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at the
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RABBI'S MESSAGE

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War, in June 1967. At that point, Israel was less than 20 years old and less than 10 miles across at its narrowest point. The country was seen as a miracle in many people's eyes and certainly universally beloved in the American Jewish community.

I was less than 10 years old and still remember taking \$20 of my own money, a huge sum at the time for me, and walking a mile to the synagogue and making a donation to the cause, caught up with everyone else in the fear that the young Jewish state would be wiped out. For several weeks before the war, reserves were mobilized to face hostile troops on all sides.

On June 5th, though, the Israeli air force destroyed the Egyptian planes on the ground and the Israel army pushed back Jordan and Syria, becoming a regional power and now the fourth most powerful military in the world, an amazing feat for a nation with such small numbers of people and square mileage.

While many point to it as one of the greatest victories, others call it entirely a Pyrrhic one – some saw right away and many more see now that the war also put Israel in what has become a more and more untenable position, as an occupier of the West Bank, ruling over a Palestinian population equal in number to the Jewish population within its original borders.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your support over the past nine months as I served as your President. I appreciated the opportunity to give back to the congregation and community that has been so supportive to me over the past years, especially the past year and a half. Like those others that have needed support for those life events no one wants to plan for, I really felt supported and welcomed.

I want to thank everyone who helped make the annual picnic such a success. It was great to observe such a happy, multi-generational get-together. We enjoyed hosting the event on our own property for the first time. Having the additional outdoor area gives us the opportunity to have many more activities like this in our own space.

Thanks to everyone who made sure that their ballots were at the Center in time for the Annual General Membership Meeting. I apologize for the short time window, and we are working to make sure the next year's meeting is better scheduled. At the meeting we had a quorum of votes and announced that David Cohen, Dan Kalt, and Iola Gold were all elected to serve three year terms on the Board of Directors. At our June Board meeting, we will select our new Executive Board. There is an opening on the Board if anyone is interested in serving an interim one-year appointment to the Board. Please contact me or any Board Member to learn more about this rewarding opportunity.

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President's Message (continued from page 1)

We would like to thank Jan Brenner, Gordon Mann and Jennifer Woerner for devoting so much time and effort to achieving the goals that have been set and helping us move forward. We will miss their participation on the Board.

We have started working on a Strategic Plan with the help of Karen Oakley. This is an important project and once in place is evaluated and adjusted as the need of the congregation and members may change. We start with a 3-year plan, and continually look at it, measure our progress, and adjust as appropriate.

Members of the Board are leading a group of members working on a fundraiser for the backyard and the JCC that will take place in late August or early September, as the stage and hosting venue availability allows. The star of the show will be Rabbi David's One Rabbi Show. We hope the greater community, in addition to our members, will attend and enjoy the show. There will be raffles and a silent auction for those of us with items of interest to contribute. We will keep you posted as the specifics get worked out.

We are still looking for ideas for programs or activities that members will attend on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings. As the focal point of the Foothills Jewish Community, we would like to have the doors open on those nights. If Lay Shabbat services are not desired, what other opportunities do we have? What type of social venue is of interest? We plan to continue the Fifth Friday Films and appreciate any suggested movies to enjoy.

Remember, this is your Jewish Community Center. Please call or email any member of the Board of Directors to let us know how we can make the Center better and more meaningful for you and other members.

Shalom, Eva



Rabbi's Message (continued from page 1)

Over the years, over 400,000 Israeli's have moved into the West Bank, some drawn by cheaper housing, some by the belief that it is part of the original land promised by God to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Yet the land is in limbo, not annexed, because that would theoretically mean having to make the Palestinians citizens who would then have a vote in elections and become the majority sooner rather than later. Israel as a democratic state then faces this major contradiction continuously.

And yet, despite the contradictions and the conundrums and the conflicts, we continue to love and support Israel. We don't need to hide from the difficulties, just as we don't hide from the issues in America and yet still love this country. Life doesn't often present us with choices that are without issue. Israel has plenty of them, but it also has citizens who are mindful of them and working for a day when both peoples in the land can dwell together in cooperation and peace. May that day come speedily.



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***George Feineman, Irving Kroot, Dana Ruben,
Leo Subotnik, Grace Trotter, Marlene Katz,
David Grossman...***

**Sometimes ensnarled in pleasant day dreams,
past losses are momentarily forgotten as we
briefly revel in some new found joy, only to
again recall the bygone times and sorrow for
the absence of the many that made for us a
brighter, sunny day.**

Arnie Adicoff

Men's Club

The next Men's Club meeting will be Sunday, June 11th at 9:30 a.m. Our speaker in June is the Honorable Garen Horst, our Jewish Placer County Judge, speaking on "Judaism & Justice." We have heard from Judge Tice Raskin in Nevada County, and are excited to hear from a local Jewish Judge.

The Men's Club hosts monthly meetings with interesting speakers, and hosts activities such as our coming scotch tasting and BBQ; or golf, or a poker night to prepare for the annual poker tournament fund raiser. We co-host the Fifth Friday Film Shabbats, the March film was Edward Snowden.

The Men's Club is open to all, regardless of gender. We appreciate your interest and support in our activities. Our annual dues are only \$20. When we meet on Sunday mornings, we serve lox and bagels, coffee, and orange juice for only \$5.00 (such a good deal your mother would be proud).

Contact Gordon Mann at sharkmann@suddenlink.net or David Silber at David.Silber@live.com for more information, to suggest an interesting speaker, or to schedule an event.

Fund Contribution Form

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The June 12th Sisterhood Book Club meeting will be at the home of Karen Zoller. Please RSVP to her at kcz.nc@att.net.

The book to be discussed is "Cruel Crossing" by Edward Stourton. See you there.



Religious School News

The month of May at the Hebrew and Religious School has been our last month of the year. We all want to express our gratitude to the teachers Jenni Woerner, Mya Russell and CeCe Karp and to our Rabbi David Azen. We dedicated one Sunday School to celebrate the Israeli Independence Day and to watching a special short movie about Memorial Day in Israel. Later we talked about our thoughts and feelings related to the time proximity of the Israeli memorial Day, which is a day of mourning to the joyful celebration of Israel's Independence Day.

We are celebrating the holiday of "Shavuot" in our end of the year picnic with lots of food, games, and appreciation for all we did this passing year.

I would like to thank the students, teachers, parents, Board Members, and the congregation at whole for all the support we received at the Hebrew and Sunday School.

I hope to see you all next school year and enjoy the great summer ahead!!!

Yours, Kinneret Vinitzky

SISTERHOOD

This year we've had fun and interesting meetings with great speakers, community outreach events and fundraising events. *We welcome all women.*

GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN

The **Gift Shop** is open before and after Friday night services, after Sunday School and by calling Arline Mehr at 530-212- 8009 for special access. There are some special items for sale.

The **Book Group** meets the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Contact Arlene Waxman at Arlene@arlenewaxman.com for more information.

Installation was on June 1st at Bistro 221 in Nevada City. Congratulations to the new Board Members. There are no meetings during the summer; the next meeting will be in September. Details will be announced at a later date.

To those women who love to read, the Book Club provides a stimulating and interesting discussion each month. Our choices include both fiction and non-fiction books. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Your only requirement is that you be a Sisterhood member. To join us, please contact me at Arlene@arlenewaxman.com or Arline Mehr at camehr@yahoo.com.

Book & Hostess Schedule for 2017

June: Cruel Crossing by Edward Stourton

July: The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman

August: The Hillbilly Elegy by J.D.Vance

September: Home Going by Yaa Gyasi

October: The Black Widow by Daniel Silva

November: Genesis: Truman, American Jews & the Origins of the Arab/Israeli Conflict by John B. Judas (or Ike's Gamble by Mike Doran)

December: The Angel by Uri Bar-Joseph



BIRTHDAYS

Robin Siegal, Ph.D	1
Cheryl Klein	6
Ronald Brown	7
Sophia Karas	10
Arline Mehr	13
Floyd Goldstein	14
Caecilia Karp	16
Fieni Verdooner	26



ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph & Deborah Remick	2
Jeffrey & Margot Fulmer	3
Richard & Cheryl Klein	11
Kenny & Jenni Woerner	12
Morgan & Susan Halperin	24
Floyd & Tammie Goldstein	30

Yahrzeits

Name

Remembered By

Friday, June 2

Charles Lerer
Ruth Mohill
Eleanor Weinstein

Judy Goldman
Arlene Waxman
Stan Karp

Friday, June 9 - None

Friday, June 16

Minnie Karp
Pauline Kroot
Thomas Kenedi
Celia Rosenstein
Chester Stineman
Melvin Klein
Claire Lulia
Jacob Paskowitz
Joseph Beber

Stan Karp
Bill & Ruth Kroot
Judith Kenedi
Holly Leeds & Joshua Lichterman
Richard & Jane Paskowitz
Richard & Cheryl Klein
Dori Greenbaum
Richard & Jane Paskowitz
Elaine Remez

Friday, June 23

Irving Imas
Andria Ruben Cool
Joe Mohill

Olga Imas & Rita Oriel
Eva Lamm-Ruben
Arlene Waxman

Friday, June 30

Rose Fried
Donald Leeds
Goldie Hauptmann

Judith Kenedi
Holly Leeds
Holly Leeds



Mishebeirach

Harper Faith Browning
Iola Gold
Meghan Rose Havery
Lawrence Katz
Ruth Kroot
Judith Kenedi
Nancy Maxwell
Dan Geffner
Pat Bennett-Schwartz
Eva Florsheim
Lara Ruben
Jane Bass
Laurie Williams

Andrea Frankel
Joni Gold
Charles Morgan Havery
Elijah King
Bob Levine
Jim Anderson
Charlotte Moore
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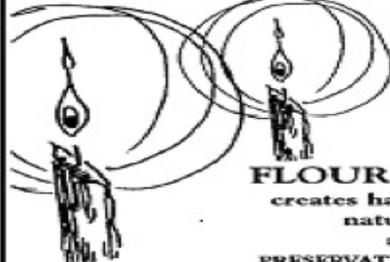




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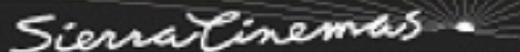
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