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Dear friends,
Among the vast repository of Jewish ritual there are some pretty strange customs. Take, for instance, the immolation of the red heifer for the purposes of ritual purity practiced until the destruction of the Temple or the passing of a chicken over one’s head in preparation for Yom Kippur still practiced in Jewish communities today or the prohibition again mixing linen and wool. All of these practices highlight the eccentricity of Jewish life throughout the ages. However, there is one mitzvah that seems to visually surpass them all in terms of wackiness—the taking of lulav and etrog during Sukkot. The Torah states, “On the first day you shall take the product of hadar trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days (Lev. 23:40).” Thus, each year we purchase lulav and etrog and shake them daily in each of the cardinal directions, beginning in the East towards Jerusalem, as well as towards the sky and earth. A bizarre sight, indeed!

As weird as the ritual may appear, the objective we seek to fulfill in taking lulav and etrog is incredibly important, particularly for us as 21st century Jews. According to our tradition, lulav and etrog represent the concentric circles of unity required in the lives of Jewish men and women devoted to realizing God’s will in our world. At the level of the individual, lulav and etrog represent the integration of body and mind necessary for the fulfillment of mitzvot (commandments). The Talmudic sage, Rabbi Mani taught that lulav and etrog represent different parts of our bodies. “The spine of the palm frond (lulav) resembles the spine of human beings. The myrtle (hadas) resembles the eyes. The willow (aravah) resembles a mouth. The citron (etrog) looks like the heart (Leviticus Rabbah 30:14).” To serve God in every facet of our lives requires the coalescence of our faculties around the fulfillment of each task. Our eyes allow us to see the mitzvah opportunities that are always before us awaiting realization. Our spines, and by extension our bodies themselves, allow us to physically fulfill hallowed acts. Our hearts, considered the seat of intellect in the ancient world, allow us to devote ourselves mentally to the centrality of these moments in our day, while our mouths allow us to sanctify the realization of our actions through blessing. On the heels of the High Holydays and the beginning of a new Jewish year, lulav and etrog help us recalibrate our bodies and minds so that we may move through the rest of the year optimized for the performance of mitzvot and acts of hesed (kindness).

Lulav and etrog also help attune our sense of commitment to klal yisrael (the unity of the greater Jewish world). Asserting meaning at the communal level, another midrash states that “just as the citron (etrog) has both flavor and fragrance, so there are Jews who are endowed both with Torah and with good deeds. Just as the palm (lulav) has flavor but lacks fragrance, so there are Jews who are endowed with Torah but lack good deeds. Just as the myrtle (hadas) has fragrance but lacks flavor, so there are Israelites who are endowed with good deeds but lack Torah. Just as the willow (aravah) lacks both flavor and fragrance, so there are Israelites who lack both Torah and good deeds. What does the Holy One do? God binds them together into one group so that one will atone for the other (Leviticus Rabbah 30:12).” On a more global level, taking lulav and etrog reminds us of the Talmudic dictum that all Jews are responsible and culpable for one another. In the fractured Jewish world in which we live today, this message is of ultimate importance. While different Jewish communities have differing views of how a Jewish life should be lived and disagree on the extent to which we should or must interact with the rest of the world, we are one people and must remain as such. This requires us to remain cognizant of the laws governing proper speech and maintain a tone of civility in our discourse, particularly regarding Israel. The Lulav and etrog testify to Jewish inter-connectedness and help us remain mindful of how we treat one another.

When considered through the lens of midrash, lulav and etrog bear witness to the coherence of self and community necessary for Jewish existence. When we take them in hand our intention is to transfer their symbolism to the core of our being so that the value of unity pervades the varied realms of our lives. As we enter into the holiday of Sukkot, known in the Torah as the Festival of Ingathering, may the lulav and etrog aid us in integrating every aspect of our body and soul, as well as the diverse elements of our people so that we may all serve God in health, well being, and joy.

L’shalom,
My family will tell you that it’s very important for me to eat on time. When I get hungry, I get a bit cranky. So it’s unfortunate that on a fasting holiday I have to give my annual ten minute speech to the Congregation. Fortunately, we are at the beginning of our fast, when I’m still in a great mood and excited to be here. But be warned, I don’t recommend approaching me tomorrow afternoon to complain about something, as I might not be at my best!

All kidding aside, as we look around this beautiful building, it’s easy to forget how lucky we are. Our old building served us well for decades, but we have transformed our synagogue into a more modern facility for the next 50 years. We have space for multiple services and activities, with an open lobby, or Mercaz, that allows us to gather and interact. Our new building is more than just a physical space, it is a metaphor of what we are becoming as a community.

The Mercaz is the physical embodiment of the connections between us. We gather there as we enter services, activities, and programs. We stop to chat and linger, and when it’s not Yom Kippur, we may have a cup of coffee, or even play Mahjong. We used to have high holidays services on two sides of the parking lot, but now we come together in a single building, and gather in the Mercaz as we go to and from events. Our schedule this year looks more like a convention brochure than our old offerings. We used to have Kehillah Godola and Kehillah K’tanah, basically two tracks, and a couple of extra programs each day. Now we have multiple tracks appealing to different age groups, levels of tradition, and interests. We have tried to make it easy for you to navigate each day with our program cards, and we hope that will help you. We will keep improving each year as we try to make your high holidays the most user friendly experience it can be.

During the year, our activities are seeing record attendance. Events like Barbecue and Barchu are selling out weeks in advance. We are having to rethink how we organize things to accommodate the bigger crowds. Our membership is growing again, having rebounded from where it was a few years ago. Our affinity groups are going strong. Our CBD Women group has multiple activities per month, including Ladies who Lunch, Dames that Dine, movies, classes, outings and other “just for fun” activities, not to mention the service work that some participate in to help Beth David and our community. Our Hazak group for those 55 and over has a full slate of activities, and is giving back to the community as well, including sponsoring the beautiful photo directory all of you have received. Men’s club has several activities each month, including Beer with the Boys. Our adult education program is also thriving and is integrating its programming thematically with the religious school so parents and children can learn the same topics at different levels in parallel offerings. From minyan to Mahjong, we have it all at Beth David!

In a word, we are experiencing at Beth David a rebirth of modern Conservative Judaism. In the past decades, conservative Jewish leaders nationwide have bemoaned the fact that the traditional services and programming offered for decades were not appealing to the next generation. Congregations were closing at a frightening pace. Membership was dropping nationwide. In fact, some predicted the eventual end of the conservative movement, with a small minority migrating to orthodoxy and the rest being absorbed into the reform movement. National conservative leaders, including members of this congregation like Margie Pomerantz and Rick Tavan that hold leadership positions on USCJ’s board, plotted out a course to reverse this decline. Multidimensional programming like we are now offering, a sustaining contribution model that accepts all comers without judgment about their financial means, and adapting to the realities of modern life and making participation accessible to everyone….these are the fundamental tenets of what we are trying to do here. (continued on page 5)
I, and the other 24 Beth David board members, put in a lot of time trying to embody these philosophies locally and make sure we are at the forefront of what is working in Conservative Judaism. Perhaps twenty percent of the congregation attends Shabbat services regularly, and they are likely to stay affiliated no matter what. But what about the remaining 80%? Is Conservative Judaism at risk of extinction in this country? If nothing is done, it certainly is. But I have another answer for you. Not at Beth David. Not here.

Just look around. We are not standing idly by, living in the past, bemoaning our fate. We are changing, we are evolving, and our community is responding.

Now I’m an engineer by training, so I respond to numbers. Our annual budget is about 1.4 million dollars per year. Our new building cost around ten million dollars, and we have raised about 9 million. Think about that. All of you, collectively, voted with your wallets to spend 7 times what you spend in a single year here, just on this building. You contributed that over the course of three years. So collectively, in the time you would have normally given 4.2 million dollars, you gave 13.2 million dollars. For three years, you more than tripled your contributions, on average. That doesn’t sound like a movement heading for extinction to me. It sounds like a vibrant community, willing to put its money into something it considers important, in something it loves.

Why has this happened? Why has Beth David bucked the odds, and redefined itself, and garnered your support in this fashion, and grown our membership? You can get interesting programming at the JCC. You can attend our services without being a member. Belonging to a shul because your parents tell you “it’s the right thing to do” is not the driving force it was in prior generations. You are choosing to be here because you want to be. I think it’s because of the community. I think it’s the connections we make to each other. If you have made them, you know what I mean. If you haven’t yet, now’s the time to think about starting to do so.

Let me tell you about my own personal journey, how I became so deeply woven into the fabric of Beth David life that I find myself standing before you today, honored and humbled to be your President. Maybe it holds a clue on what binds us together. We joined Beth David so we could name our daughter on the Bima 22 years ago. Busy child-rearing years occupied us, filled with the typical path to Bnai Mitzvah through Beth David’s religious school. I helped lead Beth David’s Cub Scout pack, my wife Cathy helped lead the Daisies troop. We became friends with our kids’ friends’ families from religious school, and some connections began to take hold. We joined a Havurah, where we held monthly events at several families’ homes, which enlarged our friend group beyond just the grade our children were in. Slowly we knew more and more faces, first Cathy joined the board of directors because many of our friends found it fulfilling. I joined the finance committee, and later the board. Eventually, Cathy jumped into reinvigorate CBD Women’s programming, and started Ladies Who Lunch and Dames Who Dine, which almost a third of the women in this room participated in during its first year. Now in our mid-50s we are making new friends here every month. Everything we participate in leads to new connections to interesting people. Of course you won’t like everyone, and you don’t have to. But you will find people you connect with.

There is one aspect that I haven’t mentioned, the way Beth David is there for us in times of need. Five years ago this week, in the last year of my mother’s life, my mother was not strong enough to come to high holidays services. Rabbi Ohriner spontaneously offered to come to her house and blow the shofar for her. While he was there, they chatted about her childhood in New York, and it turned out they had both lived on the same block, albeit fifty years apart. They were laughing and chatting about Riverside Park and when he left after an hour my mother’s smile was as wide as I’ve seen it. She talked about that visit many times in the months to come. A year later when she died, Beth David was there for me, with large numbers of you showing up at our home for Shiva, and Rabbi Ohriner literally walking me through every step of the mourning process, including a walk around the block at the end of Shiva. (continued on page 6)
President's Perspective

By Bill Beyda

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Now my story of connection to this community may not match yours, and it may not resonate with you personally. But if you can find in it the point that being connected to those that share your culture and your traditions is more than just about praying at services, and making friends here really does enrich your life, then I have succeeded. So this year, grow your personal network of connections at Beth David. Want to join a Havurah? Drop your name tag in the bucket in the Mercaz labeled Havurah and we will connect you with five other families for social activities. Try a new activity, invite someone to Shabbat dinner, approach someone you don’t know and strike up a conversation. It will yield dividends many times over. You will be glad you did.

Now no Kol Nidre speech would be complete without the annual appeal for donations to our annual campaign. This year, 20 percent of you have already given, and received a thank you card with your materials today. The other 80 percent have a card where you can select different amounts using the provided stickers and turn it in today, or can write in another amount after the holiday and send it in later. Those cards in front of you represent $300,000, 21% of our operating budget, our programming, our services, our staff salaries, and our events. Even though you have been very generous in past years, every year we need these funds to run those activities, to keep the lights on, to maintain the momentum, to give you events to attend where you can make the connections that will enrich your lives and provide you support, in good times and in bad. As we try to retire the last million in remaining debt, if you can give more than last year, even if it’s just for this one year, it would be greatly appreciated. I know you care, or you wouldn’t be here tonight. Please be as generous as you can be, so we have the funds to deliver the programming you want and we can be the Beth David you have come to know and love. Any giving beyond our targets will be used to help retire our debt. When you give, you are honoring the traditions passed on to you by your parents and their parents, as Jews have done for centuries, supporting our synagogues as the hub of Jewish life in our community.

I close with a few wishes. I would like to wish all of you and your families G'mar Hatima Tova, may you be sealed in the Book of Life.

I wish that all of us have an easy fast, and that I will not be too cranky by tomorrow afternoon.

Shabbat shalom.

Bill Beyda
President, CBD Board of Directors

Welcome new members!

Steven and Miriam Permut, Leah and Matthew
Greg and Marina Levinson
Security Committee Update
By Ron Ruebusch, Administrative VP

With the completion of our new facility and the increased turbulence in the US domestic political environment in the last year, the CBD Board of Directors has charged the Security Committee with a complete review and update of our emergency practices and procedures.

Toward this end, we have been meeting with the Red Cross to gather their suggestions and gain their assistance in the event of a natural disaster. Similarly, we have been meeting with the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office to gain their guidance on our emergency procedures, request an enhancement of their patrolling of our property, and to familiarize the deputies with the layout of our facility so that their response to an event would be as effective and rapid as possible. With the input and help from both of these agencies (and others) we are rewriting our emergency preparedness action plans.

All of these activities are ongoing and will be ramping up over the next several months. There will be many future communications with you as these details come together. Our objective is to simultaneously keep our community as welcoming and safe as we can. Your feedback and input is always welcome. Please forward any comments to me at adminvp@beth-david.org. Thank you for your help and support of these efforts.

Balk Family Memorial Camp Scholarship

We are now accepting nominations for summer 2018 resident camp scholarships funded by the Balk Family Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund.

This fund perpetuates the memory and ideals of Beth David members Sheldon and Melvina Balk and their sons, Richard and David Balk. We seek to capture and light the spirit of Judaism in our youth, especially those who may seem apathetic about Jewish activities.

We offer substantial aid, not based on academic results or activities, but, rather, to awaken a student’s Jewish identity. We give preference to first time campers. The amount we are able to disburse depends upon donations to the Fund and current interest, but this summer five Beth David congregants, assisted by our scholarships, are attending Camp Ramah of Northern California. Please call Chuck Taubman at nambuat@comcast.net to learn how to submit a nomination (the due date is January 19, 2018).

Serve the Homeless with Abrahamic Alliance International
Sunday, October 22nd 1:00 - 6:00pm

Abrahamic Alliance offers us this excellent opportunity for Social Justice and Social Action! This time we will continue our relationship building with the congregants of Saratoga Federated Church (SFC) and West Valley Muslim Association (WVMA) as we prepare a meal for one of the area shelters.

You can choose to participate in just cooking or you can cook, and serve the meal. Email info@abrahamicalliance.org for more information or to register.

Winter Coat Drive

Save your coats and sweaters for the upcoming drive. Especially needed are men’s & children’s sizes.

Email cbd.socialaction@beth-david.org for more info.
As Sukkot approaches and Jews around the world come together in the Sukkah in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I am thankful that CBD Women has provided me with an extended family — a second home. I have made new friends, developed new hobbies (Mah Jongg and cooking), and participated in ritual and service activities. I didn’t think that after 20 years of belonging to Beth David, there were still new people to meet or resources to discover. I was sure wrong.

I would like to invite you to become part of the CBD Women extended family. If you are not familiar with CBD Women, we are the revitalized women’s group at Beth David. Women of all ages, backgrounds and interests are welcome. We strive to provide a variety of social, religious, educational and community service activities so you can choose the events that interest you most.

We will be hosting an informal get together at Beth David on October 19 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us as we get to know each other over coffee, dessert and wine. We will also discuss ideas for upcoming events. Already, we are planning a Cards for a Cause Event, a movie discussion group, an event with Sharsheret (a Jewish breast cancer organization), and a rummage sale. On January 20, we will be hosting our annual Women’s Shabbat Service. Of course, in the New Year we will continue to have our wildly successful monthly lunches and dinners — Ladies Who Lunch and Dames Who Dine. To ensure that we have enough refreshments, please send an e-mail to cbd.women@beth-david.org if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there.

There are no dues for joining CBD Women. However, many members choose to participate in Women’s League, an international organization that promotes Conservative/Masorti Judaism in the home, synagogue and community. Women’s League does charge annual dues ($15), and we collect those dues annually from members who wish to participate. Traditionally, our members also have made a slight donation to our local women’s group ($21) at the same time. Membership in Women’s League and the donation to CBD Women are entirely optional. You will be receiving an e-mail from me in the near future with more information. In the meantime, if you are interested, please feel free to send a check to Beth David made out to CBD Sisterhood.

Please join me in coming together as CBD Women. You can contact me at cbd.women@beth-david.org if you have any questions and to be added to our roster.

"Carvalho's Journey"  
Documentary on a Jewish Artist Who Traveled with Fremont  

Save November 19th at 7:00pm for a real life 19th century American western adventure film. "Carvalho’s Journey" tells the extraordinary story of Solomon Nunes Carvalho (1815-1897), an observant Sephardic Jew who was a ground-breaking explorer and artist who traveled with famed explorer John Fremont in his Fifth Western Expedition.

For more detail visit: carvalhosjourney.com

Sponsored by Hazak.  
Everyone is welcome. Cost is $5 per person. Contact cbd.hazak@beth-david.org to RSVP.

Tot Shabbat  
2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month  
October 14th and 28th  
11:15am - 12:00pm

For ages 5 and under. Relaxing, lighthearted, interactive, Shabbat program for tots. Includes songs, stories, puppets and more.
Mindfulness and Meditation Through the Hassidic Lens
1st Shabbat of the Month
Using Hassidic Torah text and stories, this class enables participants to find personal meaning in Jewish prayer and discover that current spiritual tools are rooted in the traditional Jewish experience. Led by Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia

An Exploration of Shabbat Prayer & Study
2nd Shabbat of the Month
For Russian speakers. Led by Rabbi Ilana Baird, in Russian

Stretching into Shabbat
2nd Shabbat of the Month
Makom Yoga provides a refreshing mix of Jewish learning (with themes flowing from the weekly parsha, upcoming holidays, and beyond) with guided meditation, breath work and asana practice. Suitable for all levels, Led by Rabbi Laurie Matzkin

Approachable Torah
4th Shabbat of the Month
A lively conversation about the Torah portion. Participants connect Torah lessons to their own experiences and create drashot - messages of meaning for everyday life. Led by Rabbi Allan Berkowitz

CBD Jewish Artists Group
Saturday, October 28th
Begins after lunch, approximately 1:00 - 1:15pm

This month we feature Theatre Chevruta with Doug Brooks

Theatre Chevruta begins its fifth season at the APJCC with the Bay Area premiere of Oh God, a poignant comedy by prominent Israeli playwright Anat Gov, and adapted by Guy Ben-Aharon.

In Oh God, a psychotherapist finds herself in session with a new, desperate patient: God. In advance of the November 11th and 12th performances, come enjoy a talk about the world around this play: Israeli theatre and playwrights, the divine psyche, and perhaps a couple of scenes performed by members of the cast.

Everyone is welcome, whether member of CBD or visitor, including non-artists, too! Email coordinator Jeff Warwick at cbd.artists@beth-david.org for more information.
Sukkot Day 1 Services
Thursday, October 5th
9:30am - 12:30pm
Join us in prayer to celebrate Sukkot, the Festival of Booths with waving of the Lulav & Etrog, reciting of Hallel – psalms of praise and enjoying a festive lunch in our Sukkah.

Sukkot Day 2 Services
Friday, October 6th
9:30am - 12:30pm
Join us in prayer to celebrate Sukkot, the Festival of Booths with waving of the Lulav & Etrog, reciting of Hallel – psalms of praise and enjoying a festive lunch in our Sukkah.

Sukkot Service and Supper
Friday, October 6th 6:30 - 9:30pm
Supper in the sukkah for pre-registered guests, only.
All are welcome to join services at 6:30pm

Sukkah Service and Lulav Wave
Sunday, October 8th
9:30 - 10:30am
Children will be able to participate in this fun event as they parade around the sanctuary behind the Torah. If you have your own Lulav and Etrog don’t forget to bring them! After the service join us for sukkot activities and a yummy snack.

Hosha'na Rabbah Service
Wednesday, October 11th
9:00am - 12:00pm
Hosha'na Rabbah is the final day of the intense period of reflection and self-evaluation that began on Rosh Hashanah. Join us for one last chance to wave the lulav & Etrog and to beat the willow branches on the floor!

Shmini Atzeret Services - Yizkor
Thursday, October 12th
9:30am – 12:30pm
Join us in prayer to celebrate Shmini Atzeret, the Festival of Booths, with reciting of Hallel – psalms of praise and remembering our loved ones with the Yizkor – Memorial service.

Scotch and Ribs in the Sukkah
Sunday, October 8th
6:00—10:00pm
Join the men of Silicon Valley (women are welcome, too) for an evening of Scotch & Steak in the CBD Sukkah.
$54 before 10/2 & $72 until 10/6
All members of the Jewish community 21+ are welcome!
Sign up: giving.jvalley.org/scotch
Simḥat Torah Young Families Celebration
Thursday, October 12th
5:30 – 6:30pm
Join along with other families with children (0-5, older siblings welcome) for a special Simḥat Torah celebration geared just for the little ones. Rabbi Ohriner will lead us in an abbreviated holiday experience with singing, dancing with flags and mini Torahs.

Erev Simḥat Torah Service
Thursday, October 12th
6:30 – 10:00pm
Join us in our wonderful “Mercaz” (lobby) as we “Journey through the Torah”, an interactive experience, challenging you to answer questions, find words or sections in our open scrolls. Our celebration continues at 7:00pm with singing, dancing and “hakafot” (marching) with our Torah scrolls around the sanctuary.

Simḥat Torah Services
Friday, October 13th
9:30am - 12:30pm
Hakafot (dancing with the Torah) for all ages! It’s time to make some joyful noise and dance. Celebrate the giving of the Torah and the value it adds to our lives.

Yiddish Conversation Group
First & third Tuesday of the month
3:00 - 4:30pm
Resumes October 17th
Do you know Yiddish? Would you like to chat with others in Yiddish?
This group is for people to re-activate prior Yiddish knowledge, to learn Yiddish for the first time, and to have conversations. For more information, email cbd.yiddish@beth-david.org

Israel Coffee Klatch
Thursday, October 19th 2:00 - 3:00pm
Coffee, questions and conversations about the state of our Jewish state with Alex Drukarev as moderator.
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Learn Hebrew

**Beginning Hebrew**
*Mondays 11:45am – 12:45pm*

Acquire basic Hebrew skills and a 900-word vocabulary for reading the Siddur, Chumash, and simple literature. Must be able to read printed Hebrew. Refresh and expand your childhood Hebrew skills. $18 for CBD members; $36 for non-members. *Taught by Chuck Taubman*

**Intermediate Hebrew**
*Mondays 10:00 – 11:30am*

This class uses a college level textbook to improve your Hebrew reading, vocalizing, and understanding. $18 for CBD members; $36 for non-members. *Taught by Chuck Taubman*

**Basic Conversational Hebrew**
*Tuesdays 11:00am – 12:00pm*

Learn basic skills in conversational Hebrew in this class for beginners. Begins Tuesday, October 24th. *Taught by Sarah Hanuka.*

**Hebrew Marathon**

*Learn to Read Hebrew in 10 hours!*
*Sundays October 22nd and 29th 1:00 - 6:00pm*

Join us for a beginner’s adult Hebrew decoding marathon. You will learn how to read prayers and acquire tools to begin study for an adult bar or bat mitzvah. No knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet is required. Free for CBD members and $36 for non-members. *Taught by Sarah Hanuka*

**Jewish Book Discussion Group**

*Catch the Jew*  
by Tuvia Tenenbom, led by Sue Marcus  
*Saturday, October 14th after Kiddush lunch (about 1:15pm)*

Disguising himself as a German reporter, the author interviews people from all walks of life in Israel and the West Bank to understand issues facing Israel today. With dry wit, Tenenbom reveals untold truths about today’s Holy Land.
Heroes of the Mercaz: 1st Shabbat of the month
Begins on Saturday, October 7th. Our Mercaz is surrounded by plaques honoring individuals who left an indelible impact on Judaism and the Jewish people. Learn about their lives and why they were chosen among many candidates to adorn our building. Each session will focus on one or more of these heroes, enabling us to learn about each of them over the course of the year. Led by Rabbi Ohriner.

Israel Today: 3rd Shabbat of the month
Begins on Saturday, October 21st. Explore various aspects of contemporary Israeli society including culture, economy, military, immigration, and more. Taught by Sarah Hanuka.

Adult Academy
Sundays 10:30 – 11:30am
Begins on Sunday, October 15th
Join this new adult learning opportunity to study the mitzvot, the core practices of Judaism. We will focus on those deeds which, according to the Talmud, “yield immediate fruit and continue to yield fruit in time to come.” Free. Co-taught by Rabbi Laurie Matzkin and Sarah Hanuka

The History of Modern Israel
Thursdays 7:30 – 8:30pm
Begins Thursday, October 26th
Learn about the history of the State of Israel from 1948 to the present. Free. Taught by Sarah Hanuka

Friday Talmud Study
Fridays 10:00 – 11:00am
Join a continued study of Tractate Megillah, containing laws of Purim, Torah reading, and synagogue practices. English texts are available. Newcomers are welcome. Free. Taught by Rabbi Ohriner

Jewish Ethics Discussion Group
Fridays 11:15am – 12:15pm
Explore the wisdom of Jewish ethical teachings in this participant-led group. We are currently reading A Code of Jewish Ethics, Volume 1: You Shall Be Holy by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. Join us as we study this important work on the vital topic of personal character and integrity. Free. Co-moderated by Phil Doppelt and David Harris

South Bay Institute Presents:
Chutzpah and High Heels
By Jessica Fishman
Tuesday, November 7th 7:30 – 9:00pm
Jessica Fishman grew up in Minnesota. She moved to Israel, but found that the reality of living in the Holy Land did not meet her idealistic expectations. She finally encountered an obstacle that tested the core of her identity. Her humorous yet heartbreaking memoir is a story about losing and finding identity, and offers us a seldom-seen snapshot of Israeli culture today.
Scholar-in-Residence

Beyond the Headlines:
Current Issues in the Middle East
With Dr. Eric Mandel
Thursday, November 30th - Saturday, December 2nd

Dr. Eric Mandel, Director of the Middle East Political and Information Network, will help us navigate through several complex issues involving Israel and the Middle East. Dr. Mandel is a regular columnist for the Jerusalem Post, writing about the US-Israel relationship, Iran, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

Political Islam: Expectations for 2018
Thursday, November 30th 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Mandel will discuss political Islam, including the Sunni-Shiite divide, and its probable impact in the Middle East during the coming year.

Israeli Relations with Egypt, Jordan, and Turkey
Friday, December 1st 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Mandel will analyze Israel’s evolving relationships with three key countries in the Middle East: Egypt, Jordan, and Turkey.

Is Jewish Unity an Israeli Security Issue?
Saturday, December 2nd 1:30 p.m.
Our scholar will discuss the sometimes strained relationship between American Jews and Israel, and how lack of Jewish unity can adversely affect Israeli national security.

The Six-Day War: Consequences Fifty Years Later
Saturday, December 2nd 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Mandel will discuss the Six-Day War and its aftermath fifty years later.

More information: www.beth-david.org/SIR
President Donald Trump. Just bring up his name in a conversation and people seem to immediately take sides and prepare for a serious oratorical battle. All presidents bring a certain amount of controversy as a result of their values, policy goals, and actions, but few, if any, have inspired the polarization generated by the nation’s 45th president. With no government experience whatsoever prior to taking office, he has assumed the most important leadership position in the world. He has replaced conventional approaches to governing with a management style never observed in the presidency. What’s refreshing for his supporters is blasphemous heresy to his detractors. What do we make of the Trump phenomenon? For some, the answer is clear; for others, the jury is still out.

A professor emeritus of political science at San Jose State University, Larry Gerston examines the public policy process at the national and state levels. He appears twice weekly as the political analyst at NBC Bay Area television. He also has been interviewed on NBC Nightly News, CBS Evening News, BBC, NPR, and CNN's Inside Politics. He has written more than 150 op-ed articles and has been quoted in the major national print media including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and Los Angeles Times.

It should be an enlightening, informative, and maybe provocative evening.

Also, enjoy noshing, coffee and schmoozing

Reservations requested.
RSVP deadline: October 12th
Cost: $5/person
Sign up by sending an e-mail to
CBD.Hazak@beth-david.org
(Your account will be billed)
Neighbors in Faith
Community Picnic
Sunday, October 29  12:00 – 2:00pm

@
El Quito Park
12855 Paseo Presada, Saratoga

Enjoy an afternoon of food, fellowship
and fun with members of the
local faith-based community.

- Congregation Beth David
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- West Valley Muslim Association
- Westhope Presbyterian Church

Lunch and conversation followed by games for all ages;
bring a vegetarian dish to share. Enjoy an opportunity to
learn with our communities’ faith leaders.
Parking is available at Westhope Presbyterian Church,
adjacent to El Quito Park.
Legacy Giving and Planning in the Jewish Community
By Jeff Warwick

We donate tzedaka to our favorite causes. My family decided to include Congregation Beth David and other Jewish organizations in our Legacy plans. Many people in our community have started including their favorite causes in their long-term plans. Some did this long ago, and others more recently. Legacy Giving allows us to support the organizations we cherish beyond our annual giving. We hope that more people will consider doing this.

Congregation Beth David has already received a Legacy Giving donation. A long-time congregant designated Congregation Beth David to receive a portion of his Charitable Remainder Trust. We are grateful. His children were aware of his appreciation of the shul where he had been a member for many years.

On October 28th, 2017, we will hold our annual Legacy Giving Shabbat. We will honor people who have committed to doing Legacy Giving, and talk about why we do Legacy Giving in our community. Congregation Beth David will host Hillel of Silicon Valley. Hillel of Silicon Valley is a great organization helping Jewish college students. Each year, we rotate with other synagogues in hosting Hillel of Silicon Valley, Yavneh Day School, the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center & Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley, and Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley.

The goal of the Legacy Giving Committee is to make Legacy Giving a part of how we do things in our Jewish Community. All organizations tend to benefit, because people will often choose to include more than one organization as beneficiaries.

The ways to do Legacy Giving vary from naming an organization in a will, or a trust, or as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or a 401k. There are ways to get tax deductions while living, and other ways to reduce the tax burden of heirs. The method of Legacy Giving is entirely up to each person. We do not ask the method of how anyone wishes to make their Legacy Giving donations.

The Beth David Legacy Giving Committee never asks how much someone wishes to give. The amount may change significantly upward or downward in the years between designation and giving, and people may change the amounts as priorities change. Congregation Beth David would like to know who has already committed, or who has an intent to commit to Legacy Giving someday. We are happy to talk with anyone who would like to learn more.

Congregation Beth David’s Legacy Giving Committee members include Allan Ader, Jerry Bloom (Co-Chair), Brett Borah, David Hoffman, Madelyn Isaacs, Eric Lewis, Bonnie Slavitt Moore (Co-Chair), Jeff Warwick, and Alan Werba. Feel free to contact any of us to ask about Legacy Giving.

The Legacy Giving Project of Silicon Valley brings together the Legacy Giving Committees of Congregation Beth David, Congregation Sinai, Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Shir Hadash, hosting Hillel, Yavneh Day School, the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center & Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley, and Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley. Alan Werba is Chair Emeritus. Brett Borah is the Chair of the Legacy Giving Project of Silicon Valley.
October Birthdays

1st
Marina Salzman
Ori Gross
Shoshana Feria
Jack Moore
Samantha Selincourt
Ron Shelef

2nd
Karen Deloumi
Phil Schaechter

3rd
Ilya Umansky

4th
Dov Isaacs
Benjamin Aronson
Stacey Newman
Ezra Rosenheim
Louis Selincourt
Benjamin Aronson
Sheila Weisberg

5th
Jacob Miller
Ruth Zohoori
Daniel Greenberg
Jeffrey Weiss

6th
Michael Veksler
Andrew Fox
Kira Hoffman
Jeanette Lerner
Hava Goldman

7th
Sylvia Metz
Alan Weissberger
Revekka Mikhlin
Natiela Fuks
Lisa Lipkind
Alex Vainberg

8th
Matthew Field
Kenneth Levy
Diane Clement
Sharon Spieler

9th
Joel Schwartz
Rebecca Rosenheim
Samuel Goldstein
Howard Gannes

10th
Allan Lavetter
Fay Levinson
Ginny Baird
Jeremy Bloom

11th
Jennifer Orrin
Mordechai Blaustein
Martin Weisberg

12th
Arielle Veksler
James Kastelman
Meryle Sussman
Sarah Hanuka

13th
Rebecca Paktor
Yulia Shvarts
Talia Abramovitz
Chris Cassell
Micaela Abramovitz

14th
Ofek Lavian
Elie Alcheck
Eric Steiger
Steven Schwartz
Phyllis Newman
Keren Blaustein

15th
Tal Spieler
Vladimir Gorlovetsky

16th
Susan Levine
Marc Weiner
Mariel Weiner

17th
Michelle Selincourt
Marlene Bernstein

18th
Marsha Witkin
Marina Gafni

19th
Noah Miller
Liliya Yunerman

Oleg Korol

20th
Ziva Fishman
Edward Gipstein

21st
Carmela Greenberg
Ilana Greenberg
Amalia Arndt
Steven Levin
Anna Tseselsky
Devi Knaster
Sandra Levitt

22nd
Sheryl Rattner,
Daniel Stein
Leonard Metz
Robert Mehler

23rd
Elana Schaevitz
Martin Rattner

24th
Elizabeth Lichy
Lisa Kiss
Debbie Hoffman

26th
Lauryn Weinstein
Martin Newman
Julie Kiss
Nora Bress
David Marash-Whitman

26th (continued)
William Halper
Jane Jacobson
Stephen Green

27th
Dori Jaroslow
Samantha Hoffman
Stephen Frieden
Lee Hirsch
Lauren Flato
Irina Umansky

28th
Esther Belogolovsky
Alexandr Chekhanovskiy
Dorothy Dorsay
Michal Korol
Aliza Deloumi

29th
Emily Shani
Gerald Daniel

30th
Lia Pickholtz
Melisa Levine
Merav Tzori

31st
Benjamin Schwerin
Michael Acevedo
Gayle Weissbrodt

October Anniversaries

2nd
Bob & Marcia Bankirer
Paul & Melissa Taylor

6th
David & Janet Hurwitz

8th
Eli & Britt Harari

9th
Martin & Denise Goldberg

10th
Alex & Miri Volinsky
Steven Labovitz & Lauren Flato

13th
Ronen & Cara Vainish

14th
James & Dorene Kastelman
Grant & Alana Goodman

16th
Scott & Michelle Nathanson
Harvey & Ina Checkman

17th
Charlie & Jackie Klein
Frank & Lourdes Yashar

18th
Steven & Ellen Karel
Doron & Diane Aronson

26th
Solomon & Katya Moshkevich
Donald & Harriet Fernandez

29th
Leonard & Sylvia Metz

30th
Gene & Irina Tenberg
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Contributions
Contributions are vital to the life of our community. We acknowledge the gifts received between August 1 – August 31 from the following individuals and families.

**Annual Campaign**
In memory of my niece, Lisa Laneve, from Sheila Weisberg

**Balk Family Camp Scholarship Fund**
Natalie Schriger, in honor of the birth of your great-grandson, Nadav Golan Schriger, from Harvey & Ellen Gold
Vivian Herman, in memory of your sister, Gail Litvin, from Harvey & Ellen Gold

**Congregation Beth David Capital Campaign**
Rabbi Leslie Alexander, thank you for outstanding programming at CBD. Best wishes in this next stage of the journey, from Daniel & Bettina Rosenberg
Lee & Susan Gavens, in honor of Daniel and Sarah’s recent marriage, from Daniel & Bettina Rosenberg
Rita Blumstein, for refuah sheleimah, from Edward & Eleanor Kiss

In memory of my mother, Esther Rosenzweig, from Allen Rosenzweig
In memory of my father, Alex Taubman, from Charles Taubman
In memory of my husband, Peysakh Freydin, from Liya Freydin
In memory of my wife, Sonia Mehler, from Robert Mehler
Million Coin Campaign, from Lisa & Mitchell Remba

**Congregation Beth David Fund**
Congregation Beth David, from Michael & Elaine Hamilton
Congregation Beth David, from David & Judith Gilford
Eric Lewis, in memory of Herbert Lewis, from Joel & Sally Shaps
Ann Tavan, thank you for my new Kippah, from Joanne Cornbleet
Contributions (Continued)

Judy Borah, in memory of your brother, Harry Nudler, from George Steres & Cheryl Zatkin-Steres
In memory of Diane Portnoy, from Joel & Sally Shaps
In memory of my cousin, Tina Berman, from Sheila Weisberg
In memory of my grandmother, Chaya Waisman, from Alex Belogolovsky
In memory of my wife, Phyllis Zis, from Jerome Zis

**Kiddush Lunch**
Sponsor kiddush lunch on August 19, 2017 in memory of my mother, Shirley Hartstein Sussman, from Barbara Biran
Co-sponsor Kiddush lunch on August 26, 2017 in honor of the naming of our baby girl, from Daniel Patt & Ilana Traynif.
Sponsor kiddush lunch on September 2, 2017 in honor of Roni's Bat Mitzvah, from David & Ziva Fishman
Sponsor kiddush lunch in honor of Dov's birthday and Sukkot, from Dov & Madelyn Isaacs
Sponsor kiddush lunch on October 28, 2017, in honor of Debby's 60th birthday, from David & Deborah Congregation Beth David, from Henry Stone
Pamela Levin, in honor of your birthday, from Walter & Irene Spector
Congregation Beth David, thank you for Mah Jongg class, from Arthur & Gayle Weissbrodt
Allan & Mindy Berkowitz, in honor of your new grandson, from Jack & Marilyn Goodman
Charles & Barbara Taubman, in celebration of your anniversary, from Howard & Emily Gannes
Barbara Biran, in memory of your mother, Shirley Sussman, from Joel & Myrtle Schwartz
Rabbi Leslie Alexander, thank you for visiting Bryan, from Joel & Myrtle Schwartz
Michael Deloumi, thank you for visiting Bryan, from Joel & Myrtle Schwartz
Betty Becker, thank you for visiting Bryan, from Joel & Myrtle Schwartz
Barbara Taubman, in celebration of your birthday, from Howard & Emily Gannes
Stanley & Hillary Farkas, in honor of your 50th anniversary, from Arye & Barbara Green
Marty & Corinne Sherman, in honor of your new granddaughter, from Jack & Marilyn Goodman
In memory of my mothers, Esther Schriger & Annabel Smiley Moskowitz, their memories are forever in my heart, from Natalie Schriger

In memory of my cousin, Magda Porjesz Endredi, from Jussi Rajna
In memory of my father, Arthur Cagan, from Myron Cagan
In memory of my mother, Zita Brummer, from Barry Brummer
In memory of my brother, Arthur Ashkenaz, from Minda Schwartz

**March of the Living Fund**
Stanley & Hillary Farkas, in honor of your 50th wedding anniversary, from Barry & Linda Brummer

**Milton Itzkowitz Fund for Emigres**
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