections. She has a Master's degree in Library and Information Science, as well as an M.A. in Women's Studies and a Ph.D. in Comparative History. Lara has worked at the University of Wisconsin at Madison's College Library and at the Wisconsin Historical Society. In addition to her archives and library work, Lara has enjoyed teaching history at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, and more recently, women's studies at Diablo Valley College.

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

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood, The Women of BIJ

By Karen Kerner, Sisterhood Chair

What are we doing and how can you get involved?

Recent events:

September 25 - Sisterhood brunch, attended by over 30 of our members.

October 15 – potluck in the sukkah and family game night, arranged by Sisterhood.

September 18 and October 16 business meetings - we have planned events and begun a thoughtful discussion of Sisterhood’s identity, its future and possible avenues to explore, including a social action project and a Rosh Chodesh event.

Ongoing projects:

Revitalizing and better use of the Fireside Room entry and display area. Robin Winburn-Woll and Michele Siegel are spearheading this project.

How can you have a vote and become involved? We welcome your participation, ideas and energy in all these undertakings. You can help by attending a business meeting or volunteering to help with the phone tree (contact Ronnie Zuckerberg: Ronniezuckerberg@gmail.com 415-824-4792)

I welcome your ideas and comments. Contact me at 415-710-4135 or KarenEKerner@gmail.com or let’s schmooze after services.

To all of you who have contributed your time and energy to these various functions, thank you.

I also participate on the Membership Committee, for which I have no column. But I welcome your participation, ideas and energy in our membership and outreach endeavors as well.

L’Shalom,

Karen

APPLICATIONS FOR RABBI MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP

Sisterhood is pleased to announce the opening of the application period for the Rabbi Morris Scholarship. Applicants must be children or grandchildren of members of the Congregation in good standing or members of the Congregation in good standing who have returned to school. The scholarship is for \$300. Applications will be available www.bij.org or at the Temple office beginning December 6, and must be returned to the Temple c/o Diane Ehrlich no later than February 17, 2012. These scholarships may be used at any accredited 2 or 4 year college/university or at any accredited trade/technical/vocational school. All who are eligible are urged to apply. All applications should be typed or written legibly in black ink.

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FREE TO SISTERHOOD MEMBERS, Guest Cost: \$15

Hanukkah Fair!!!

December 11 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Join us for schmoozing, noshing, live music, celebratory mood, gifts and goodies! Enjoy Micha Mocha's expanded array of foods and drinks. Shop the festival *shuk* for select Hanukkah offerings from Sisterhood's updated Hanukkah Boutique and a variety of appealing creations by our own BIJ artisans and bakers.

Invitation to all Artisans!

Calling all BIJ artists, crafters, bakers and foodies -- artisans of every kind! Our annual Hanukkah Boutique is expanded to become our Hanukkah Fair! We invite you to host a table where you can sell your artful and/or delicious creations!



Please contact Michelle Siegel by December 4, to make arrangements: 415-203-5135 or cbenefit@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you in the *shuk*!

Next Sisterhood Meetings

November 20

December 18 10:00 AM

Next Off-site Brunch

December 4 10:00 AM

For brunch details, contact Lynne Rappaport at lrappaport94015@hotmail.com or 415-665-8616

YAFE

COMMUNITY

Kehillah Kedoshah / Holy Community Family Education Day

Sunday, November 20 9:30 AM

YAFE students, parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us as we explore *Kehillah Kedoshah*. What does it mean to be part of a community? How do we build community and what is a religious community? Join us to explore these ideas through art, food, nature, music, text study, and more!



It's a wonderful day of learning no matter if you're 2 or 102 -- we hope you'll join us!

If you're not enrolled in YAFE, RSVP to Rebecca at 415.625.3613 or rgoodman@bij.org

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 Program. The committee needs your help and energy. Meetings begin at 10:15 AM and take place during the YAFE Program. Upcoming meetings and general topics for this year are:

- December 4 Feedback on first half of year
- February 5 Goals for 2012-2013
- April 15 Reflecting 2011-2012 and Budgeting 2012-2013

Mark These Dates!

The Youth and Family Education (YAFE) Program will not meet on the following dates:

- November 27
- December 18
- December 25
- January 1, 2012

Enjoy the holiday/vacation time off!

YES WE DO!

**Why Rabbis Across the Spectrum Support Women's Rights at the Kotel in Jerusalem
November 15, 7:30 to 9:00 PM**

Featured Speakers:

Rabbi David Kalb (Orthodox)
Director of Jewish Education, Bronfman Center for Jewish Life at the 92nd Street Y, New York

Rabbi Menachem Creditor (Conservative)
Congregation Netivot Shalom, Berkeley

Rabbi Stephen Pearce (Reform)
Congregation Emanu-El, San Francisco

Rabbi Jane Litman,
Regional Director Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

Rabbi Pamela Frydman (Renewal)
Director, Holocaust Education Project, Academy for Jewish Religion, California

Moderated By Rachel Biale,
Author of *Women and Jewish Law* and
New Israel Fund Lay Leader

**At Congregation Netivot Shalom
1316 University Avenue, Berkeley**

Co-sponsored by Women of the Wall, The New Israel Fund, and Congregations Netivot Shalom, Emanu-El, Beth Israel Judea and Kol Shofar.

JVS Scholarship Program

JVS's scholarship program is currently accepting applications! Through a generous grant from the Newhouse Fund of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund, JVS is proud to award grants of up to \$1,800 to Jewish individuals for vocational training. This program is open to all Jewish residents of San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma or the Peninsula who can demonstrate financial need. Applicants must be enrolled in a short-term training program focused on a clearly defined vocational goal, for which there are ready employment opportunities in the Bay Area. **Accepting applications through December 1, 2011 for this year's scholarships.** For more information and to download application forms, visit www.jvs.org/scholarships.shtml, or contact Raza Handan at rhandan@jvs.org or 415-782-6263.

GIFTS & DONATIONS

Annual Fund—Invest in our Thriving Community

The Annual Fund helps close the gap between funds raised through membership commitments and the total cost of operating our Synagogue. BIJ relies on the generosity of our members to ensure that we can continue to meet the needs of our congregants, providing innovative programming, adult and family education, life-cycle events and ongoing Synagogue activities. Your donation also guarantees that no member of our congregation is turned away for financial reasons.

We are moving to a new model which represents the Tree of Life. The foundation of the Tree is its roots, supporting the main trunk which then branches out. And on those branches form the leaves, buds and flowers which finally bear fruit. The top tier represents the Tree as a whole. Our Synagogue is the Tree that represents the Life of the community. Your contribution will help ensure the strength of the Tree.

\$25,000 or more	Ilan (Tree)	\$3,000 to \$5,999	Alim (Leaves)
\$15,000 to \$24,999	Payrot (Fruit)	\$1,000 to \$2,999	Araf (Branch)
\$10,000 to \$14,999	Perach (Flower)	\$500 to \$999	Gezah (Trunk)
\$6,000 to \$9,999	Henetz (Bud)	\$1 to \$499	Shoresh (Root)

We invite you to join this endeavor, with a gift to the BIJ Annual Fund. Your contribution will help us reach our goal of 100% participation. An easy way to show your support is to donate on-line – go to www.bij.org and click on **DONATE**.

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In honor of Sara Heckelman, in appreciation and thanks for making it all happen at BIJ

In honor of Zack Ehrlich, thank you for sticking with us & in honor of your marriage to Amanda

In honor of Neil Bronstein, for always being a mensch

Stuart Hellman and Marsha Weintraub

In honor of Leonard Hellman and Sarah Dang

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In honor of Kol Nidre Services

Jamie Morgenstern

In honor of the High Holiday Services

Ruth Rosenbaum

In honor of Sherrie Rosenberg's Bat Mitzvah

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*Donations received after October 24
will be listed in the next BULLETIN

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In honor of David Morgenstern, thank you for choosing to share your gift with BIJ.

In honor of Ricki Weintraub, thank you for filling our High Holy Day services with the beauty of your voice.

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In honor of Yvonne Lorvan's Bat Mitzvah

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To welcome Rabbi Gottlieb to the BIJ Community

To welcome Ricki Weintraub to the BIJ Community

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In loving memory of Celia Posner, Jacob Wishnersky, Abraham (Solomon) Posner, Hannah Esther Igar

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.

VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU to all our volunteers, and a very special THANK YOU to our members who donated their time, energy and skills in preparation for or during the High Holy Days:

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Please forgive us if we inadvertently omitted your name....

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Annual Tenderloin Outreach Project

Oneg Shabbat Luncheon

November 18 1:00 p.m.

Co-Sponsored by Beth Israel Judea with the Jewish Family & Children's Service at the Curry Senior Center

333 Turk Street in the Tenderloin District

David Zeff, our chief mitzvah maven, donates the food. Curry Senior Center's Chef prepares the meal.

Volunteers are needed at 1 PM to help set up, serve the meal, schmooze with guests and participate in clean up.

To volunteer please call: David Zeff - 650-755-8596. For more information please call Lori Lievore at JFCS - 415-449-3832

Jewish Volunteer Day at

Project Homeless Connect

December 14, 2011

Congregation Beth Israel Judea is once again a Community Partner in Jewish Volunteer Day. Save the date now — we can help make the day a great success by volunteering!

The 2011 Jewish Volunteer Day is taking place on **Wednesday, December 14**, starting at 8:30am and finishing at 4pm. Our volunteers are usually placed where they are most needed, often as a client escort. Volunteers are a key component to making the day a success, as they help orient clients and help them feel comfortable while they receive services. Volunteers who can offer medical, dental or legal services are welcome to join the suitable service providers.

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Erev Shabbat Schedule

1st 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.

2nd Friday: *Shabbat Shira*, Musical Shabbat Service

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

3rd Friday: FREE Friday Night Feast

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

4th 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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