



# Hadashot



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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

Dear Friends,

I'd like to use my column this month to acknowledge a moment of transition for our community. I begin, first, by welcoming Hazzan Sandy Bernstein to our community. We feel so truly fortunate that Congregation B'nai Shalom will benefit from her warmth, musicianship, and dedication to Judaism and the Jewish People. We are also excited to welcome her family to our community; I am confident that we will all do our very best to make her and her husband Gaston, and their children Gabi, Naomi, Daniel and Matt feel welcome in the weeks and months ahead.

Hazzan Bernstein's tenure officially begins this July, and she will be using this month as an opportunity to learn more about

Congregation B'nai Shalom and Jewish life in the East Bay. She will also begin leading services with me on Friday, July 9. We plan on formally welcoming the Bernstein family at our Family Shabbat in August; an installation ceremony and celebration will be held in the spring, when we can all safely gather.

This month, I also have the opportunity to express gratitude to Alyssa Faulkenberg as she and Mark return to Houston, where exciting new opportunities await their family. I am so grateful for the years of friendship and dedicated support the Faulkenbergs have contributed to B'nai Shalom. They were among the first families Dena and I met in our community: as a volunteer, Alyssa served as a member of the search committee that led to my

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engagement, and both she and Mark were part of a group that warmly welcomed our family when we moved from Pennsylvania. Alyssa, of course, transitioned to the professional leadership of our community, investing her talents and substantial time in making sure our community continued to thrive. We are all grateful for the countless hours she invested on our behalf; we are stronger for her leadership. I know this move, which will allow Mathew and Adriana to grow up closer to family, will be so rewarding for the Faulkenbergs, it is still bittersweet for us. Our loss, though, is Houston's gain, and we wish them all blessing and success in their new/old home! We will have the chance to honor Alyssa and Mark this month; I hope you will all join us!

As always, please continue to check our website and your emails for the most current congregational news! As restrictions continue to ease, our plans remain dynamic. This is especially true in planning our High Holiday programming; a full schedule will be available on our website by mid-August!

Wishing you all a relaxing summer!

*Rabbi Stein*



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# President's Pen

by Michael Bloom

## Transitions!

Welcome to summertime! Remember when summer was when you didn't "have to" go to school, when the weather was nice and you could play with your friends, or hang around the lamppost on a hot July evening just improving your friendships? Now we have "summer school," working vacations, and many other things to occupy our time. Summertime was once the result of a political compromise between the farmers and the bankers: as productivity became critical in agribusiness, the number of farmers dwindled and bankers multiplied. This brought about many changes—crops were tended during the warm summer months, and during the winter kids went to school.

Today, we as a culture, and B'nai Shalom as a community, face many changes. The world has moved to a masked and "socially distanced" standard of personal engagement, there have been political changes in both the United States and Israel, and our economic resources have been strained due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Hopefully, that is all behind us.

Balancing the many issues we have faced as a country remains difficult. Synagogues and churches were forced to find new vehicles to communicate with their congregants at the beginning of the pandemic, and Zoom came to the forefront of communication when we were social-distancing. Educators approved Zoom's use for schools, only to find severe emotional impacts on children. For the High Holy Days this fall, easily two-thirds of the synagogue leaders with whom I have spoken are relying on Zoom for at least some of their services.

Humans like stability. Many people don't adjust easily to change — things like a different road to the office, or a change in bell schedule for the kids, or a new teacher who doesn't "know the ropes." Others just plain don't like it, and we get fits of rage and anger, or people just dropping out of society; I have heard some academics who believe that these changes are responsible for the homeless populations.

The amount of change we have faced in a relatively short time has also increased the concern for our mental health. I think what we don't like is not so much what the next stage looks like or feels like, but the difficulty of the transition from where we are now to something new and different. The challenge for all of us at B'nai Shalom is to get deep enough into these transitional choices so that we, as a community, are able to select ones that we want to adopt and which appeal to as many of our congregants as possible.

Our current High Holy Day plans, for example, include some services by Zoom, others using our webcam (streaming) technology, and others with Zoom and in-person for the same service. We feel an obligation to provide services in a way that gives people choice and does not jeopardize their safety.

For the High Holy Days this year, we are planning to continue our Alternative Service on *Rosh Hashanah* First Day and on *Yom Kippur*. And we are looking forward, with great enthusiasm, to the community-wide debut of our new Hazzan, Sandra Bernstein, teamed with the awesome, heartfelt *ruach* and leadership of Rabbi Daniel Stein. I think that one of the deciding factors in choosing Hazzan

Bernstein has been her very broad knowledge of "traditional" Conservative Ashkenazi liturgy, but with the skills and interest to gradually bring us something new. We hope that our time together during the Days of Awe will remind us of the importance of community, help guide us toward making good choices, and comfort those in need of extra support. I look forward to seeing all of you, via Zoom or otherwise, to share this special time as a holy, diverse, and quite exceptional community.

I am happy to connect with you at any time. The best way to reach me is to contact me during office hours, "Bloom on Zoom" from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM every Monday. We will have 15 minutes of uninterrupted 1:1 discussion and you will control the topic(s).



# Hazzan's Hai Notes

by Hazzan Sandy Bernstein

As I sit and write this, my first article for the CBS newsletter, ever present in my mind is the following verse from the third *parashah*/portion of the Torah: *Vayomer Adonai el Avram, lekh l'kha me-artz'kha umimoladt'kha umibeit avikha el haaretz asher areka* (Gen. 12:1) And Adonai said to Avram, Go, leave your country and your birthplace and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you. Turns out, I've done that.

As you may or may not know, I was born and raised in the Los Angeles area in Southern California. While my family and I moved from Hollywood, where I was born to the San Fernando Valley where I was raised (yes, I was a "Valley Girl"), and ultimately, we moved to the South Bay Beach Cities, I only imagined what it might be like to live somewhere other than So Cal. I eventually married my husband, Gaston, who lived in the South Bay and as he had two sons from his first marriage, Daniel and Matthew, we knew we would not be able to move away from the South Bay so as to continue to be near them. By the time I was ordained from the Academy for Jewish Religion California, Daniel and Matthew had moved to Santa Cruz (when Daniel was studying at UCSC). Finally, Gaston and our two daughters, Gabi and Naomi and I were free to move about the country. To leave the area where I was raised, the area of my birthplace and my parent's home.

We first followed Gaston's career, which took us to Philadelphia where we spent five years and where our daughters became B'not Mitzvah at Beth Sholom Congregation (our home shul) and where I ultimately served Congregation Beth-El Ner Tamid for four years. Our next move was to follow my career, which took us to Greenwich, CT and Temple Sholom. We eventually

purchased a home there and shortly thereafter, I was told that the congregation was suffering financially and that was before COVID19 hit whereupon, the congregation's financial difficulties, turned dire and they had to eliminate even more positions than they already had.

Well, as they say, when one door closes, another opens. The financial hardships in Greenwich meant that I needed to search for another position and I am thrilled that the closing of that door, has opened a new door and lead me here to serve all of you at CBS!! While I am returning to my home state of California, the East Bay is new to me and I am grateful to the search committee and the board for bringing me here. I am so excited to get to know you all, to celebrate many *s'ma h ot*/joyous occasions together, to learn together, to *daven*/pray together, to sing together and to reach new spiritual heights together for many years to come. Please be patient with me as I learn your names ;-)...I have a theory behind my challenge to learning names, which I'm happy to share if you are interested at some point.

While I have many ideas of programs, learning, services and concerts for us to explore, and Rabbi Stein, the CBS staff and I are off and running planning some of these already, if you have an idea for a program or learning or special service that you would like, please let me know as I am always open to new ideas. You can e-mail me at [HazzanBernstein@bshalom.org](mailto:HazzanBernstein@bshalom.org) with ideas or to introduce yourself.

If you know of any teens who love to sing and would be interested in singing with me during the High Holy Days, please let me know ASAP!

B'shirah uv'Shalom (in song and in peace),

*Hazzan Sandy Bernstein*

# Religious School

by Elaine Manno

After such a crazy school year, I hope you are all getting some rest and relaxation this summer. I spent a week reflecting and recuperating. I am back at it, busy planning for the upcoming year and looking forward to a full reopening for our school program. Registration is now open! Get your forms in as soon as possible as this helps us with our planning. If you need forms, email me at [emanno@bshalom.org](mailto:emanno@bshalom.org).

I can't wait for our monthly Geshher Pre-K to resume this year. It has been a great success in years past and the teachers and I look forward to showing our young friends what religious school is all about. All member children are free as are Gan B'nai Shalom students. Please contact me for further information and registration forms or if you know someone who might be interested, point them in my direction.

As of June 1st, I have taken on a new role at B'nai Shalom. In addition to running our religious school, I am now the Director of Family Programming and Outreach. I look forward to creating new ways for our families to engage within our community and build on relationships. Stay tuned for details about our new activities and events.

There are a few chances to meet up with your CBS friends this summer. Join us for:

- Shabbat Services and Kiddush Lunch in memory of Shaina Herts-Grimm on Saturday July 10th
- Annual End of Summer Open House and BBQ on August 22nd from 4pm-6pm



## Geshher Pre-K 2021-2022 School Year

**Geshher is the Hebrew word for bridge and this year is meant to bridge your young student to school, make new friends, and build on the friendships they already have. Each class will focus on a different theme that will enhance their Jewish experience and get them ready for Kindergarten.**

**This is a drop off program for any student in Pre-K Fall 2021 and set to enter Kindergarten in Fall 2022 (4-5 years old). Attendance is free for all Gan B'nai Shalom students and B'nai Shalom members, however registration is required.**

**All others are welcome at \$10 per class or \$75 for the whole series**

**Class schedule and themes are as follows:**

**September 19 - High Holidays**

**October 17 - Shabbat**

**November 14 - Havdalah**

**December 5 - Hanukkah**

**January 23 - Tu B'shevat**

**February 13 - Mitzvot**

**March 6 - Purim**

**April 10 - Passover**

**May 22 - Shavuot**

*Dates and themes subject to change*

**Please contact our Religious School Director, Elaine Manno, at 925-639-7090 for enrollment, questions, and additional information.**



- Family Shabbat Service & Dinner welcoming Hazzan Bernstein and her family on August 27th at 6:00pm

Always check the on-line calendar for additional details and other events.

I hope you continue to enjoy summer break. I look forward to seeing you and your families in August and on September 12th, when the new school year begins!

# Preschool

by Marla Medwin

Preschool 2020-21 has been amazing this year. Seeing all of the preschoolers and their families, hearing the laughter and watching them form bonds with each other and the teachers was incredible. Each day walking in the classes to hear the children learning, singing, and playing together was a joy.

Gan B'nai Shalom Preschool was able to do our Pre-K Moving Up ceremony in person this year. We had over 60 people to watch the children move from Pre-K children to now becoming Kindergartners. They worked very hard to prepare for the special day and it showed.



A special THANK YOU to all the staff for the fabulous job they all did during this year. We look forward to having so many of our families back in the fall for another fabulous school year.



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# Congregation News

## Thank You Eva!

There comes along but once in many years a very special person. One everyone can count on for “getting the job done.” It is important to acknowledge such a person and to appreciate how lucky we are to have her. Women of B’nai Shalom is blessed with many women to have done a myriad of things for the shul as well as for Sisterhood, but one stands out among all the others: A person who never says no if it is in her power, a lady who “gets it done” no matter what it is. If she can’t do it herself, she knows where to go to get it done. We can always count on EVA VOGEL!

During this very trying time, we need to recognize the people that stand out. Although we cannot gather together to sing her accolades, we can try to print the many things she has done for us.

Eva, for many years, has volunteered at CBS, not only through Sisterhood/Women of B’nai Shalom but for the Congregation as a whole. A modified listing of Eva’s contributions to CBS is:

For B’nai Shalom: Going back many years to our old Ark - Eva made and changed the curtain inside the Ark for each season, changed the Torah mantles each year for High Holy Days; raised funds for new Torah mantles both for year round use and for High Holy Days; in house professional repair person for the Torah mantels and crowns; participated in the committees that designed and purchased the tapestries that hang in the Sanctuary, the prayer table, pews and carpets, etc. that now make up our Sanctuary, and proof reader of Hadashot.

For Women of B’nai Shalom: Judaica Shop Chair, Chair of the Hamantashen baking and the Purim boxes, Treasurer, Branch Board member, WLCJ conference participant, etc.

These are just some of the efforts that Eva has put forth on our behalf over the many years of her involvement with Congregation B’nai Shalom. Women of B’nai Shalom are pleased to honor Eva for her many years of devotion with a presentation of a personalized calligraphy handmade by Rabbi Gordon Freeman.

Todah Rabah Eva – May you go from strength to strength.



## JOIN CBS, UOT & EBIJFF THIS SUMMER FOR MUST-SEE VIRTUAL EVENTS

Check us out at [underonetent.org](http://underonetent.org)



### July, Dates To Be Determined “We’re Longing for Shorts”

Some of the best Israeli films are short features. Although not full-length movies, our selection is “long” in quality and in humor. In July (dates tbd) we’ll stream two: *A Fish Out of Water* and *Welcome and Our Condolences*. The window for the virtual screenings will be over several days. Admission for the duo is \$5.00 per household. Sponsors: EBIJFF, CCJCC & Cong. B’nai Shalom. Register at [eastbayjewishfilm.org](http://eastbayjewishfilm.org) or [underonetent.org](http://underonetent.org) beginning July 1.

### Thursday, July 22, 2:00 PM Talk “Lawrence of Arabia vs. Nili: The Ottoman Empire on Fire”

Riva Gambert, *Under One Tent* Program Director, will take us on a journey back in time--to the Ottoman Empire during World War I when Lawrence of Arabia and the members of the Nili spy ring tried to help Great Britain in its war effort. Lawrence was immortalized in David Lean’s Oscar-winning film. Nili’s members were Jewish residents in Ottoman-controlled Palestine. Admission: \$5.00. Sponsors: Contra Costa JCC & Cong. B’nai Shalom.

### Sunday, August 15, 4:30 PM “From Miniskirt to Hijab: A Girl in Revolutionary Iran”

Jacqueline Saper was born in Tehran when the Shah was in power, but at eighteen witnessed the civil unrest of the 1979 Iranian revolution. In a deeply intimate and personal story, she recounts life under the Ayatollah regime. Seemingly overnight she went from living a carefree life to listening to fanatic diatribes, forced to wear the hijab, and hiding in the basement as Iraqi bombs fell over the city. She eventually fled to the U.S. in 1987 with her husband and children after witnessing her six-year-old daughter’s indoctrination into radical Islamic politics at school. Admission is free; a donation of \$5.00 is requested. Sponsors: Contra Costa JCC in partnership with Cong. B’nai Shalom, Diablo Valley Hadassah & JEICOR.

### COMING UP THIS FALL:

*The Ethics of Editing the Human Genome*, *Meet the Jews of India*, *Around the World with Fred* on Jewish Berlin, a series on *Who Are the Mizrahi Jews?* & More Exciting “Go Read It!” authors

**Check Out More Events at [underonetent.org](http://underonetent.org)**  
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# Congregation News



*Congregation B'nai Shalom*

**End of Summer  
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6:00 PM**

Stay tuned for more details.  
Reach out to Elaine at  
[emanno@bshalom.org](mailto:emanno@bshalom.org) with  
questions.

Congregation  
B'nai Shalom





## YASHER KOACH

A heartwarming thank you to everyone for responding to our (Tikun Olam Committee) request for donations to help the **Monument Crises Center**. We raised almost \$3000 to help the Crises Center purchase food that they were unable to 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.

*Sue Lefelstein*

 A flyer for a 'Back to School Supply Drive 2020-2021'. The background is a collage of school supplies including scissors, pencils, paper clips, and a ruler. In the center is the 'Tikun Olam' logo, which features a globe and the text 'Tikun Olam' in Hebrew and English, with the tagline 'Making the world a better place'. Below the logo, the text reads:
 

**Back to School Supply Drive 2020-2021**

Students from low income households need our help as they return to school.

Because of Covid-19, only monetary donations are needed this year (no school supplies)  
Suggested donation of \$36 will fill a backpack (any amount is appreciated)

Donations can be easily made. Go to [bshalom.org](http://bshalom.org) website, click on Tikun Olam, Make a Donation, Back to School Fund.

**DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS IS JULY 31st**

Donations will go to Hope Solutions (formerly Contra Costa Inter-faith Housing) and Monument Crisis Center. Please be generous.

For additional information contact Margie Goldware

Congregation B'nai Shalom

# Congratulations Graduates!

2021



## Max and Sam Benabou

We are very excited to announce the graduation of Max and Sam Benabou from College Park High School class of 2021. They will both be attending Stanford University class of 2025 in the Fall studying Psychology (Max) and Human Biology (Sam).



## Cayla Quinn

Cayla Quinn (she/her), daughter of Charles and Caryn Quinn, is a Mechanical Engineering major with a Manufacturing concentration and Spanish minor. The most impactful

parts of her time at Cal Poly were finding community in the Cal Poly Dance Team and her time abroad in Spain and Israel. Her favorite Honors memory is installing solar panels with GRID Alternatives as part of the first-year community partner project. For her senior project, her team participated in the Fluid Power Vehicle Challenge, a national competition hosted by the National Fluid Power Association (NFPA). They designed, built, and raced a hydraulic-powered tricycle to compete in sprint, endurance, and efficiency challenges. After graduation, she will be continuing at Cal Poly in the Blended Master's Program in Biomedical Engineering, and she hopes to eventually work in a healthcare setting in a managerial position. Congratulations Cayla and good luck!



## Rebecca Vincent

The Vincent Family congratulates Rebecca on finishing Hebrew School.



## David Bresler Williams

Grandson of Deborah & Michael Bloom, son of Miriam & Jake Williams Graduated from Brooklyn Heights (NY) Synagogue Pre-School June 3, 2021. In the Fall, will start PS-29 Pre-K (in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn). In this photo, David symbolically crosses The Rainbow Bridge from Pre-S to Pre-K.



## Annabelle Zane Adams

Granddaughter of Anne Nicolson.

## Daniela Bernstein

Daniela Bernstein (granddaughter of Ida Gottfried and Nessim Daccarett) Class of 2021. Double degree in: B.A. in Human Rights, Columbia University and B.A. in Hebrew Bible, Jewish Theological Seminary.

## William Cohen

William, son of Molly and Alan Cohen, graduated with a bachelor of science degree from American University in Washington, DC this May. He'll be moving to Charlotte, NC and starting a job in the data science field.

## Ashley Kahsen

Ashley Kahsen: Promoted to Dougherty Valley H. S.

## Joshua Kahsen

Joshua Kahsen: Graduated Dougherty Valley H.S. and also achieved the Rank of EAGLE SCOUT. Will attend Southern Oregon University.

## Jacob Labovitz

Jacob Labovitz, grandson of Anne Flato, graduated from Homestead High, Cupertino. He'll be attending Boston University in the fall.

## Andrew Pearce

Andrew Pearce: Graduated Amador Valley H. S. in Pleasanton and will attend Lehigh University in PA.

## Adina Sweet

Our granddaughter, Adina Sweet, graduated from College Preparatory School in Oakland. She is the daughter of Michael and Debra Sweet of San Francisco. Her grandparents are Helen and Rodney Sweet, Lafayette.

# Tikun Olam

by Tikun Olam Committee

## 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.

### Magen David Adom

Last month the war in Israel took a toll on so many people in the region. B'nai Shalom took up a donation for Magen David Adom to help this volunteer organization continue their critical work in saving lives. Thank you, Congregations B'nai Shalom, for your very generous donation to MDA.



families connect with schooling for children, medical care, learning English, learning the social service network, obtaining legal assistance when necessary, and generally learning how things work here in Northern California. Teams will be formed and trained this summer; if you are interested in learning more, please contact Michael Fischer, Margie Goldware or Margalit Ir

### 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 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!



### B'Yachad

We continue to offer rides to our congregants in need, taking them shopping, to doctors appointments, and the hospital. Please consider volunteering for this mitzvah. Contact Elyse Eisner or Marcia Goodman Lavey with your offer to volunteer.



### Monument Crisis Center

The Monument Crisis Center staff is greatly appreciative of the recent donations we made to help our community struggling with food insecurities. Now we are coming back to you for something equally essential. Many of these families do not have basic toiletries, toothpaste, brushes, shampoo, soap, etc. Please consider a donation to help purchase these items, or bring items to the synagogue office and place them in the bins available outside of the office. Contact Sue Lefelstein with any questions.



### The Food Bank

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



### Welcome the Stranger

Local organizations working with refugees are expecting an influx of immigrants this Fall. How can you offer assistance? We would like to form teams of 4-6 people who will be assigned a family to work with for 3-6 months as these families begin to settle into life in the U.S. We will be partnering with both Jewish Family and Community Services-East Bay (JFCS) and the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI), who will match us with immigrant families and provide training and resources. The welcome teams may involve work such as helping



### Loaves and Fishes and Shelter, Inc.

Anne Cahn manages the volunteers at Loaves and Fishes and Shelter, Inc. She has a small group of CBS volunteers who help prepare take away food at Loaves and Fishes in Pittsburg. If you are able to help with this mitzvah, you will find the experience rewarding in many ways! Please contact Anne to discuss your availability.



**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 come to you from many organizations. 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

It's exciting to be out and about again, and look forward to expanded programming in the coming year.

Kudos to those who have kept WBS active on-line during the pandemic, especially Channah Katz and Carol Stone for Rosh Chodesh programming, Susan Raider for Libations with the Ladies, Anne Nicolson and many volunteer discussion leaders for WBS Book Group, Sue Agron for being the webmaster and keeping information flowing, and Sandra Eliaser for maintaining our connections with the North by Northwest Region and Women's League International. A very special Todah Rabah to Karla Smith who made our Torah Fund donation this year triple our previous year. At a time when our seminaries needed the most help, we really came through.

## Dames Who Dine

Live and In Person! After a year of virtual meet-ups as Libations with the Ladies, we will be returning to Dames who Dine monthly on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in October. Look for more information in the Shabbat and Shavua Tov emails. A big todah rabah to Susan Raider for keeping us connected during the shut-down and for arranging our Dames who Dine outings.

## WBS Book Group

Women of B'nai Shalom are serious readers. It was great to be at the home of Andy Strauss for a brown bag lunch and our June meeting. The Book Group is taking July and September off, but we will meet at 1 PM on Tuesday, August 17 in the Conference Room at B'nai Shalom. Here is the prospective reading list for 2021-2022 (5782). Please volunteer to lead our discussion on one or more of these titles.

**August:** *The Woman with the Blue Star*, by Pam Jenoff

**October:** *Daniel Deronda*, by George Eliot

**November:** *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, by Kim Richardson

**December:** *We Were the Lucky Ones*, by Georgia Hunter

**January:** *The Hidden Palace: A Novel of the Golem and the Jinni*, by Helene Wecker

**February:** *Darkness at Noon*, by Arthur Koestler

**March:** *The Rose Code*, by Kate Quinn

**April:** *Peony*, by Pearl S. Buck

**May:** *The Light of Days: The Untold Stories of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos*, by Judy Batalion

**June:** *Midnight Library*, by Matt Haig



WBS members Discussing "Tales of the Holy Mysticat" by Rachel Adler at the home of Andy Strauss on June 15, 2021.

## Judaica Shop

Please remember the WBS Judaica Shop for all your ritual needs. We have Shabbat and Yahrzeit candles, gifts for every occasion. The Judaica shop is one of our most important sources of revenue. Without your support, we cannot provide support to the congregation. Make an appointment to browse with Julie Solomon.

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# Men's Club

by Jon Medwin

As I write this article, I am several days into the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Biennial Convention. I have been participating in the Convention virtually from home, as the in-person conference scheduled for Chicago had to be canceled due to COVID. Fortunately, we had a number of CBS Men's Club members who joined me virtually. For those that did not, you missed something truly special – getting a taste of what the FJMC Convention is like. For those of you who opted not to participate, you missed something that was fantastic, and attended by 682 participants worldwide.

The Convention kicked off with Tal Brody, known as "Mr. Basketball Israel". His story is amazing, and he is credited with putting Israel on the professional European basketball map. There is a movie about his accomplishments. As a high school basketball player from Trenton, NJ, he led his team to win the New Jersey State High School Basketball Championship. From there he had a standout career at the University of Illinois. At the end of his senior year in college, he was a #12 pick (not a 12th round pick). After being drafted by the then Baltimore Bullets (now the Washington Wizards) he opted to play professionally in Israel. Before the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" featuring the US Olympic Hockey Team winning the Gold Medal, there was the "Miracle on Hardwood" in 1977 where Brody and his Maccabi Tel Aviv team beat a true Goliath in the European League for an unfathomable championship, much like the story of "Miracle on Ice", which occurred three years later, but is much better known, even among casual sports and hockey fans. The CBS Men's Club is planning on having a Dinner & Discussion, In the Fall on a date to be announced. Whether you are a Zionist or basketball fan, or both, I think you will enjoy this program.

After that uplifting talk by Mr. Brody, participants were treated to a talk led

by Rabbi Sharon Brous as the keynote speaker on the first day (of the 8 day convention). Rabbi Brous is a leading voice in reanimating religious life in America, working to develop a spiritual map for soulful, multi-faith justice work. Rabbi Brous is the senior and founding rabbi at IKAR, a community built in Los Angeles that has become a model for Jewish revitalization in the US and beyond. IKAR's goal is to reinvigorate Jewish religious and spiritual practice. Through its philosophy and approach IKAR has become one of the fastest growing and most influential Jewish congregations in the country. Rabbi Brous is credited with sparking a rethinking of religious life in a time of unprecedented disaffection and declining affiliation. Her talk was thought provoking and her message was different – in a very good way – from other more traditional approaches, that may no longer be effective in building and retaining a congregation with a purpose and clear philosophy – a true community. Her approach to people and the understanding their needs is so simple, yet seems to be at the core of her success and that of IKAR.

In 2008, Rabbi Brous was the youngest person on the *Newsweek/Daily Beast* list of most influential Rabbis in America. In 2013 she was named the list's most influential rabbi. In 2013 Brous blessed President Obama and Vice President Biden at the inaugural National Prayer Service. She returned in the same capacity for President Biden and Vice President Harris for their inauguration in January of this year.

If that wasn't enough for the first day, it was announced that the CBS Men's Club received a Quality Club Award for 2020-2021 for the fifth consecutive year, based on the eclectic programming that we traditionally offer, and have offered, even during a very challenging year due to COVID. Earlier tonight, the second day of convention, the CBS Men's Club won a Bronze Torch Award for Fundraising based on creative and innovative fundraising activities from 2019-2021.

The convention offered an inside look at one of our region's outside of North

America: The Abayudaya Region located in Uganda. This region is comprised almost exclusively of Black Jews living and working as farmers in this community outside of Mbale, Uganda. The convention featured a 30 minute video about the history of the Abayudaya that goes back over 100 years. In the 1970's under the dictator rule of Idi Amin Dada, Jewish life was suppressed. Following a 1979 coup, practicing Jewish observances was once again allowed and the Abayudaya grew. They are a poor community, but do have a day school, synagogue, and rabbi. The Seaboard Region of the FJMC comprised of clubs in Delaware, Maryland Virginia, Washington, DC, and Harrisburg, PA has taken has made the support of the Abayudaya Region a priority, providing them with seed money to modernize their farms, and an opportunity not to just support their own individual families, but to make economic life viable and sustainable for the Abayudaya, including helping to provide college education opportunities to high school graduates of this community. More information on the Abayudaya Region can be found at Aaron Moses of Uganda | Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs ([fjmc.org](http://fjmc.org))

As we approach the new fiscal year, we plan on continuing the Opt-Out method of CBS Men's Club membership renewal and new membership registration. Annual membership rates will remain at \$36. We will hold a planning meeting in August to plan our events for the year. We will be returning to in-person events, including Lunch & Learn program at the ButterCup in Walnut Creek, as well as live Poker, and other events too, that we had to navigate virtually since March, 2020.

One of the main initiatives this year will be to have a segment of our programs geared specifically for men in their 20's-through 40's with programs that resonate with this demographic group. If you are in that demographic group and want to assist in this type of programming, please reach out to me at [cbsmensclub@aol.com](mailto:cbsmensclub@aol.com). Finally our updated calendar can be found at [Welcome to the Men's Club | Inside B'nai Shalom](http://Welcome to the Men's Club | Inside B'nai Shalom).

by Devra C. Aarons

It's hard to believe that we are in Summer! It's been an amazing year. I want to express deep gratitude to our community, but specifically:

- > Our amazing educators: Julia Babka-Kurzrock, Tamar Zaken, Sarah Romov, Brandon Varona, Asher Litschwartz, Veronica Siegel and Brandon Heller. You make Midrasha magic!
- > Our Board of Directors this year! Scott Korney, Leslie Fisher, Sarah Romov, Randy Gross, Rob Hess, Debbie Raphael, Marija Bleier, Ken Bleier, Anna Bethlahmy, Hadas Rave, Sarah Karatov, Josh Neuman and Clea Hansen.
- > Our community of teens and parents who are too numerous to list here. But thanks for taking many leaps of faith this year as we tried new programs and new methods of engagement.

Our graduation on May 26th was very special. Here some quotes from the speeches of B'nai Shalom graduates, Max Benabou and Sam Benabou:

"Midrasha has provided me with Jewish identity exploration, an opportunity to learn about myself and friendships." - Max Benabou

"Judaism is a community. Midrasha has shown me that the sense of community comes in all forms." - Sam Benabou

We have some very special announcements to share this summer, about our upcoming new year at Midrasha. Here are the three things I hold the most excitement about!

1. Better Together has gotten funding from our national grantor to continue for (at least) two more years! If you know of a teen or elder who might be interested, please e-mail us at [office@ccmidrasha.com](mailto:office@ccmidrasha.com)
2. We have dates for Summer 2022 of Mifgash! Our partnership with the Israeli high school

in Hod HaSharon will continue (after a Covid hiatus) July 29 - August 7, 2022. Mark your calendars!!

3. CCM has taken responsibility for running the annual retreats for the whole Midrasha program. In addition to the CCM and Berkeley Oakland Midrasha teens attending, we are also building partnerships with teen community organizations from San Francisco and the Peninsula, so that our teen's connections can grow more broadly.

As of today, Contra Costa Midrasha plans to fully resume for "in person" sessions this Fall 2021. Registration is now open for our 2021-22 year! We look forward to seeing all of you in person in the coming weeks and months. To register, click "enroll" at our website at: [ccmidrasha.com](http://ccmidrasha.com)



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- Jack Kamzan z"l
- Reva and Martin Rothenberg z"l
- Leah Yaffee z"l

Including Congregation B'nai Shalom in your estate planning is a meaningful way to plant a seed and create a lasting legacy that will benefit our synagogue family for years to come. It can also be an effective way to realize tax savings for your estate, while at the same time helping our community and fulfilling the Jewish obligation to give tzedakah.

For information about leaving a lasting legacy to Congregation B'nai Shalom, please contact **Craig Judson at 925-323-5041 or [cljnw@aol.com](mailto:cljnw@aol.com)**.

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We are grateful for the generosity and commitment of our Patron Members. Through their financial support we are able to maintain and expand our excellent programming. A heartfelt Todah Rabah, thank you, to all of our Patron Members, listed below:

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**For more information on becoming a Patron Member, please contact the Office.**

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Sue & Earl Agron ..... Our deepest condolences on the passing of Stan Goldman's mother. May her memory be a blessing.

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Please join us for minyan on Monday and Thursday mornings, held at 7:30am unless there is a holiday or special service indicated below. Please see our on-line calendar at [bshalom.org](http://bshalom.org) for dates/times for all religious services.

### Virtual Candle Lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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

RSVP required for all in-person events. To make a reservation please email the office at [dstephens@bshalom.org](mailto:dstephens@bshalom.org)

### Shabbat Shacharit Service

In-person and online  
 Saturdays at 9:30am  
 Kiddush lunch following services

### Preschool Shabbat

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

## SPECIAL SERVICES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

**\*\* Please note: Tentative High Holiday schedule; final High Holiday service times to be announced in August.**

<b>Friday, August 6</b>	Family Shabbat Services in Civic Park.....6:00pm
<b>Friday, August 27</b>	Family Shabbat Service and Dinner .....6:00pm
<b>Monday, September 6</b>	Rosh Hashanah Evening.....8:00pm
<b>Monday, September 7</b>	Rosh Hashanah – Day 1.....9:00am
	Rosh Hashanah – Day I Afternoon
	• Tashlich & Family Evening Service.....5:00pm
<b>Tuesday, September 8</b>	Rosh Hashanah – Day 2.....9:00am
<b>Wednesday, September 15</b>	Kol Nidrei.....7:00pm
<b>Thursday, September 16</b>	Yom Kippur .....9:00am

*For information on all streaming events, please email the office at [dstephens@bshalom.org](mailto:dstephens@bshalom.org)*