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Welcome to Congregation B'nai Shalom, a Conservative synagogue offering a warm, supportive, dynamic community joined together by prayer, learning and celebration!

THE RABBI'S STUDY

by Rabbi Daniel Stein

Among the more well-known Jewish customs is the consumption of eating dairy on Shavuot. Most Jewish customs have their origins in the Bible. Shavuot is unique. While the Torah views it as the spring harvest festival, when the Israelites would bring their first fruits to the temple in Jerusalem, the Talmud gives an entirely different rationale for its celebration. It is the literature of the rabbis that sees Shavuot as the time when Torah was revealed. While the other pilgrimage festivals—Passover and Sukkot—have clearly defined rituals in the Torah which persist until this day, the celebration of the first fruits has been set aside in absence of the Temple. Instead, we observe a variety of customs that link the holiday of Shavuot with the giving of the Torah.

Rabbi Moshe Isserless's commentary on the *Shulchan Aruch*,

the most important early modern code of Jewish law, lists several of the rituals that have come to define the holiday:

It is customary to fill synagogues and homes with greens in order to recall the joy of receiving the Torah. It is also customary to eat dairy foods on the first day of the holiday. It appears to me that the reason for this practice is to recall the two sacrifices that were offered on Passover -- a general festival offering, and a special offering for Passover.

Many later sages were baffled by this comment. Why would the practice of eating to cook dishes on Passover transfer to Shavuot? Written by this question, they were moved to offer their own explanations for this ritual. Here are just a few:

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THE RABBI'S STUDY

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Yekhiel Michael Epstein (1865-1905) finds the custom hinted at in Numbers 28:26, which describes the holiday of Shavuot. 'On the day of first fruits, when you present to the Lord an offering of new grain during the Festival of Weeks, hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

He draws our attention to the letters I've put in bold in the text below; together, the first letters spell the word חלב -- milk:

וְיִזְמוּ הַבְּכוֹרִים בְּהַקְרִיבְכֶם מִנְחָה לַיהוָה בַּשָּׁבֻעַתִּיכֶם

Epstein also adds another custom—apparently, in Europe it was customary to use saffron on Shavuot preparations in recollection of the “sweet scent” of Torah.

Rabbi Yaakov Chaim Sofer (1870-1939) writes, “It is the custom to eat dairy on Shavuot because it is compared to milk and honey, as it says in the Song of Songs, ‘Thy lips, O my spouse, drop *as* the honeycomb; honey and milk *are* under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon.’”

The explanation I heard for this custom as a child is shared by Yisrael Meir Kagan (1838-1933). He writes that when the Jews received the Torah at Mount Sinai, they discovered how many laws were required to prepare kosher meat. Rather than burden themselves before the holiday, it was easier for them to prepare a dairy meal that would fulfill the requirements given by their new legal code.

A final, fascinating explanation for the custom of eating dairy on Shavuot comes from Rabbi Elimelech of Lizhensk, an 18th-century Hassidic master. He recalls the story of the Angels dining at Abraham and Sarah's house before sharing the promise Isaac's birth. During that meal, Abraham serves the Angels dairy followed by meat. It is well known that the tour will go on to prohibit the mixing of dairy and meat with the commandment to “not cook a kid in its mother's milk.” Noam Elimelech wonders why the Torah would prohibit something to humans that it permits to angels. He argues that milk and meat symbolize different spiritual realms and different human needs.

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President's Pen

by Michael Bloom

Chaverim,

I am very pleased to share with you that B'nai Shalom has concluded an employment contract with Hazzan Sandra (Sandy) Steiner Bernstein. Her tenure will commence on July 1, 2021.

We are so very delighted that Cantor Bernstein will be joining our community. Her warmth, musicality, and ability to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds truly set her apart from a very qualified pool of applicants.

"I am honored to serve as the new Hazzan at Congregation B'nai Shalom," Bernstein said. "I am excited to join such a dynamic community and look forward to building deep and enduring relationships in the months and years to come. I am so happy to be joining the dedicated team of volunteers and staff bringing meaningful and engaging programming to the East Bay Jewish Community."

Cantor Bernstein is a Southern California native and a versatile performer: she most recently held the cantorial pulpit at Temple Shalom in Greenwich, Connecticut. Cantor

Bernstein is equally at home in the worlds of Jewish music, opera, and popular song. She has collaborated with artists including Craig Taubman and Neshama Carlebach, and has served as a regional officer of the Cantor's Assembly, the international association of cantors affiliated with the Conservative movement. Cantor Bernstein is also an accomplished Jewish educator who has demonstrated success working with young people in a wide range of settings. When I saw her one morning after visiting our preschool students, one little boy, maybe 3 or 4 years old, looked up at me with a smile and exclaimed "she's the BEST TEACHER!" I think our new Hazzan has found her element.

At Congregation B'nai Shalom, Cantor Bernstein's role will include leading Shabbat and festival services, planning special musical events, training B'nai Mitzvah students, and serving as a pastoral presence alongside the congregation's rabbi, Rabbi Daniel Z. Stein.

"We very much look forward to welcoming Cantor Bernstein to our community," Stein said. "We know that her enthusiastic approach to Judaism



Hazzan Sandra (Sandy) Steiner Bernstein

and to Jewish prayer will elevate our already-robust offerings. Beyond her musical talents, Cantor Bernstein's experience as a Jewish educator and her commitment to young people make her an especially great match for our growing community."

In 2013, Cantor Bernstein received her cantorial ordination from the Academy for Jewish Religion - California (AJRCA). She also received a master's degree from AJR in Jewish Sacred Music with a specialization in Jewish Education. In her free time, Cantor Bernstein enjoys painting, crafting, dancing, and kosher healthy cooking. She and her husband, Gaston Bernstein -- a well-known Latin percussionist -- are the proud parents of two daughters, Gabi and Naomi, and two sons, Daniel and Matt.

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Meat, he suggests, is symbolic of our physical needs and desires while milk symbolizes our spiritual needs and heavenly aspirations. He suggests that the ultimate task of humanity is to merge the physical and the spiritual, but that most humans do not have the capacity to do so. Only Shavuot, when we recall the giving of the Torah, can we approach the spiritual level of angels who transcended from God's spiritual to domain to the physical realm of humanity.

When I was a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, I learned an important rule: if our tradition has more than one explanation for a custom, then we do not know its origins. So it must be the case here. No matter the reason, though, the opportunity to add joy to our festival through creative culinary customs is something that serves to enhance our lives and build lasting memories.

Religious School

by Elaine Manno

We are coming into the home stretch of the school year. Much of this year has been spent working on perfecting our "Zoom game" as well as how and when we plan to reopen our classrooms. I am happy to announce that we reopened Sunday, April 11th! It was so good to be back on campus. The teachers and students are doing a great job transitioning to new class times and/or locations. We are doing our very best to provide for all of the needs of our students and are continuing with distance learning as well as in person. Sometimes you don't know what you are capable of doing until you are forced to make a change. I am thrilled that we are able to provide for all of our students!

Our school's Passover seder was a fun event on Zoom. Every class was responsible for a part of the seder, and the kids did a great job preparing for it. Kudos to our 6th/7th grade class for a very entertaining version of the Passover story, edited by our very own, Avah Dodson. Next year, in person!!

As we come to a close on the 2020-2021 school year, it is so important to acknowledge everyone who made this year a COVID success. Thank you to all of our talented and dedicated teachers Jordana Green, Allison Georgandas, Edna Vaknin, Jason Schwartz, Adeelee Fox, Leeor Frankel, Arla Samuels, Barbara Johnston, Noa Bar, Rabbi Stein, and Eitan Feiger for keeping our students engaged and learning, and for mastering Zoom whether you liked it or not! Special shout out to our madrichim Robert Plattner, Aeryn Zupo, and Ashley Klein for their roles during special programming, elective programming, and helping to manage the office. Thank you to the wonderful members of our school's Education Committee, Jenn Stripe, Adam Brooks, David Eliaser, Steve Goodman, Cheryl Lefelstein, Shari Novik, and Leah Rosenthal-Kambic who help to shape our school and the direction we are going. Last but certainly not least, our resident bubbe, Rita Goldman. Thank you Rita for all of the support you have given me since I started in this role almost 4 years ago. You have been a sounding board, historian, and collaborator in the office. Our school and community won't be the same without you. We wish you the best of luck on your move to Georgia.

Please join us Friday, May 21st during Shabbat services when our 7th graders are promoted to the next level of their Jewish journey and when we will honor Rita Goldman for the many decades of dedication to our school and community.

Have a wonderful summer!



Preschool

by Marla Medwin

As the preschool year is winding down, we look forward to the Moving Up ceremony for our Pre-K class. While it is exciting for some of our students to be moving on to Kindergarten in the fall, it is bittersweet as well. It is never easy to say goodbye to the Pre-K class and their families. Some children in the class have been with us since they were a few months old.

Following the Moving Up Ceremony, we will be transitioning to our Summer Camp program. Summer Camp season is one of my favorite times of the year at Gan B'nai Shalom. Our program is less structured than during the traditional academic year. Summer Camp is a time for our children to have their days filled with fun activities, water time when the weather permits, and spending a lot of time outside during the 8-week camp season. The theme this summer is "Fun in the Sun". Camp space will be limited again for the Summer Camp program. If you have not registered your child(ren) yet, please do not delay and risk having your child(ren) miss an exciting summer camp experience. If you have any questions, please speak to Marla.

There are limited spaces still available for our program. Registration has been open since March and many of the classes are nearing capacity already. Like camp, if it is your intention to enroll or re-enroll your child(ren) for the School Year beginning in August, please submit your forms as soon as possible.



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Adult Education / CCJDS

Civil Rights Study Group

Coming soon we will have a program called "Living As Jews On Ohlone Land".

What does it mean for us to live as Jews on stolen Lisjan Ohlone land? What can we learn from the ways Jewish and Indigenous histories of attempted genocide are similar, and from our vastly different experiences of continuity of place? How can we move toward right relationship with Ohlone people and land? Through an exploration of the history of colonization in the Bay Area, contemporary Indigenous testimony and activism, and our rich Jewish tradition of being one with the earth, we'll explore what we can do to partner with local Indigenous communities and deepen our connection to the land we live on.

For more information regarding this program, please contact:
Michael Fischer (mjf1155@gmail.com)

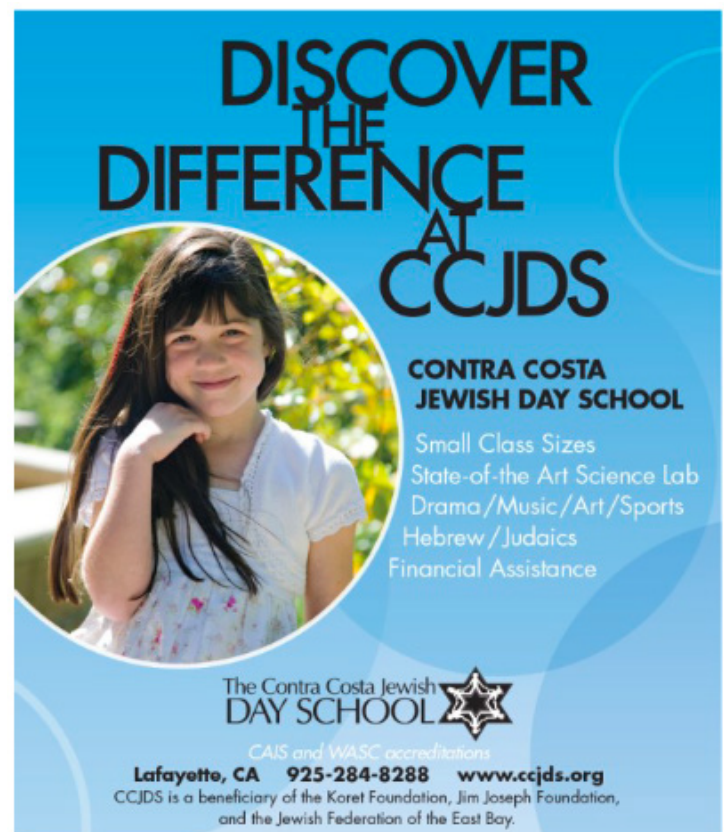
If you have any ideas for programs you would like to see through the Civil Rights Study Group, please contact:
Susan Raider (susan.murai@gmail.com)

The Contra Costa Jewish Day School Parents' Association invites you to an evening of gratitude honoring our extraordinary teachers.

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Congregation News

JOIN CBS & UOT THIS SPRING FOR MUST-SEE VIRTUAL EVENTS

Check us out at underonetent.org



May 8, 9 & 10 Film Screening of “Shamir His Way” Plus Interview with the Filmmaker on Sunday, May 9 at Noon

1991 started with Iraqi missiles launched on Israel and ended with the Madrid Peace Conference. It was also the last year Yitzhak Shamir served as Prime Minister of Israel. The film intertwines exclusive and behind-the-scenes’ insights into Shamir’s controversial decision not to retaliate to Iraq’s missile attack in addition to withstanding international pressure from world leaders such as President George H. W. Bush and President Mikhail Gorbachev. The documentary also reveals his role in an elite and secret unit in the MOSSAD and discusses Shamir’s clandestine meeting with King Hussein, which prevented war with Jordan. Admission is free.

Thursday, May 27, 2:00 PM Talk on “Truman & The State of Israel”

Riva Gambert, *Under One Tent* Program Director and EBIFFF Director, will examine the ups and downs of American foreign policy vis-à-vis the establishment of a Jewish State in the immediate post-WWII period. Truman, while supporting immigration to Jews to what was then British-controlled Palestine, was buffeted by competing interests within his administration as to whether the United States would recognize Israel in May 1948. Admission is free.

Sunday, June 6, 4:00 PM—“Cancel Culture Through a Jewish Lens”

Bari Weiss is an opinion writer and editor. She is the author of *How To Fight Anti-Semitism*. From 2017 to 2020, Bari was an opinion writer and editor at *The New York Times*. Before joining *The Times*, Bari wrote for *The Wall Street Journal* and the online Jewish magazine *Tablet*. She is a regular commentator on television and radio, most especially on HBO’s *Real Time with Bill Maher*. Co-sponsors include Diablo Valley Hadassah and JEICOR. Admission is free.

Thursday, June 17, 2:00 PM—Author Event with Prof. David Biale

Award-winning author David Biale’s book *Hasidism* is the first comprehensive history of the pietistic movement that shaped modern Judaism. It’s unique blend of religious and social history offers perspectives on the movement’s leaders as well as its followers, and demonstrates that, far from being a throwback to the Middle Ages, Hasidism is a product of modernity that forged its identity as a radical alternative to the secular world. Admission is free.

Check Out More Events at underonetent.org
Under One Tent is a program of the Contra Costa JCC

B'nai Mitzvah

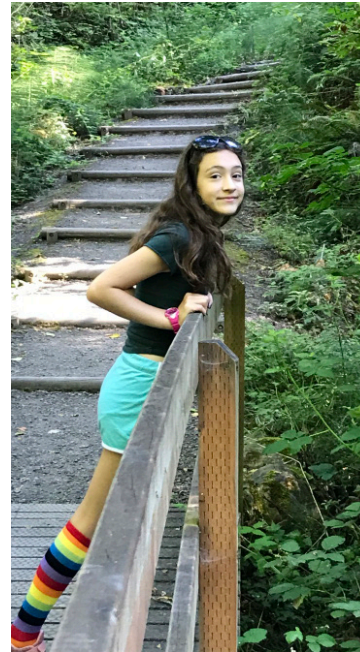


Mark and Diana Plattner

Lisa and Timothy Plattner are proud and excited to announce that their twins, Mark and Diana, will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah on May 15, 2021. They are seventh graders at Diablo Vista Middle School. Mark, who is older by one whole minute, has many interests other than playing tons of video games. He loves to read and to play chess, and his fantasy is to be able to beat his dad. He has a strong love of history, especially military history. Travel is another one of his loves, which probably explains his extreme interests in planes, trains and automobiles. Mark seems happiest when he is in or around an airport, and he would love to be a pilot when he gets older. If he can't do that, he'd like to be a policeman, and help to fix what he thinks is a broken system.

Diana is the extrovert to Mark's introvert. She is all about theater, acting and singing. She has performed in Shakespeare camp, was the youngest student in Young REP in Walnut Creek when she first attended, and has been in school musicals. She can't wait to be back in person at school so that she can do more of it. Among her hobbies are cooking, complicated hairstyles, and watching YouTube videos to improve her skills at both. Her skills at arguing would make her an excellent attorney, but she would love to be an actress.

Over the course of this extremely challenging year, the twins have worked hard on their Jewish education, and they miss being a part of the congregation in person.



Avah Dodson

Hi. I'm Avah Dodson, and I'm in the seventh grade class at B'nai Shalom. I've been at this congregation for nine years; I go to Head-Royce School in Oakland. I like reading and writing. I've written a lot of stories and poems; some of them have won awards and lots of them have been published in various magazines. I also love cats, which is why made my mitzvah project supporting cat shelters in Israel. I live with my parents Scott and Ami and my older brother, Asher, and our two cats Peaches and Pouncer.

Adam Jacob Novik

Adam Jacob Novik will be called to the Torah on May 29, 2021 for his Bar Mitzvah. Adam has been attending Congregation B'nai Shalom since he was three years old when he started in the preschool. Adam is a 7th grader at Foothill Middle School in Walnut Creek. A straight-A student, Adam enjoys playing basketball, biking, and computer games. After getting into biking and computers a few years ago, he has built both of his own and helped friends do the same. A compassionate friend and natural leader, Adam has contributed to his school in meaningful ways including on Student Council and as a Peacemaker. He loves animals and has rescued a few over the years. This year, Adam raised money for the American Cancer Society, a cause that is near and dear to his family's heart. His parents, Sam and Shari Novik, could not be more proud of this kind, talented young man as he reaches this important milestone of his Bar Mitzvah.



Tikun Olam

by Margie Goldware and Margalit Ir

Making a Difference in our Communities

The Tikun Olam Committee thanks everyone for continued support of our community in this time of need. We certainly make a difference in our communities.

JFCS – East Bay - Many thanks to a long list of congregants who responded so generously to our annual request to help East Bay homebound seniors enjoy Passover essentials. This year, Jewish Family and Community Services-East Bay provided 230 Passover dinners to 140 homes. Each home also received a bag filled with matzah, chicken soup (with matzah balls), gefilte fish, horseradish, macaroons and a box of tea bags. JFCS is so appreciative of the role our congregants play in providing these items to so many Jewish seniors who rely on their caring community.



Back to School - Finally! Once again, we are being asked to join other faith organizations in our area to support children returning to school by providing them with funds for basic school supplies. We partner with Hope Solutions and Monument Crisis Center who actually purchase and distribute the filled backpacks to school kids. Your donations of any amount are so appreciated! You have the power to influence the attitudes and success of children eagerly awaiting a more normal school year!



Monument Crisis Center YASHER KOACH!

A heartwarming thank you to everyone for responding to our request for donations to help the Monument Crisis Center. We raised more than \$3000 to help the Crisis Center purchase food that they could supply to families in need. We are an amazing people to be so generous to help others in times of need. Hopefully none of us will ever know hunger, but be assured we always have a heart, we will always be generous, and we will always take care of those less fortunate than we are. Todah Rabah from Sue Lefelstein and the entire Tikun Olam Committee.



The Food Bank is a year-round program. Please consider this organization in your donation plans for this year.



Anne Cahn manages the volunteers at **Loaves and Fishes and Shelter, Inc.** While the volunteers are not able to participate in the preparing and serving meals during the pandemic, the clients still need to eat. Your generous donation to either of these two organizations are always welcome. As we all know, support is critical for these clients.



B'Yachad is beginning to expand the assistance we can offer to congregants. We have begun to offer rides to medical appointments for people who need them. If you would feel comfortable driving someone who is following safety precautions, please contact Elyse Eisner (elyse.eisner@gmail.com). This is an easy way to get acquainted with someone you might not already know!



You answered the call of the hungry, the homeless and the disadvantaged with extraordinary generosity. What a mitzvah! The Tikun Olam Committee is aware that requests for donations are coming to you every day. TODAH RABAH from the entire Tikun Olam Committee.



Contact Margie Goldware or Margalit Ir to learn how you can help build our Tikun Olam Mission. Our caring congregants assist our neighbors in need in many ways. Your contributions are so appreciated.

Women of B'nai Shalom

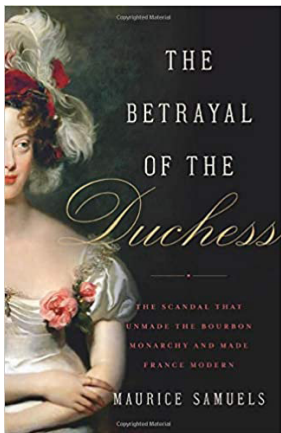
by Anne Nicolson

We are all excited to see new events in coming months with real live person-to-person contact! In the meantime, we will continue with popular Zoom events:

Libations with the Ladies

Libations with the Ladies, on the second Monday of the Month at 3 PM. On **May 10th at 3 PM**, we will schmooze and have a special project making folded paper boxes for a memorial project honoring those who have died through gun violence. In June, we hope to return to being *Dames who Dine* and meeting for dinner at a local restaurant.

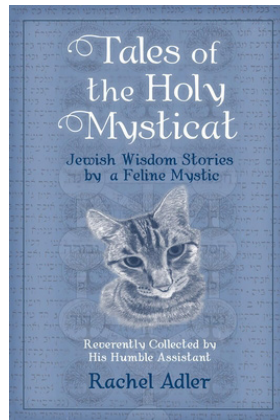
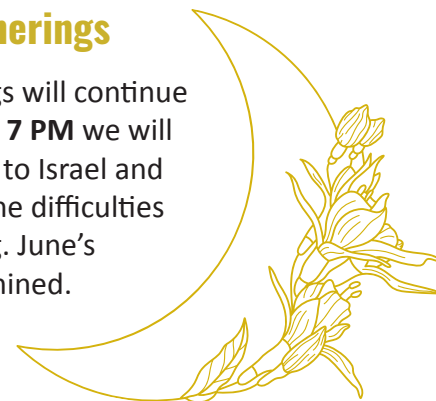
WBS Book Group



WBS Book Group concludes its reading year with *The Betrayal of the Duchess*, by Maurice Samuels, with the discussion led by Ida Gottfried. Our meeting will be by Zoom, on **May 25th**, a departure from our usual third Tuesday meeting in honor of the Shavuot holiday on May 18th.

Rosh Chodesh Gatherings

Rosh Chodesh gatherings will continue on Zoom. On **May 12 at 7 PM** we will learn about immigrants to Israel and the United States and the difficulties they face in assimilating. June's program is to be determined.



On **June 15th** we will discuss *Tales of the Holy Mystic: Jewish Wisdom Stories by a Feline Mystic*, by Rabbi Rachel Adler. We look forward to having a guest discussion leader. Copies are limited.

Please contact **Anne Nicolson**, anne.e.nicolson@gmail.com. And join us later in the summer to set our reading list for 2021-2022.

We are eager to explore more programming ideas and to returning to in person meetings for events such as monthly Bunco and weekly Mah Jongg.



Men's Club

by Jon Medwin

We want to express my gratitude to Rabbi Stein for leading the Second Annual Virtual CBS Men's Club Community Second Seder. It was also the 5th Annual CBS Men's Club Community Second Seder, the first three were held in the Social Hall. It was fantastic, beautiful, and much needed within our community! To paraphrase a chant from towards the end of the Seder: L'Shanah HaBaahe B'Social Hall! May we all be able to celebrate the 2022 Second Seder in person in the Social Hall!

We also want to thank all those people who participated in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program and to those who made financial contributions. It is very much appreciated allowing us to recoup expenses of buying candles, boxes, supplies, and postage. If you have not made a contribution to the CBS Men's Club for the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program, it is still not too late. You may send in your check payable to the CBS Men's Club or through PayPal at cbsmensclub@aol.com.

Changing gears, unfortunately, the Federation of Jewish Men's Club Biennial Convention that was scheduled to take place June 30th-July 5th in Chicago has been canceled. However, in lieu of the in-person convention, a virtual convention is now scheduled for June 6-13, 2021. The cost to participate is a very affordable \$36, but the Western Region of the FJMC is offering a subsidy of \$18, making your out of pocket cost to participate in a week of virtual programming, just \$18. Please see [Convention 2021 | Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs \(fjmc.org\)](https://www.fjmc.org). On that web page, as you scroll down, you will see an event calendar by day. For many of you who have never participated in a Biennial FJMC Convention, participating in this virtual convention will give you a taste of what you may

experience if you decide to attend and participate in the 2023 Biennial FJMC Convention. There is a lot to experience over that week for \$18. We hope you are able to join us for all or part of the scheduled programs June 6-13. Please do not forget to register in advance at the website listed above.

On a personal note, I would like to announce that I have been nominated to serve as the President of the Western Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs effective July 1, 2021. While it was not something that I necessarily sought, at least at this time, I am truly honored even to be considered for that position. The Western Region of FJMC represents 22 Men's Clubs throughout Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, and Oregon. For now, I will also continue to serve as the CBS Men's Club President too. However, I will have to begin to scale back on some of my club responsibilities. To that end, if there are men who are interested in taking on a more active role within the CBS Men's Club, perhaps chairing an event, or, perhaps, taking on a leadership role, I encourage you to reach out to me. I would be happy to discuss this with you.

As always, if you would like to reach out to me, please do so at cbsmensclub@aol.com. I welcome the opportunity for dialogue.

Contra Costa Midrasha



by Devra C. Aarons

We are rapidly approaching the end of this school year. For May and June, I am truly excited for the opportunity in these months to get to start seeing Midrasha people in person. Right now, we are poised to offer a couple of different opportunities for our teens to gather in person (safely - outdoors, with masks and social distancing). A huge thanks to all of you at B'nai Shalom for graciously agreeing to bring us onto your campus for many of these sessions. These events include:

- A Wednesday night hybrid for the last six weeks of Midrasha. Between April 14 - May 19, we will switch off between being in person at B'nai Shalom and being on Zoom. Teens are invited to join us!
- Spring Hybrid Retreat from April 23-25! We'll be on Zoom Friday night - Saturday afternoon. Then Saturday night is an outdoor movie night with an GPS Treasure Hunt Sunday afternoon at Briones Park.
- Our Hamsa Fund and Better Together will end with special in person events to celebrate the accomplishments of both of these groups.

May features our annual graduation, on May 26th. Max Benabou, Sam Benabou and Abby Lusherovich are the B'nai Shalom teens who will be graduating as part of this class of 14 teens. We will likely host this evening in a hybrid format. If you want to join us for the live streamed event, check our website for announcements!

CCM's Hamsa Fund just finished their allocation plans for the year. The group has raised close to \$15,000! They chose non-profit groups American Friends of ELI, Winter Nights, Shalom Bayit, Rebuilding Together and Loaves and Fishes - all organizations supporting the health and safety of families. A huge mazel tov to the 11 teens for all their hard work this year!

We're crossing our fingers that Midrasha can fully resume for "in person" sessions this Fall 2021. Announcements about retreats, Wednesday nights and more will continue coming out. We look forward to seeing all of you in person in the coming weeks and months. To see our current plans, visit: ccmidrasha.com

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2021-22!**

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Tzedakah

The Congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

Legacy Gifts

We are deeply grateful to the following congregants who have shown their love for our community and their desire to ensure that it continues to thrive and grow in the future through a legacy gift. We will always remember these special members with love and appreciation.

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Virtual Candle Lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat Service

In-person (outside) and Online Candle Lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat Service
 Fridays 6:00 pm

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Virtual Abridged Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays at 10:00 am.

Preschool Shabbat

Fridays 9:30 am in sanctuary when Preschool in session.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR MAY & JUNE

- Saturday, May 1** Shabbat Shacharit Service/Bat Mitzvah of Avah Dodson9:30am
- Friday, May 7** Family Shabbat with Isaac Zones and Preschool Teacher Appreciation Service.....6:00pm
- Saturday, May 15** Shabbat Shacharit Service/B'nai Mitzvah of Diana and Mark Plattner.....9:30am
- Monday, May 17** Shavuot (First Day) Shavuot Festival Service.....9:30am
- Tuesday, May 18** Shavuot (Second Day) Shavuot Festival Service.....9:30am
 Yizkor.....11:00am
- Friday, May 21** 7th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and Religious School Teacher Appreciation Service honoring Rita Goldman6:00pm
- Saturday, May 22** CBS Men's Club Shabbat.....9:30am
- Saturday, May 29** Shabbat Shacharit Service/Bar Mitzvah of Adam Novik9:30am

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