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at the

Nevada County Jewish Community Center

Dedicated to the preservation, continuity and enrichment of the
spiritual, communal, ethical and cultural teachings of Judaism

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Be a Blessing to All the Families of the Earth (Gen. 12)

Featured Blessing of the Month

<http://hhshelter.org/>

Friends:

Hospitality House I am sure is well known to many of you, but for those like me who may not have heard of it and may not know the quality of care they provide for residents, let me say my first visit impressed me tremendously. A number of us, including some young people from our school, took a tour with Joanna Robinson and met the Kitchen Manager and Culinary Training Instructor Jeff Olson.

HH has already helped us think a little differently about things. Their culinary trainees understand using the freshest ingredients and in January we're presenting together a fresher alternative to a lot of the fare at the county fair in our bid for expanded space. We'll have lots of extra hands to help make it a bustling concern.

A lot of giving to non-profits falls off in January for obvious reasons, so let's make a special effort to throw some monetary love their way. In the meantime, though, what I've been working on with Fresher Sacramento could provide year round funding for organizations like Hospitality House and B'nai Harim.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a wonderful Hanukkah with family and friends, and are now looking forward to a bountiful 2017, with enough for our families and sharing with the needy in our community and beyond. There has been much going on at the NCJCC and in the community and we hope that you are able to enjoy some of the activities. We celebrate our permanent part-time rabbi – Rabbi David Azen. Hopefully you have had a chance to meet and interact with him and share our good fortune to having him support our Jewish community. The Property Expansion Committee is in place to create what we want the larger property to become. The first steps are to clear and grade the area, and install the wood fence along the north border. While the land purchase is completed, we are working towards just under \$15,000 more to meet our original \$50,000 goal set to cover the costs of purchase and permits, clearing and grading, and installing the Use Permit required wood fence along the north side of the property.

Rabbi David leads the Shabbat services on the first and third Fridays of each month while the second and fourth are led by lay volunteers who accept the honor, coordinated by Patricia Smith, our Ritual Committee chairperson.

Starting January 6th we bring back our community potluck dinner on the first Shabbat of the month. At 6:00 p.m. we host a Family Shabbat Service led by Rabbi David. The potluck dinner follows at 6:30 p.m., and after a quick clean-up, the 7:30 p.m. Shabbat service led by Rabbi David. This is followed by our award winning Oneg. We hope you can join us to rekindle this successful gathering of families enjoying Shabbat.

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President's Message (continued from page 1)

Torah Study continues every first and third Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m., led by Rabbi David. Join us with breakfast treats, beverages, and interesting conversation. Our Sunday School, under the guidance of Kinneret Vinitzky and the wonderful teachers, continues its success engaging students of all ages, including the Rabbi's Kids. Involving the youth in our community is so important to share the history and celebration of our traditions.

On Sunday, December 11th, we had another successful community Hanukkah Party at the LOVE Building in Condon Park. It was well attended by the community, and fun was had by all. If you couldn't attend you missed the Latke competition won by the Eckerlings' Vadalina Latkes. Thanks to all who helped make it a success. Adult Hebrew Class is taught every first and third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. by Kinneret. Stop by if you want to learn the alphabet and vowels, or improve your existing language skills. Our Sisterhood is keeping busy. It meets the first Thursday of each month at 12:30 thru 3:00 p.m. at the Center. On the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m., the Sisterhood Book Club meets at the home of a member to discuss a book and to socialize. Membership in Sisterhood is open to all women, whether you are a member of the Center or not, for \$25.00 a year.

The Men's Club meets the second Sunday of the month at the Center. In addition to having a speaker, you can enjoy a bagel with cream cheese and lox, plus coffee and orange juice for \$5.00. Membership in the Men's Club is open to everyone for \$20.00 a year.

As you can see, we have a lot going on and we would like to offer more for our members. The Adult Education Program and 5th Friday Films are in need of a person to organize. I am confident one of our talented members with interest in Jewish and Israel topics and information will lead the program and form a small working group. Please contact Gordon Mann if this is an area of interest. He has speaker contacts and past topics from programs. It is an interesting way to meet dynamic speakers and authors. Selecting the Friday films is interesting and fun.

Celebrate the 2017 Chinese New Year – January 29th – 5:00 p.m.
The NCJCC Sisterhood will have a fundraiser at the Asian Garden Restaurant. No host wine, beer and sake will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. and then an eight course dinner will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. Watch for the flyer. Looking forward to seeing you at services and/or other activities at the Center and in our wonderful community.

Eva J. Lamm-Ruben, President

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Rabbi's Message (continued from page 1)

We just signed a prominent Baptist Church in South Sacramento as our first location for regular pickup of readymade take home meals and fresh produce. I believe B'nai Harim can serve as anchor for Fresher Nevada County and help Hospitality House create the production and distribution business for fresher foods and goods that provide sustainable funding for worthy organizations.

If you would like to talk further about how to create Fresher Nevada County, come to Torah study on January 7th at 9:30 a.m. and if you can, bring something nutritious and delicious to share for brunch.

In the meantime, I'd like to hear from you about how you do this month in following the divine directive to Abraham, to "Be a blessing to all the families of the earth."

rabbidave@fresherusa.org

Muchas Brachas (Many Blessings in Spanbrew)

Rabbi Dave



DELI NITE OCTOBER 14, 2017 – SAVE THE DATE

Donations

General Fund

Joe Hammel-In Memory of William & Mildred Hammel

Jan Brenner-In Memory of Raymond Brenner

Men's Club

The next Men's Club meeting will be Sunday, January 8th at 9:30 a.m. and our guest speaker will be President elect Trump. Actually, he couldn't make it, and Nevada County Judge Rob Tice Taskin has been asked to substitute.

The Men's Club hosts monthly meetings with interesting speakers, and hosts activities such as our coming scotch tasting and BBQ; or golf, or an interesting historical discussion by Ken Holbrooke about the history of Grass Valley from the gold rush and before the freeway, or a poker night to prepare for the annual poker tournament fund raiser. We co-host the Fifth Friday Film Shabbats.

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

We welcome and appreciate your donation to the following funds:

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Religious School News

The month of December at the Hebrew and Religious School has been short but full of joy. We were all busy reading, listening and retelling Hanukkah stories. The students worked hard on creating beautiful crafts for the party and practicing Hanukkah songs. The Hanukkah party was very warm and happy. The turnout was very respectable. We were eating lots of latkes and sufganyiot (doughnuts). We played, sang and were entertained by Izzy Toinsky. I would like to thank our great teachers Jenni Woerner, Mya Russell and Lola Gold for all the planning and hard work. Thank you very much to all the hard working Sisterhood women and the Men's Club for helping and working with us. I felt a sense of gratitude to witness our Jewish community uniting in a joyous celebration.

At the Hebrew lessons, we start every lesson with fifteen minutes of Hebrew with no English allowed. The main task is to try and encourage students to understand, to comprehend spoken Hebrew and in turn reply in Hebrew.

I would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and I am looking forward to seeing you next year!!!

Yours, Kinneret Vinitzky

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month.

The group meets at NCJCC in Grass Valley.

We welcome all women

Next General Meeting

January 5, 2017

Speaker at 2:00 p.m. will be Linda Black, The African American Experience in Nevada County

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 Sisterhood's January Book Club meeting is at the home of Virginia Herron on Monday, January 9th at 1:30 p.m. The book being discussed is "The Japanese Lover" by Isabel Allende. Please RSVP direct to Virginia at ginniherron@comcast.com.

Please come and join us. We have fun, food, drinks and friendships.

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

January: The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende. - Virginia's home

February: The Lost Torah of Shanghai by Linda Frank – Erni

March: Like Dreamers by Yossi Klein Halei

April: The Last Minyan in Havana by Betty Heisler

May: Protecting Paige by Deby Eisenberg

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

Lucy Bottrell	9
Lindsay Halperin	9
SharonJoy Jahoda	10
Maralee Nelder	12
Arlene Waxman	16
Lev Weisswasser	21
Jacob Goldstein	22
Malkam Goldstein	22
Edward Strongin	22
Laurie Williams	27
Marilyn Salomon	30
Abraham Valensky	30



ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Tillotson & Maralee Nelder	12
David & Wendy Rosky	13
Alan & Dori Greenbaum	17

YAHREZITS

Name

Remembered By

Friday, January 6

Hyman Rosen
Sadie Atlas

Irene Rosen
Mike & Gail Atlas

Friday, January 13

Lee Nelder
Susie Dworitz
Samson Adicoff

Maralee Nelder
Ron & Stacie Dworitz
Arnie Adicoff

Friday, January 20 - None

Friday, January 27

Ida Ruben Slee

Eva Lamm-Ruben




Mishebeirach

Harper Faith Browning
Iola Gold
Meghan Rose Havery
Lawrence Katz
Ruth Kroot
Judith Kenedi
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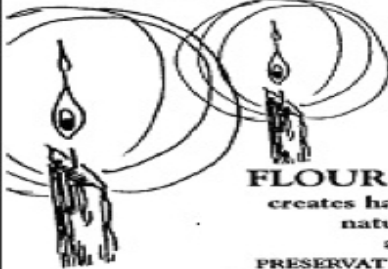
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