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at the
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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

After a summer full of drama on the world stage, I hope you still had a chance to rest and relax, and now, it's time of year again, as children return to school, routines fall back into place, Fall arrives and we transition from vacation and fun to learning and homework.

Children are not alone though in having homework at this time and certainly we hope that we can enjoy lifelong learning. Spiritually this is our season of change. We look at our lives and what we do with our time and resources. We want our lives to be meaningful and we look to a year ahead with the JCC and congregation providing programs you need for your soul and mind.

As a JCC, we aim to provide educational, cultural and social programming that meets the needs of a wide range of ages and stages of knowledge and the desire for growth as individuals, families and as a community. As a congregation, we celebrate Shabbat and holidays, with service on Friday nights and Torah study on Saturday.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank all our volunteers who helped make this our most successful year at the Nevada County Fair. Our annual booth at the fair helps to educate our community on Judaism, our culture, and our delicious food. Without your support, we could not have accomplished this.

The eclipse of the century has now taken place, and our students are back in school, and we are now planning for the High Holidays and our New Year 5778. Join us Friday evening, September 1, 2017, for our first Friday of the Month Family Shabbat Dinner which will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Shabbat service will be led by our Rabbi David Azen.

It is now time to reflect on the year that is ending. We hired Rabbi David Azen because he had all the qualities that we wanted in our next rabbi, and our community is very excited with his presence. We are proud Rabbi David is our permanent rabbi.

We have Shabbat services on the first and third Friday evenings of the month. During the school year, on the first Friday, we have a Family Shabbat Dinner and Service. On the third Friday, Sharon JoyJahoda joins Rabbi David as our lay-cantor. On the Saturday mornings that follow when Rabbi David officiates Shabbat services, he conducts Torah Study.

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President's Message (continued from page 1)

If there is a fifth Friday in the month, the Men's Club sponsors a Movie Night for all. At some time in the future, we hope to have the funding to hold Shabbat services on all Friday evenings.

A major decision this year was our purchasing the land-locked property behind our building of worship. Our first celebration on the property was "Breaking-the-Fast" last year, and then we held the Congregation Picnic this spring on our new property. We have a committee developing ideas for how we want to develop and use the property. One goal is to be able to expand the play area for our students, and to have activities for our members and the greater community.

Our organization as it exists today began in the 1980's, and we have been providing all the Jewish services and programs that a synagogue and Jewish Community Center provide. We are proud to be the original and welcoming Jewish community of the Foothills.

We are now busy preparing for the new school year, High Holiday Services, Deli Nite on October 14, 2017 at the Nevada City Elks Club, and the one act show performed by our own Rabbi David Azen at the Nevada Theater on October 26, 2017. We look forward to seeing you at these wonderful events.

Shalom,
Eva Joy Lamm-Ruben, President

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PARENTS BOTH JEWISH AND NOT JEWISH!!

On the first Sunday of each month when I am present for the Sunday School I will be making a special effort to get to know parents and offer adult learning that complements what the children will be learning. We want our spiritual home to have a positive effect on our family homes, and both Jewish and non-Jewish parents are encouraged to come for learning that will be focused on the deeper meanings in the tradition that can speak to all of us. As I wrote for the handout at the county fair:

Come learn the Bible in the language Jesus and Harvard undergraduates used to read it and dive into the deeper meanings of Hebrew, the books of Moses and Miriam, and other commentaries, ancient and contemporary. Programs for families, children and adults explore the Aleph-Bet through our bodies as well as our brains. Join in creating a sacred community with other fellow seekers, seekers not only of inner enlightenment but social equity.

And of course, join us for the High Holy Days as Rosh Hashanah begins September 20th. Shana Tova, may this be a good and sweet New Year.

Rabbi David



Donations

Backyard Project Fund

Una Kobrin

Men's Club

The Men's Club hosts meetings with interesting speakers, and hosts activities such as our upcoming 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 June film was "Denial." Our next meeting is on September 10th at 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be Bob Packard of movetoamend.org, an organization that wants to amend the Constitution so corporations are not treated like people. Please join us for an interesting discussion.

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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September's Sisterhood Book discussion will be on "Home Going" by Yaa Gyasi. We will meet on September 11th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Karen Oakley. RSVP atkdyeoakley@yahoo.com or 530-802-5050. If you are newly interested in joining the Book Club, please contact Arlene Waxman at Arlene@arlenewaxman.com.



Religious School News

Hopefully you had a relaxed and rewarding summer vacation. We at the Hebrew School are happy to announce that we are continuing with the same dedicated and capable group of teachers. We are intending to implement new ideas and I am looking forward to seeing a greater involvement of the community in our school. We at the Hebrew and Sunday School are excited to begin a new and stimulating school year.

The first day of instruction is Sunday, September 10th. I am intending to emphasize new and energizing connections between the topic of Jewish biblical themes and the creative aspects of modern Israel. It includes the rich heritage of Israeli writers and creative endeavors.

I am looking forward to having another productive and enjoyable school year.

Yours, Kinneret Vinitzky

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood will resume meeting on Thursday, September 7th for their first of the year potluck luncheon. We will gather earlier, at 11:30 a.m. so that we have ample time to eat and socialize before our general meeting at 1:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces. Anyone interested in attending should bring a food item to share. Please contact Judy Goldman at 272-3120 or JudyLGoldman@yahoo.com for additional information.

The Judaica Shop has a new inventory of Israeli jewelry purchased by Kinneret during her trip home, The Judaica Shop is open before and after Friday night services, after Sunday School and by appointment with Arline Mehr at 530-212-8009. Remember that buying at the Judaica Shop supports Sisterhood, and Sisterhood supports the Religious School and the NCJCC. It's a win-win situation.



BIRTHDAYS

Helena Manfred	2
Maxine Musick	13
Stan Karp	24
Jacob Label	25
Greg Weisswasser, ND	25
Ari Okrent	28



ANNIVERSARIES

Stan & CeCe Karp	24
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Deli Nite, Saturday, October 14th is right around the corner. Our NCJCC website (www.ncjcc.org) is all set to make it smooth and easy to buy tickets. Just go to the site and it's easy as pie. Thanks to our web tech Danny and Renee Mayne for making it possible. See you for Pastrami, Corned Beef and New York cheesecake! Plus Joe Hammel and his group of hungry musicians.

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Remembered By

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Harry Ilsen

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Bill & Ruth Kroot

Friday, September 8

Harry Livingston
Irv Kroot
Marlene Kroot
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Lee-Nold Lewis
Harriett Kroot
Bill Kroot
Bill Kroot

Friday, September 15

Elisabeth (Liesje) Kleinkramer
Celia Kahn

Fieni Verdooner
Arnie Adicoff

Friday, September 22

Emery Fried
Gertrude Leeds
Roy Bercaw
Samuel Joseph Ruben

Judith Kenedi
Holly Leeds
Maxine Musick
Eva Joy Lamm-Ruben

Friday, September 29

Timothy Bottrell
Jack Kagan
Nathan Rosenfield
Alexander Bloom
Becky Waxman
Judd Trotter

Bruce & Lucy Bottrell
Merril Kagan-Weston
Shirley Barsky
Stan Karp
Jerry Waxman
Grace Trotter



Another Corner Deli Success

The NCJCC Corner Deli gross sales were \$12,042.50, plus \$217 in tips, up over 37% from last year. The Reuben and Falafel sandwiches were a hit this year. While it was a busy time learning how to prepare new food products, all your concerted effort and cooperation made it happen. And guess what? We actually had people waiting in line for our food – a first!

A big thank you to all who volunteered at the Corner Deli this year. While we made some process improvements this year, we also received some suggestions to consider for next year. With that in mind we would like to hold a **“Deli Recap Meeting on Sunday, September 10th, noontime at the NCJCC** (1 week after Labor Day weekend), following the Men’s Club and Sunday School. We will review the financials and net proceeds since Mike Atlas will have all the bills in by then. We will keep the meeting brief, but would like your feedback. If you are unable to attend the recap meeting but have suggestions, please email them to Ralph Remick at r@remick.org.

We donated most leftover food to the Food bank and Hospitality House. However we kept some for you. There is smoked salmon at the NCJCC in the kitchen refrigerator to purchase – first come, first served. Prices are \$15 for a single package or \$25 for a double package (most are double). Please leave money in the envelope on the refrigerator.

Thank you everyone!!

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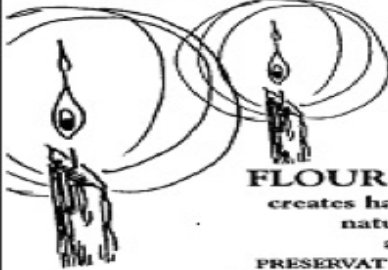
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