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Congregation B'nai Harim

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

The story is told of a Rabbi who once spotted Elijah at the Gates of Rome, tending to one of the lepers gathered there. In a fascinating detail I'll leave for you to contemplate, it is said that all the others looking after the lepers would take all of their bandages off and then put new bandages on, while Elijah would take one bandage off at a time and then put the new bandage on before moving on to the next wound. At any event, the Rabbi ran over to Elijah, who as legend has it, would announce the coming of the Messiah.

"Elijah, Elijah," the Rabbi almost shouted, "When will Messiah come, when will Messiah come?" "Today," Elijah answered. "Today?" the Rabbi echoed. "Today?" Elijah nodded. The Rabbi, incredulous, ran off to start telling everyone, Messiah's coming today, Messiah's coming today!

The next day, no Messiah. Sun rose like every other day, still lepers needing tending, still oppressive government, still tons of suffering. The Rabbi was humiliated and furious and sought out Elijah. "Elijah, Elijah," he spat out the name, "Elijah, you lied, you said Messiah would come yesterday, but Messiah didn't come. How could you say Messiah would come today, meaning yesterday, and now there's no Messiah?" "Today," Elijah replied, "if you are willing."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope you are enjoying Spring. It is such a pleasure to see the yellow daffodils and the great variety of trees and bushes in bloom. There is also a lot of snow so there is still time to enjoy the various winter sports.

Last Friday, March 31st, Arnie Adicoff offered to show the movie "Edward Snowden." It was well attended with many spouses and non-members. The Board will discuss how we can have more non-religious activities, especially once the new property becomes available to us.

The Passover Seder will be held on April 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Lefty's Grill. Jenni Woerner and Mya Russell have been busy working with John at Lefty's Grill to make this year's Seder the best we have ever had. Hopefully you got your reservations in as we have no seats left and now are putting people on a waiting list.

Please consider running for the NCJCC Board of Directors. We need four additional members to step forward and run so that we can have a full Board. The meetings last about two hours and take place on the 1st Thursday of the month so that Rabbi David can join us. Each member is given a committee to lead and/or a position on the Board. We are lucky to have several parents of the students in the Sunday School serving currently.

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President's Message (continued from page 1)

May 7th at 2:00 p.m. we will be having our annual General Membership meeting. At that time we will have presentations regarding the health and interests of the NCJCC and time to hear from the members. We will also be voting for new Board Members.

In respect to hearing from you at the meeting, the Board would like some ideas as to what to do on Friday evenings when the rabbi is not present. Currently we have our Ritual Committee Chairperson, Patty Smith, ready to prepare and give services but we do not have enough people attending to make a minyan. Two members of the Board have been at the Center to greet people who may show up. To date, we have greeted a couple of people each Friday evening who we then find attending some of our activities. Save May 21st. We will have our annual Congregation and Sunday School picnic. Also that day at 3:00 p.m. at the Center, we will have Gary Noy, a local writer who writes about the people and tales of the Gold Rush and has just had another book published – “Gold Rush Stories.”

Hope you have been out on the new property. It looks better all the time. Once it is finished, we should be able to have a lot of activities outside, weather permitting. Besides giving us ideas of what you would like it to include, we are still in need of additional funds to cover the expenses we have incurred so far. We still need at least \$12,000 to pay for the first phase which includes acquiring, clearing, and grading the land. We want to give a special “Thank You” to Ralph Remick who suggested the idea of buying the land and then has been involved in all the activities and decisions that have followed.

The Sisterhood deserves a very special “Thank You” for all the caring they have shown to members of the congregation and their families. They have been preparing meals for a family where one member is very ill, they hosted a “Comfort Lunch” following the memorial service for David Grossman, will host the “Celebration of Life” for the family and friends of Marlene Katz which will be held on April 9th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Center, and sponsor many of the Friday night Onegs and assist others who gracefully give an Oneg.

We wish you a Happy Passover and look forward to seeing you. Shalom, Eva

Rabbi's Message (continued from page 1)

Friends, some folks need saviors, we just need Franz Kafka, who said that Messiah would come when we no longer need him. The fate of the world is in our hands, and Passover begs us to recognize the need, to feel the hunger for a better world and to recommit ourselves to doing what we can do to make sure we no longer need a hero to make the world better, because we are the heroes waiting to happen.

Join us for the second night Seder on Tuesday, April 11th at Lefty's if you are able, and wherever you are this Passover, may the force for freedom and justice be stronger inside of you by the end of the festival and may we all go from strength to strength in the struggle to make this world as livable as possible for as many people as possible.

May you have a sweet and healthy Pesach,

Rabbi David



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Una Kobrin

Sisterhood

Harriett Kroot-In Memory of David Grossman

Men's Club

The next Men's Club meeting will be Sunday, April 9th at 9:30 a.m. Our February speaker was Ken Holbrooke and he gave a timely history of the watershed in the Sierras to Sacramento, which covered all the reservoirs, and the dams and changes that have occurred over the past sixty years. It was very timely and informative about Oroville. Our April speaker will be announced at a later date.

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 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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Due to the conflict with the Passover Holiday, the Sisterhood Book Club will be meeting on the 3rd Monday of April instead of the 2nd. We will be meeting on Monday, April 17th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Eva Lamm-Ruben. Please RSVP directly to Eva at evaruben@yahoo.com. The book to be discussed is "The Last Minyan in Havana" by Betty Heisler.



Religious School News

The month of March at the Hebrew and Religious School has been busy and interesting. We celebrated Purim with lots of music, games, and dancing. We had a very special addition to the festivities with the addition of a Purim spiel with the "Star Wars" theme, which was performed twice. Our performance was Friday night at the family Shabbat service. The same performance was held at the family Shabbat service and as part of the Sunday School Purim party. We all got to bake Hamentashen together.

In the month of April we will continue with reading Israeli children's books in Hebrew. We will start reading David Grossman's book "Chibook" (The Hug). The book addresses close intimate relationships between parents and children. We also plan to start going over the Passover stories and morals.

I hope you all enjoy the beautiful colors of Spring!!!

Yours, Kinneret Vinitzky

SISTERHOOD

This year we've had fun and interesting meetings with great speakers, community outreach events and fundraising events. I hope we will see more of you members who haven't been at our meeting for awhile. Try it, you'll like it! Oh, and please bring friends. *We welcome all women.*

Next General Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2017

12:30 SNACKS AND CHAT – MEETING AT 1:00

Speaker at 2:00 p.m. will be Betzi Hart who will tell the story of Northstar House.

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

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

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

The group meets at NCJCC in Grass Valley

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

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

Shirley Barsky	2
Lisa Kirshbaum	3
Kenny Woerner	3
Wendy Rosky	4
Jil Karas	5
Winni Loesch	8
Judith Kenedi	10
Stephn Lewis	10
Peyton Eckerling	15
Lee Nold-Lewis	18
Nadine Brown	20
Daniel Geffner	20
Eva Lamm-Ruben	20
Linda Baran	20
Jeremy Kirshbaum	22
Ruth Kroot	22
Kaitlyn Woerner	28



ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Bea Pressler	16
Michael & Ernestine Gaynor	29

Yahrzeits

Name

Remembered By

Friday, April 7

Jack Leeds
Harold Kopp

Holly Leeds
Una Kobrin

Friday, April 14

Sol Waxman
Esther Adicoff
Gussie Kroot
Marvin Gordon
Fred Thies

Jerry Waxman
Arnold Adicoff
Bill & Ruth Kroot
Jeanne Hammel
Jeanne Hammel

Friday, April 21

Morris Gottlieb
William Schwartz

Stan Gottlieb
Una Kobrin

Friday, April 28

Armand Karp
Ward Winton
Marion Gordon
Samuel Barsky

Stan Karp
Dori Greenbaum
Jeanne Hammel
Shirley Barsky



Mishebeirach

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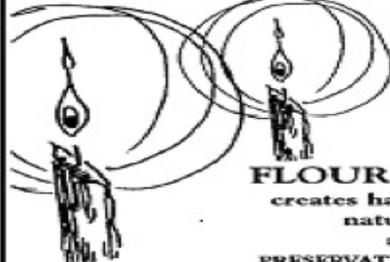




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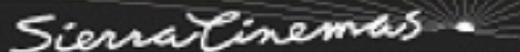
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