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Twenty months can seem like a millisecond and an eternity depending on the day. Two years ago, I was compartmentalizing my entire life in cardboard and bubble wrap, giving notice to an organization I'd grown up with over 13 years. We were moving to Sacramento and I was going to take a break from being a Jewish Communal Professional and try something different.

Within three weeks of arriving, I was bored. The cardboard was broken down and bubble wrap stored. If I wasn't going to work as a Jewish professional, I could at least volunteer as one, right?

A casual lunch turned into a four-hour job interview, which turned into a six-week process of getting to know the community, which turned into a two-year commitment to try to reestablish our Federation.

The first few months were simply spent listening. And the stories, well, you can imagine the stories. Abundant and consistent and often disheartening. But I am a believer in the Federation system and a believer in the strength of a collective Jewish community (and many would say stubborn and persistent).

So we deconstructed everything. And I mean everything. Our re-build has not been easy. We started with eight full-time and four part-time staff and now have three full-time and five part-time staff (and this includes our Accountant and Social Worker). We have reduced our expenditures in every possible way (join us anytime when we glue stamps on and stuff envelopes) and each staff person has doubled or tripled their portfolio. We needed to show transparency, partnership, and fiscal responsibility.

A few weeks ago, on a very rainy Sacramento night, we asked 105 people to join us in making a commitment to a sustainable, vibrant Jewish community at our Gala Celebration. We showed a short video to the tune of Eric

Clapton's "Change the World" and shared our contributions to the community, including our new Social Service program, The Jewish Service Network. People applauded. They smiled and they laughed. They enjoyed each other and felt proud to be part of a new and exciting moment for our Federation. Together, we raised more than \$103,000 making a statement about our collective priorities.

That night was the end of walking through a dark, uncertain tunnel. When you are so deep inside something, it is hard to know what's going on outside. That very important night showed that we have been headed down the right path and that there is actually light at the end of the tunnel. We have an amazing group of new leaders, important new partnerships, stronger community connections, and we have brought back social services. Not bad for 20 months. Just imagine what can be done with your help. That would be one fantastic light show.



Melissa Chapman is the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation.

Gone, But Not Forgotten. **Your Choice.**

A few weeks ago, St. Francis High School in Sacramento suffered the tragic loss of a remarkable teacher. Kathy Carlisle, a talented photographer and 52-year-old mother of three taught visual arts at the all girls' Catholic high school.

"No one can replace Mrs. Carlisle at (St. Francis)," tweeted one student after news of Kathy's death spread. "She wasn't like any other teacher."

In addition to being a skilled and inspirational teacher, Kathy was passionate about the Holocaust and used visual media to teach about this dark period in history. She was involved in the Central Valley Holocaust Educators' Network (CVHEN), a local non-profit that provides teacher training about how to teach the Holocaust, since 2008. She produced *The Holocaust: Illuminated Memory*, a student Holocaust Exhibition that was shown at the Yom HaShoah Communitywide Commemoration in 2012 (the student collection has been invited to exhibit at the University of Minnesota in April 2013). And she died tragically and suddenly after being struck by a train while taking pictures on the tracks near the school.

The irony of it all is just too much— that someone who wanted nothing more than to use her gifts to teach young people about the hate and brutality suffered by Jews would herself die in such a brutal way.

In the days after her death, Kathy's story stayed with me. I just couldn't seem to shake it. I thought about her family. I thought about her students. And I thought about the Holocaust.

Years ago, more than 1,000 people attended our community's commemoration of the Shoah— it was a standing-room-only crowd. Over the years, empty seats have become the norm and the number of attendees has dwindled to a sad 300 or so. How is it that someone like Kathy was able to development such a deep commitment to this period in Jewish history, while Jews seem to be saying 'Enough!?' Are we headed toward a time when the torch of our collective memory will be carried by others? Do we really want someone else narrating our history while we become bystanders? What else are we willing to leave behind? Our commitment to community, Jewish values, social action?

Kathy undoubtedly felt deeply about what she learned and what she did with what she

learned. It became central to her being and she felt compelled to take action. I don't know what we're supposed to learn from this tragedy— that's for everyone touched by it to figure out for themselves. I've heard Bernie Marks, a local Holocaust survivor and creator of the Annual Eleanor J. Marks Holocaust Essay Contest for middle and high school students, say that the Holocaust will soon become like the Roman Empire— forgotten. Kathy Carlisle would never stand for that and as Jews, we shouldn't either.



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The Women's Network and The Men's Club of Mosaic Law Congregation

extend our deepest condolences to Marcy and
the entire Friedman family on the loss of our
dedicated and respected member and friend
Mort Friedman (z'l).

May his memory be for a blessing

Remembering Mort Friedman



Mort Friedman, 1932-2012.

Since the passing of her husband, Mort Friedman, Marcy Friedman has been trying to wade through an extraordinary number of condolence cards.

“You think you know someone you lived so closely with and shared everything with,” said

Marcy about her husband of 57 years. “People have sent innumerable letters about how Mort made a difference in their lives. They shared memories that indicated to me he was as important to them as he was to our family.”

Mort— husband, father, grandfather, lawyer, businessman, philanthropist, and champion to many and much— passed away December 5, 2012 at the age of 80 from a progressive brain disease. The indelible mark he left on Sacramento, a place he and Marcy have called home since 1957, is evident and includes The Crocker Art Museum, Shalom School, Mosaic Law Congregation, Arden Fair Mall, and the Capitol Unity Center. Reaching beyond the local community, Mort worked with the Anti-Defamation League and had a decades-long association with AIPAC, where he became a vital spokesperson for a strong relationship between the U.S. and Israel.

“He was extraordinarily proud of Sacramento and had great pride in a community he grew to love,” Marcy said. “His very unique gift was not to write checks, but his belief in putting his money where his mouth is and participating in everything we did. He led a rich life that had nothing to do with money.”

The son of Russian immigrants, Mort grew up in Aberdeen, South Dakota, working in his father’s general store. Marcy noted his family had everything they needed— loving parents, plenty of food, and a strict moral code. His mother was innately religious and she passed her love of Judaism on to her son. A young Mort traveled to

Sioux City for his Bar Mitzvah training and High Holiday services.

“He was always a champion of the Jewish people,” Marcy said. “In terms of faith, he was fiercely proud of his identity as a Jew. It was unquestionable.”

Mort also was unquestionably honest and invoked “Friedman’s Honor,” a code his three sons lived by and as they grew, used as a tactic with neighborhood kids.

“He didn’t lie,” Marcy said. “Integrity was an invaluable asset that informed character. Mort had an unnerving moral compass. He just understood you have a responsibility to give back and to leave the world a better place.”

Morton Lee Friedman was laid to rest on December 7, 2012. He is survived by Marcy, his wife of 57 years, sons Mark, Philip, and Jeff, and eight grandchildren.



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Israel and the Jewish Community: Can We Talk?

It all seems pretty simple: Invite people with differing positions on an issue to come together for respectful conversations and to learn about different positions. But in Sacramento, it has been anything but simple. Take, for example, a group of refuseniks, Israeli soldiers who refused to serve in the territories, who were invited to speak at a local synagogue several years ago. Because of outside pressure, the event was cancelled and the presentation ended up being sponsored by a pro-Palestinian group at a church, where the questions were controlled and the conversation, covered by the media, was one-sided. Or, an invitation that was extended to Judge Richard Goldstone by the Leonard M. Friedman Bar Association that caused a rift within the Jewish community.

These are just some examples provided by Dan Gorfain, lead organizer for *From Discord to Discourse in the Sacramento Jewish Community: Having Respectful, Open, and Vibrant Conversations About Israel*, a weekend of programming designed to educate the community about civil discourse as well as to build listening and engagement skills.

“Frank discussions can be beneficial to everyone to be better informed,” Gorfain, a member of Congregation B’nai Israel, said. “With Judge Goldstone, what concerned me most was not the invitation itself but the discourse that took place as a result of the invitation. It was very disturbing.”

With support from area rabbis and committee representation from area synagogues, Gorfain hopes to reverse a trend that he described as “a

general level of polarized discourse and not just in the Jewish community.” And with Israel being among the most polarizing issues in the Jewish community, it is the weekend’s focus.

“Israel used to be a unifying issue; more recently it has become a wedge issue,” Gorfain, a native Israeli, said. “Israel has a (public relations) problem. It has moved from David to Goliath status and some in the Jewish, as well as the community at large, see it as the aggressor.”

So whether community members are liberal or conservative, or whether their values were shaped by the civil rights movement in the 1960s or current human rights issues, or whether they advocate for the existence of the Jewish State at any cost, Gorfain said Israel is “important to explore and discuss in-depth in the Jewish community,” adding, “We need to be able to better listen to each other and not shut off conversations. That’s what happens. The conversation stops. We are not here to debate the issues but to acquire the skills about how to talk and listen to each other.”

That’s where Rachel Eryn Kalish comes in. Founding facilitator of the 2011 Year of Civil Discourse (YCD) in the Bay area and a mediator/ conflict transformation specialist for 30 years, Kalish said YCD touched 1,000 people and “changed the zeitgeist” to the point where no one shouts anyone down anymore when speaking about Israel. The goal of the weekend she explained, is for “people to get some skills and capacity building in having conversations in new ways that don’t fracture the community, but that are healing. We want to be inspired. We want real *tachles* (substance).”

The civil discourse framework, the foundation of which is based on Jewish teachings that will be presented by Rabbi Shelly Lewis, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Kol Emeth in Palo Alto, includes the following “subcultures” that include positive and negative characteristics:

1. *Guardians or Shomrim*: Focus on safety and security but may seem to lack empathy for others.
2. *Modernists or Pragmatim*: Focus on the role of Israel in the world and may be seen as cynical.
3. *Prophets or Niviim*: Focus on inclusiveness but may be seen as overly idealistic and self-negating.

Both Gorfain and Kalish know they face challenges, not the least among them is having people show up since, according to Kalish, many in the community are “cynical, exhausted, and angry” or whose mindset is “my way or the highway and only I know the absolute truth.”

“People don’t change where they are standing,” she explained, “but they include other viewpoints. We are a smart, adaptable people.”

Added Gorfain, “We want people to have an appreciation and know that they can talk with people they disagree with. There’s another way to talk about controversial issues.”

For more information about *Moving from Discord to Discourse*, see p. 29. For questions, contact Gorfain at 916-205-3823. To register for all or part of the weekend, visit www.jewishsac.org/civildiscourse.

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25 YEARS AFTER THE MARCH FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Like a best-seller espionage novel, the story that led Joyce Weinberg to board a plane and head for Washington, D.C. with her friend Doris Pittell to march on behalf of Soviet Jews, is a real page turner. The 25th anniversary of the March was December 6, 2012 but Weinberg's devotion to the cause began years before when she and her husband, Steven, visited the USSR in the early 1980s.

"We went on a tour and Steve took off and went to a synagogue and everything seemed fine," Weinberg, a member of Mosaic Law Congregation, began. "Then we went to a shul in Leningrad and talked to the president who said everything is fine."

But when Rabbi Leonid Feldman came to Sacramento to speak, the Weinbergs discovered that, in fact, everything was not fine. Feldman spoke about the oppression and when the Weinbergs told him they were just there, his response was, "You've been duped. They are beating Jews, putting them in jail, and Jews are becoming refuseniks."

Weinberg became involved with the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews and with the Jackson-Vanik Amendment in one hand and books, medicine, eyeglasses, magazines, and a video camera in the other, headed back to Russia. Jackson-Vanik amended the Trade Act of 1974 and tied bilateral trade policy to human rights, depriving the Soviet Union of permanent normal

trade relations to pressure Moscow to allow Jewish emigration.

"They had nothing," Weinberg said of the Jews she met, explaining how she smuggled goods in between the layers of her luggage. "The Council gave us a list of people to see and told us how to interact— never meet in a hotel, always meet outside, and always have 5 kopeks for a phone call. We would meet refuseniks in the metro. They would walk around us several times to make sure we were the right people."

Meeting people in the middle of the night, the housewife and mother heard stories of losing high profile jobs for menial labor and about being thrown in jail after applying for a visa. Weinberg herself hid Jewish stars and other items in her pantyhose to deliver to families in the U.S. When stopped at customs once, she made a scene, just as she was trained, and demanded her passport be returned.

"I didn't have a lot of fear," she said. "I just did it."

All in all, the Weinbergs visited the country four times. Then they found out Mikhail Gorbachev was coming to the U.S.

"All I could think about was going to Washington," Weinberg said.

When she asked Pittell to join her, her friend recalled, "Our generation marched with Martin

Luther King. This was an opportunity we didn't want to miss. When there is something we can do, why not do it?"

Joining Weinberg and Pittell were friends Congressman Bob Matsui and his wife, Doris, who recalled of the experience, "In every generation there are moments that bring us together and inspire, and for me, participating in the March on Washington in 1987 was one such event. A quarter of a million Americans from all backgrounds and all walks of life came together to demand that Gorbachev put an end to the forced assimilation of Soviet Jews and allow their emigration from the USSR. This effort was a unique example of bipartisan cooperation in Washington, as both Democratic and Republican politicians stood shoulder to shoulder to demand an end to the Soviet Union's mistreatment of Soviet Jews."

Marching with Pearl Bailey and hearing Peter, Paul, and Mary perform, Weinberg said, "We were activists. It was an experience you don't forget."

Added Pittell, "Here we were with our brethren— I can't even describe the feeling. We knew we were doing something more important than ourselves. We made a statement on behalf of Jewish mothers and young Jewish woman. I couldn't even imagine that Jews would not help other Jews. It was historical, it was empowering, and it was rewarding."

Elections in Israel: What Does It All Mean?

by Alan Edelstein

Editor's Note: Events in Israel are changing daily. The following article represents a point in time.

The Israeli elections are January 22nd, and the 37 “lists” competing run the gamut from Communist, pro-marijuana, pirate (yes, pirate), and anti-Zionist ultra-Orthodox to green, nationalistic, and anti-Zionist Arab. Other than the fact that they are both democratic and that the voters complain about their choices, there is little in common between the American presidential and the Israeli parliamentary elections.

Although the media might focus on the personalities of those at the head of a party, Israelis do not elect a Prime Minister. Each party assembles its “list” of candidates. Because the number of seats a party receives in the 120-member Knesset reflects the percentage of votes the party receives out of the total votes cast, the higher one is on the list, the more likely the candidate will have a seat in the Knesset. A candidate’s place on the list is decided in a party primary, by a party committee, or by the leader of the party.

When an Israeli voter enters the voting booth, he or she does not see a list of the candidates. Usually the voter sees the name of the parties and the name of the party’s leader. The voter votes for the party. Unique among democracies, Israel has no districts. Each person on the list who becomes a Knesset member represents the whole of Israel. The threshold for a Knesset seat is only 2% of the vote, so virtually anyone can, and many often do, form their own party and win a few seats.

The party leader receiving the most votes does not necessarily become the Prime Minister. In recent years no party has received the 61 votes to rule on its own and to decide who will be Prime Minister. They have had to form coalitions. For example, in the last election Kadima leader Tzipi Livni received one more vote than Likud leader Bibi Netanyahu. However, Netanyahu was able to put together a coalition with other parties to form a majority of the Knesset and to become Prime Minister.

Here is a rundown of the major parties contesting the current election and the likely, but in no way certain, results:

The Left (for lack of a better label)

- ✦ **10-12 seats:** An anti-Zionist combination of *Balad*, an Arab nationalist party, *United Arab List/Ta’al*, more a collection of people than a party with moderate Islamists and a

leading Beduin, and *Hadash*, an Arab-Jewish party with Communist roots that may now be supportive of a two-state solution.

- ✦ **3-5 seats:** *Meretz*: An old left party that has hung on over the years and that may now gain as Labor moves to the center on security issues. Number 3 on the list is openly gay and Number 5 is an Arab. 40% of the candidates are women.

The Center

If egos and personalities were not a factor, these parties could form an alliance and present a united choice to voters.

- ✦ **20 seats:** *Labor*: Declining since 1992, Labor is now having a revival resulting from Kadima’s fall and its new leader, Shelly Yachimovich, moving it to the center on foreign policy. With the social protests of 2011 and the widening gap between the rich and poor, the Party’s social welfare ideology is proving attractive.

Disappearing?

- ✦ **Kadima:** Ariel Sharon’s breakaway party from Likud when he decided to pursue the Gaza withdrawal, the party has gone through a succession of leaders since his stroke and is searching for identity and ideology. It may have the footnote in history that says it went from 28 seats in the current Knesset to zero in the next one.
- ✦ **10 seats:** *Yesh Atid*: Former journalist Yair Lapid and his friends formed a party with centrist appeal— a moderate foreign policy and an ideology best described as “those who give, get.” Without the aggressively antagonistic attitude toward the ultra-Orthodox of his late father Tommy Lapid and his *Shinui* Party, Lapid advocates that those who pay taxes, serve in the military, and otherwise contribute to society should be the ones who receive its benefits and support.
- ✦ **10 seats:** *Tzipi Livni Party*: Apparently honest and well-intentioned but unable to play well



Voting Ballots used for voting in Israel. Photo Credit: Wikimedia.

with others, the former Foreign Minister and Kadima leader has formed her own party and named it after herself. Attracting former Labor leaders Amir Peretz and Amnon Mitzna, some have nicknamed it the "Party of Losers."

The Right (for lack of a better label)

- ✦ **40 seats: Likud/Beitenu:** The recent merger of Prime Minister Netanyahu's *Likud*, which currently holds 27 seats, and Foreign Minister Lieberman's Israel *Beitenu* Party, which currently holds 15. The merger is Lieberman's only way of possibly shedding his Russian-only, nationalistic, and criminal aura in his quest to become Prime Minister. While the move holds Lieberman at bay for a while, many see it as ill advised for Netanyahu. They argue that Likud would have picked up seats on its own and formed another coalition with Israel Beitenu, resulting in a bigger gain.
- ✦ **15 seats: Habayit Hayehudi:** A conglomeration of the old National Religious Party and like-minded folks, the party has attempted to become more modern and attractive. It has the youngest list, with an average age of 48,

and 25% of its candidates are women. It has made a special outreach to English speakers.

- ✦ **0 seats?: Power to Israel** is an alliance of two extreme right parties. They may not make the 2% threshold needed for representation.

Religious Right/Ultra-Orthodox

- ✦ **12-15 seats: Shas,** with ultra-Orthodox Sephardic leaders and a reliable base of traditional Sephardic followers, Shas has been willing to join coalitions in return for State resources for its institutions. Once its aging spiritual leader dies, the party's future will be questionable. A small group recently broke away, arguing that the party should be more supportive of the State and that its members should serve the country.
- ✦ **5-6 seats: Yehudat Hatorah:** An alliance of two parties, one formerly anti-Zionist that now supports a strong State and one that does not like the idea of a secular State but whose members are increasingly integrated into it.

Unlike most modern democracies where the economy and internal factors are the overriding

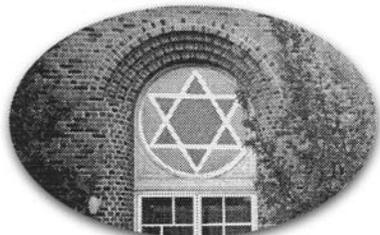
concerns of voters, Israel's security situation and the upheaval in its neighborhood dominate elections. While there has been increasing concern about the economy, more than 50% of the public still says that security and foreign affairs are the top factors in their vote.

Given the security situation, the feeling among many that the Palestinians are not really interested in making peace, the feeling that much of the world is against Israel, and the lack of unity in the center/left, most pundits expect *Likud/Beitenu* to receive the most votes and Netanyahu to form the next governing coalition. But, as in politics everywhere, it's not over 'til it's over. Just ask George H.W. Bush and Shimon Peres.

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Sue Sperber empties trash and shares some special finds during her week of volunteering following Hurricane Sandy.

ONE COMMUNITY MEMBER'S

If you're like most people with extra time on your hands, you might think about taking an exotic vacation with your family, but Sue Sperber is not like most people. Sperber, a Federation Board member, traveled back east from November 11-19, 2012 to help victims of Hurricane Sandy.

"I was listening to my rabbi's sermon about the devastation but it didn't hit me then," Sperber recalled. "I didn't have any plans so I had some discretionary time."

The grandmother of nine went online and visited NECHAMA: A Jewish Response to Disaster, a non-profit that provides disaster response and training services nationwide.

"There were three buttons," Sperber described. "Give, Volunteer, Connect. I clicked on 'Volunteer.'"

Before she knew it, a packing list was emailed to her, she was telling her husband, "I'm going" (he did not try to talk her out of it), and she was heading for New Jersey, backpack and sleeping bag in tow.

"When I saw pictures on TV, I felt terrible," Sperber said. "These were people I could identify with, homes where people had photographs. One woman was sobbing, not like a victim but because she was devastated that things were lost. I heard the wailing in her voice and my heart went out to her. These were things from her heritage, family heirlooms, and they touched my heart. If it was me, I would hope a neighbor would help me out."



RESPONSE TO HURRICANE SANDY

Sperber spent her days in Tenafly and Hoboken, New Jersey as well as Brooklyn with 12 other volunteers, mostly from the east coast, tearing down walls, removing furniture, and cleaning mold so spaces could be power washed, with only a granola bar and Almond Joy to give her morning sustenance. She found boxes of county records filled with water and had to peel away the paper without it tearing to see if birth or marriage certificates could be salvaged, disassemble work cubicles, and empty out people's belongings from desks. With the damage being so great, there was no time for questions such as "keep or save?" so volunteers made snap decisions about everything they found.

With devastation all around her, Sperber said she managed to stay calm until she saw the pink tricycle.

"It made me cry," she said. "I envisioned a bunch of little girls' tushes on that tricycle."

There were profound moments as well like when she found a menorah in the window of a priest's office or when she went dumpster diving for prayer books so they could be buried properly.

"I thought, 'We're all in this together,'" Sperber said. "The other lessons I learned were there are way more profoundly good, selfless people in the world than selfish and it made me really appreciate my relationships and become aware of how tenuous everything in life can be. I've seen heartache before but this certainly reinforced the desire to be with other people, to be neighborly, and be part of something bigger than myself."

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Campaign Conversations: Margi Park-Landau

Welcome to Campaign Conversations where, each month, a member of the Sacramento region's Jewish community will be highlighted to talk about the meaning of giving and what inspires them to give to Federation. Next month, Campaign Co-Chairs Carol Loew and Bob Dresser will begin introducing you to members of our community.

Anyone who knows Margi Park-Landau knows her name is synonymous with the annual Jewish Film Festival, but if that's all you know, you don't know Margi!

Arriving in Sacramento from New York more than 30 years ago for a position with the California Department of Health Services' Refugee Program, Park-Landau immediately became involved in the community, first showing up at Jewish Family Services (JFS) and then becoming involved in anything and everything that fed her soul both personally and professionally.

"My background is in public health and education but that's not just my work, it's my passion," Park-Landau said. "In order to do those things well, you have to know about resources."

The newly arrived transplant, who had no family or friends in the area, had to find her way and make a new home for herself. A lover of systems and how they work, Park-Landau found herself becoming more involved with JFS and eventually became a member of the agency's Board. A huge believer in social justice, her next stop was the Jewish Community Relations Council, a program of the Jewish Federation.

"JCRC was the closest Jewish group that advocated for social justice," she explained. "We all need information, access, a way to get what we need with the least resistance politically, economically, and socially. My goal is reducing barriers and making sure people have access and are treated equally. It fits with what we believe in the Jewish community and beyond."

A devoted Federation donor, Park-Landau described the organization as the "soul" of the community.

"I'm all for Federation," she said, noting, "It is the largest entity if you look at it from a system's perspective. It has the most capability of being comprehensive, it has the most potential historically, and its mission statement addresses the needs of the entire community. The Federation gives us an opportunity to have not just more of a Jewish life but to connect better with local, county, state, and world issues. There is tremendous potential and people need to understand, invest, and rely on it more. You have to give to get. And the more it gives, the more we get. Practically everyday I hear something from Federation because something really is happening everyday."

With a resume of involvement that includes Congregation B'nai Israel, Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women, Women of B'nai Israel, the League of Women Voters, the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, and, of course, the Jewish Film Festival (Park-Landau is the volunteer coordinator with The Crest General Manager Sid Garcia-Heberger), she is now busy reinventing herself during the second half of her life, becoming even more involved with social action efforts.

"I'm seeing a lot of new poor and old poor, low literacy, joblessness, which leads to homelessness and mental health and abuse and violence," Park-Landau said. "When I was younger, this awareness seemed separate but we are not as separate as we think by religion, gender, or wealth. We need to help each other. It has become apparent to me that there is so much need. My goal is to figure out how to best address the needs of the world."

Still a true New Yorker, Park-Landau said, "We feel we have permission to talk to anyone. They may not talk back but everybody has something interesting about them. You never know what a person has to offer. The degrees of separation are not that great."

Children's Voices Speak About the Holocaust

Four years after Bernie Marks founded the Eleanor J. Marks Holocaust Essay Contest in memory his late wife and sponsored by Congregation B'nai Israel's Brotherhood, a publication of more than 80 student essays has been released entitled *Children's Voices*.

"I started the contest to educate the younger generation about World War II, an event that we sort of talk about as adults," Marks explained. "We use the word 'Holocaust' and we give it a lot of lip service but we don't try to explore what the Holocaust was all about."

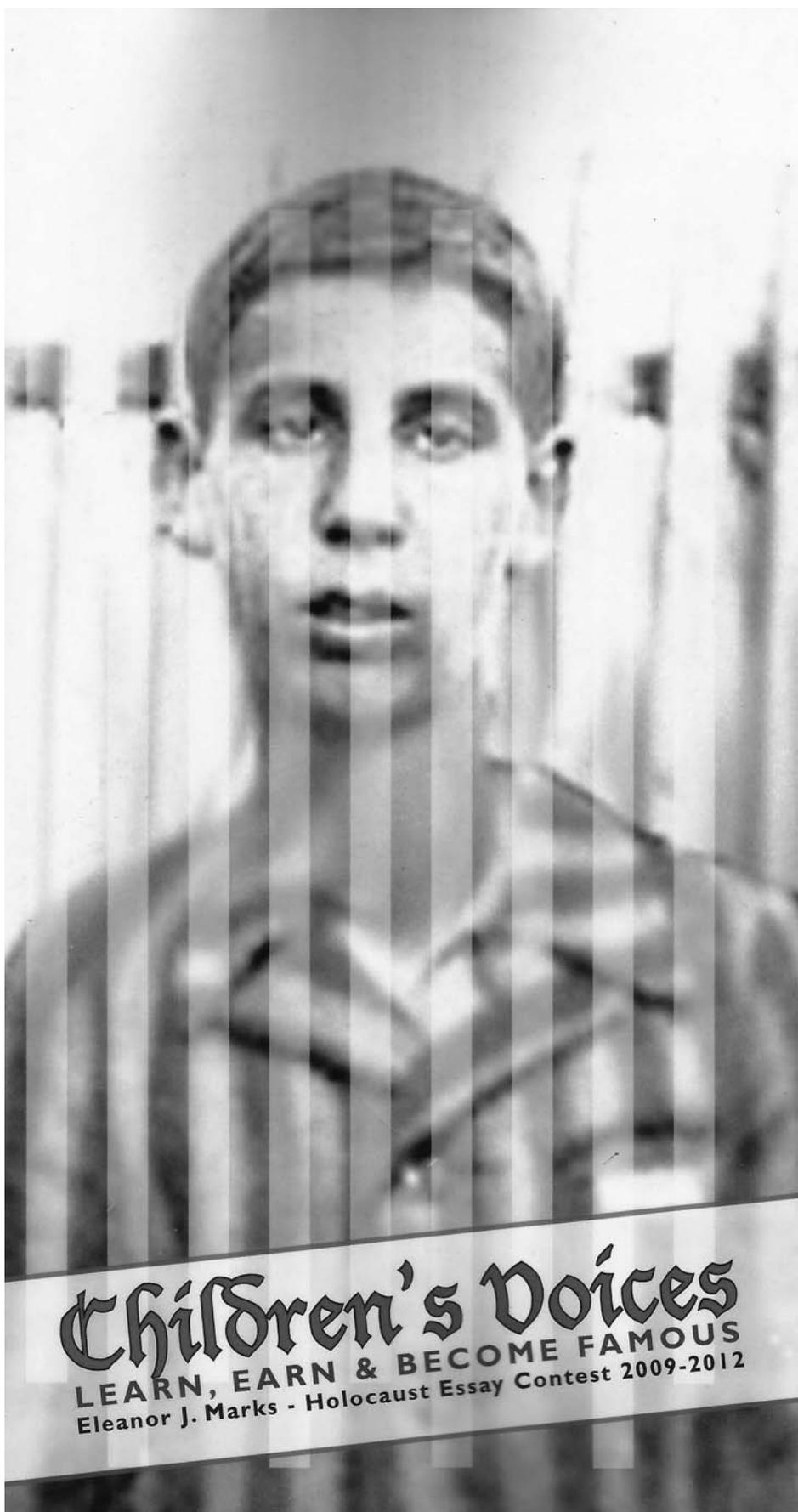
Marks, a Holocaust survivor himself, said that students get little Holocaust education in Hebrew or religious school and only a "smattering" in middle and high school but nothing of any substance. Some teachers show *Night* and others use *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which Marks said describes Anne as a Holocaust survivor, not a victim. Her father, he pointed out, removed "every bit of religiosity in her diary and made it what his belief was— agnostic. This is not the Holocaust. I, as a survivor, can tell you what occurred starting with an 8-year-old boy, and taking you through the steps of the ghettos, lack of food, slave labor, people who died of starvation and illness, and being transported to a place like Auschwitz. I want to give students a better education so words like 'Never Again' can be applied to today's life. I associate the Holocaust with bullying. If a student does not understand bullying, he or she will not understand the Holocaust. My goal is to put the words 'Never Again' into action."

Using the contest as vehicle to educate students, it is now entering its fifth year. It began at Congregation B'nai Israel and now is open to all area religious school programs— 15 to be exact— and Shalom School, as well as public and private local, state, and international middle and high school students, including those in Germany, Poland, Austria, Belgium, France, and Italy. This year's topic is *Unsung Heroes of the Holocaust, 1939-1945*.

Promising students they will "Learn, Earn, and Become Famous" if they enter the contest, Marks felt having published works would help students gain access to higher education.

"This book is my promise that all of the students will become famous," he said, mentioning how well-researched and how profound the essays were. "I would like to see the contest never stop and I hope somebody will take it over when I'm gone. From the time I was little, I was always influenced by *tikkun olam*, repair the world. I am trying to teach youngsters not to be bullies and to take stock of what happened because it can happen again."

Children's Voices is available for \$14.95+ tax from Bernie Marks, Congregation B'nai Israel, and other synagogue gift shops. All proceeds go toward the Eleanor J. Marks Holocaust Essay Fund. The deadline for the 5th Annual Eleanor J. Marks Holocaust Essay Contest is March 1, 2013. For more information or contest guidelines, contact Marks at dov52@rcjp.com.



A young Bernie Marks is shown on the cover of his newly published book, *Children's Voices*, a collection of student-written essays about the Holocaust.

OUT & ABOUT

A standing room only crowd joined Congregation Bet Haverim (CBH) to dedicate its new Torah. The dedication is the culmination of CBH's 50th anniversary year.



Cliff Berg, who along with his wife, Debbie, and Shira and Don Gilbert, served as Co-Chair for the 2012 Sacramento AIPAC Membership Gala on December 2, 2012, addresses the crowd of more than 300 people. Featured speakers were the Honorable Andy David, Consul General of Israel for the Pacific Northwest; Congressman Dennis Cardoza, former member of Congress; Zack Bodner, AIPAC Pacific Northwest Regional Director; Anita Friedman, AIPAC Northern California Chair; and Ayaan Hirsi Ali, bestselling author.



On January 8, 2013, an ambulance will be dedicated to Ashkelon, Israel in honor of the newly created Sister City relationship with Sacramento. The ambulance was donated by Robert Leeds, who, for his Bar Mitzvah, requested that attendees make a donation to purchase the ambulance for the Magen David

Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross. Leeds will travel from Los Angeles to attend the January 8th Council meeting to announce the donation. Scheduled dignitaries include Councilmembers Steve Cohn and Jay Schenirer; Arnold Gerson, U.S. Director for American Friends of Magen David Adom; Gideon Lustig,

Deputy Consul General of Israel for the Pacific Northwest; and Barry Broad, The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region. The dedication is co-sponsored by Magen David Adom and StandWithUs and takes place at 915 I St., Sacramento at 11:00am.

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A LOOK BACK AT 2012

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The American Jewish Experience in Small Towns

by Al Sokolow, Federation Editorial Board Member

As part of Congregation Bet Haverim's (CBH) Jubilee Lifelong Learning Series recognizing its 50th anniversary, *Jews in Small Towns* was presented on November 18, 2012. CBH members Esther Novak, Evelyn Falkenstein, and others contributed their personal stories of growing up in small towns like Nebraska and Ohio, respectively.

Jews in the United States have been predominantly an urban people; however, Jews also have spread out to many small towns. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, Jews settled in several thousand small trade centers in all states of the union. About 490 small cities contained

between 100-1,000 Jewish residents in 1927; many more towns had fewer Jewish residents, from one to several dozen families apiece.

Economic opportunities attracted Jews to relatively isolated places, with most Jewish arrivals starting retail businesses— dry goods and clothing in particular. They came to small towns mostly in two waves— German Jews in the mid-19th century, Eastern Europeans in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. More recently, some small towns have attracted doctors, attorneys, and other professionals as well as academics in college towns.

Raising a family and retaining their religious identity was not easy for small town Jews in the early days. The challenges of small size included scarce Jewish resources and institutions, limited social networks, and the common lack of a rabbi and other professionals. In many communities, lay people with a religious education substituted for rabbis, cantors, and school leaders. They established links with Jews in other small towns

in the region, sharing resources, meeting often, and creating opportunities for young people from different towns to socialize with each other. The most serious challenges concerned children who had few Jewish friends, limited access to Jewish education, religious pressures from Christian friends, and having other Jews to date and marry.

Relations with the larger non-Jewish community ranged from expressions of anti-Semitism, through tolerance, to partial or full acceptance. The visibility of Jewish merchants in small towns gave them some recognition and access to civic life.

Today, fewer small communities have identifiable Jewish populations. Many of the kids and grandkids of the original merchants did not continue in the family businesses, but left for education and employment in communities with more opportunities for leading a Jewish life. Additionally, some of the offspring became absorbed into their communities and left the faith through intermarriage and other circumstances.

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Feb. 12 – Israel's Contributions to Humanity: Gideon Lustig, Deputy Consul General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest

Feb. 19 – Anti-Israelism on College Campuses: Dr. Roberta Seid

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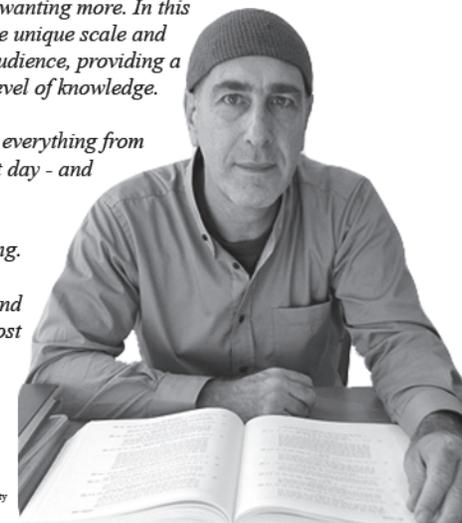
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On January 13, 2013, the Sacramento Chapter of Hadassah honors the following Women of Distinction, volunteers from throughout the Jewish community:

Albert Einstein Residence Center: Randy Goldstein is being honored for more than 20 years of service and dedication to the seniors at AERC. She has faithfully served in the AERC eatery, preparing and serving delicious lunches. No expression of caring has been too small for Randy.

Central Valley Holocaust Educators' Network: Since the inception of CVHEN, Jackie Caplan has been a trusted and valued participant and advisor in the area of planning, budgets, evaluations, and grants. In retirement, Jackie has served as a member of the Board of the Sacramento Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and continues to serve as a member of the JCRC Education Committee and CVHEN Board.

Congregation Bet Haverim: Jennifer Goldman is being honored for her longtime commitment to Bet Haverim and for the energy, creativity, and enthusiasm that she brings to all the projects. She is a member of the Board of Directors, has

served as the Chair of our Founders Spirit Award program, spearheaded the revitalization of our Building and Design Committee, and this year, she proposed and created our first volunteer recognition tea.

Congregation Beth Shalom: Jana Uslan has held just about every position at CBS including Education Chair, Sisterhood President, Sisterhood Treasurer, Boss of the Kitchen, President (for 3 years), Family Promise Organizer, Co-Vice President of Education, and Rental Chair. Jana says, "When I am at the Temple, whether cooking, cleaning, enjoying Family Promise, or planning with a committee, I feel at peace. CBS is my second home and I love being there with my CBS family."

Hadassah: Shira Gilbert is no stranger to volunteerism. She ran the Shalom School Book Fair for 9 years; was Secretary on the Arden Band Board; volunteered for the VICCI program (Volunteers in Career and College Information) at Rio Americano High School, and currently serves on the Hillel Board as Secretary and Co-Chair of its annual fundraising event. Shira served as Co-President of the Sacramento Hadassah Chapter for two years and also headed its Israel Affairs Committee.

Hillel at Davis and Sacramento: As an undergraduate at UC Davis until 2012, Rachel was chosen to be a *Tzedek* (Social Justice) Koret Intern and helped facilitate dozens of programs including the UC Davis *Challah for Hunger* chapter. Rachel also took a leading role in *Hillel's Alternative Spring Break Program* for two consecutive years, traveling to New Orleans to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina and volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club in Miami.

Jewish Community Foundation of the West: Alice has served on the Investment Committee for 5 years, and 18 months ago, she took over as Board Treasurer. She also has served on the RFP Committee, helping the Foundation select new Investment Advisors and improve donor services. Her flexibility and work ethic have made her a valuable addition to JCFW's board.

Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region: Federation selected Simone Monnier Clay as its Hadassah Woman of Distinction for her tireless

dedication to the Communitywide Yom HaShoah Commemoration Committee, as a member of the Committee for eight years and as Chair for four years. Simone said, "Planning the annual Yom HaShoah event is particularly important to me and very important to each member of the committee because it relates to the Holocaust and the fate our relatives underwent during this tragic part of Jewish history."

Mosaic Law Congregation: Judy Persin, speaks of the synagogue as a second home to her and her children while they were growing up. Currently she is the MLC Archivist and is continuously on the quest to gather and preserve the history of MLC.

National Council of Jewish Women: Carole Jacoby has been one of the driving forces behind the growth of NCJW in Sacramento. Carole has held just about every position over the years, including VP Administration, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair, Co-President, and President. Carole's newest duties for NCJW will be as mentor to three Sections: Contra Costa, Portland, and Seattle.

Shalom School: As the mother of two Shalom School students, Stephanie has been a dedicated volunteer from the time she became a parent at the school. She has served as room representative, the PTF Vice President and President, PTF Picnic Co-Chair, and Walk-a-Thon Chair. She also helped bring the Crocker Museum Art Ark to the Shalom School campus. Shalom School has been fortunate to have the Millers as part of our school community.

TDX: Misha Igra has been a member of the sorority for five years and has been an active participant in all of its philanthropic and community service activities. She has Co-Chaired a luncheon for seniors at the Albert Einstein Residence Center and a Chanukah party for TDX members. Additionally, Misha also served for two years as TDX Treasurer.

Information about Congregation B'nai Israel's honoree, Jodie Rubenstein, was not available press time.

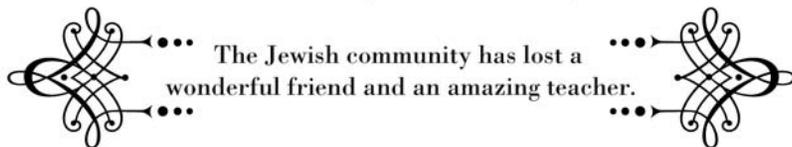
Hadassah's Women of Distinction Luncheon is January 13, 2013, from 10:30am-1:00pm at the Woodlake Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento. For more information, contact Marcy Silliman at marcy@silliman.com.



CVHEN mourns the loss of Kathy Carlisle, a St. Francis High School visual arts teacher who died December 8, 2012 after being struck by a train while doing what she loved—taking photographs. A gifted photographer, Kathy studied and participated in CVHEN workshops since 2008.

Kathy was a model educator, able to make connections across curriculum and diverse perspectives with insight. She had a “wise” heart. As an artist and teacher, she was able to communicate her wisdom to her students in a unique language. She understood the role of teachers as messengers for the future, not only as conduits for information. She opened her students’ eyes to possibilities for the future and their role in shaping that future.

Kathy produced a student Holocaust Exhibition titled “The Holocaust: Illuminated Memory,” which was shown at the Yom HaShoah Community-wide Commemoration in 2012. The student collection has been invited to exhibit at the University of Minnesota in April 2013.



The Committee on Inclusion and Disabilities is grateful to the Sacramento Area Jewish Educators (SAJE) for collaborating with us at their annual inservice. Special thanks to Marcia Greene for teaching about classroom modifications for children with special needs. And thank you to all of the educators for highlighting Jewish Disability Awareness Month this coming February.



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Staff Picks: what is your *favorite* winter sport

Melissa Chapman, Executive Director

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2. How Many Times Will a Bus Splatter Me Today
3. Which Sidewalks Can I Drive on to Get Home in Under 3 Hours
4. How Puffy is Your Puffy Coat

Sara Allen, Director of Development

Does eating s'mores in front of a fire count as a "sport?"

Ardyth Sokoler, PJ Library

My favorite participatory winter sports include splashing in puddles, jumping in piles of fallen leaves, and driving to play in the snow with my children. On less adventurous days, I enjoy watching the beauty and grace of figure skating.

Elissa Provance, Director of Communications

Growing up in The Bronx, our favorite winter sport was finding empty cardboard boxes and building snow forts on the street to block the wind. We also loved sledding, especially on snow days when schools were closed!

Jessica Braverman Birch,

We like ice skating best! We watch enraptured as Olympic figure skaters glide around our living room every four years. My Dad taught ice skating during college and still skates with his granddaughters today. But the best part is the hot cocoa at the end.

Meg Barker, Program Associate

Men's College Basketball! My household LOVES the University of Pittsburgh Panthers, P.I.T.T. Let's Go Pitt!

Israel Beyond the News

by Eddi Benjamini

Israel Beyond the News follows The Israel Calendar, launched by the American-Israeli Cooperative. Each month, Temple Or Rishon member Eddi Benjamini highlights a different theme about a side of Israel that you won't see in the mainstream press. Israel's geographic diversity includes mountains (including a snow capped mountain), a long coastal plain, forested highlands, fertile valleys, deserts, and semi-arid regions. Its mostly mild year-round weather and its religious and historical importance make it one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. Consider the following for a taste of the diversity in one of the smallest countries in the world! Stay tuned for Israel and U.S. Relations, coming in February.



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Highest/Lowest Points: Mount Hermon at 7,200 feet and the Dead Sea at 1,300 feet below sea level, the lowest point on Earth.

Climate: Subtropical with two seasons: a hot, humid, rainless summer and a cold, semi-wet to wet winter.

Border Countries: Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Egypt, Israel is located in the eastern Mediterranean



The Coastal Plain

- ✦ Stretches from Rosh Hanikra in the north to the Sinai Peninsula in the south
- ✦ Fertile with the narrowest "neck" of Israel (about 5 miles) as part of it
- ✦ Densely populated and includes Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Israel's "Silicon Valley"
- ✦ Hot and humid summers and moderately rainy but not very cold winters



The Jordan Valley

- ✦ Part of the Afro-Syrian rift, which is the result of an ancient geological upheaval extending from the Syrian-Turkish border to the Zambezi River in Africa
- ✦ Runs the entire length of Israel from the town of Metula in the north to the Red Sea in the south
- ✦ Includes the Jordan River, Lake Kinneret, the Dead Sea, and the Arava, the southern most part of the valley
- ✦ Very hot and dry summers and pleasant winters; rain in the Jordan Valley is rare

The Mountain Region

- ✦ Stretches from Lebanon in the north to Eilat in the south
- ✦ Located between the Coastal Plain and the Jordan Valley Rift and includes the Samaria and Judean Hills
- ✦ Soil is mostly rocky and the population density is much lower than in the Coastal Plain
- ✦ North climate is Mediterranean and rainy and in the south it is desert dry
- ✦ Major cities are Jerusalem, Be'ersheva, and Eilat
- ✦ Climate in the mountainous portion is more pleasant in the summer being cooler and dryer and in the winter colder and wetter



The Negev

- ✦ Comprises about half of the land area
- ✦ North is semi-arid and includes Be'ersheva
- ✦ Central Negev is arid with low sandstone hills and plains and abounds with canyons and wadis
- ✦ Southern Negev, with a drier climate and higher mountains than in the central region, has bare craggy peaks, plateaus, and picturesque craters that display a broad range of colors and rock
- ✦ Near Eilat there are areas of sharp pinnacles of red and gray granite with gorges and sheer cliffs
- ✦ Mostly desert climate with hot days, cold nights, and very low rainfall



TORAH WORDS

by Rabbi Evon J. Yakar



Most of us are familiar with the burning bush episode in the book of Exodus— the story of Moses' first encounter with God. The thorn bush that was on fire, but not being consumed. It must have been quite the sight. Our ancient sages relate the following story about this scene in the Midrash: "Someone asked R. Joshua ben Korcha, 'Why did God choose a thorn bush to speak to Moses?' He replied, 'Your question would be the same if it had been a carob or sycamore tree; but to dismiss you without reply is not right. To teach you that no place is devoid of the Divine Presence, not even a thorn bush.'" (Ex. Rab. 2, 5)

Exodus is about connecting, with each other as a community and with the Divine. It is our people's account of our unfolding and developing relationship with G-d. This scene is Moses' first impression and it is a miraculous episode that requires his full attention. For had he not stopped and taken note of the bush not being consumed, the story would have gone much differently. This scene is ever more important in our frenetic lives, as we are caught between text messages and emails, between balancing

family with our professional lives and we don't often stop to notice those burning bushes, to notice the Divine in our world. Rabbi David Wolpe wrote, "The frequency with which we live in states of inattention to our own lives is suggested by the ever proliferating means of distraction... We can be constantly in touch without ever being in contact." He continued, "To appreciate G-d's world is to fight against the lethargy of inattentiveness." (*Floating Takes Faith*, p. 139)

The burning bush is a reminder to be present. It is a wake-up call to notice, yes the Divine in everything, but also to make contact, to connect with others with whom we share our world. From our families outward to our communities, if we can't stop to notice the miracles occurring daily around us, the sun rising in the east, the love of a friend, or the smile of a young child, certainly we allow our world to become devoid of the Divine. May we heed the lesson of Moses and always see the miraculous.

Rabbi Yakar is rabbi of Temple Bat Yam in North Lake Tahoe.



The Golan Heights

- ✦ Northeast of the Jordan River and north is Mount Hermon
- ✦ The Golan Heights proper are mostly basalt and other types of volcanic rock
- ✦ Summer water runoff contributes to the spectacular Baniyas and Tel Dan springs and pools and to the major tributaries of the Jordan and the Yarmuk rivers, which flow into the Kinneret
- ✦ Dry in the summers and wet in the winters; every winter snow falls on Mount Hermon for six months



Rivers & Seas

- ✦ Moderate rainfall causes the majority of rivers to be only temporarily filled
- ✦ Largest river is the 150-mile long Jordan running into the Kinneret and then on the Dead Sea with no water exit
- ✦ Salinity of the Dead Sea is the highest in the world
- ✦ Two rivers in the coastal Plain run west from the central mountains down to the Mediterranean; however, the country's most powerful rivers cut through the spectacular canyons in the Negev



Wildlife, Flora & Fauna

- ✦ About 100 species of mammals (compared with the whole of Europe, which has 140 species)
- ✦ 510 species of birds, mostly migratory for which Israel provides the only resting place along their migration path
- ✦ Extremely rich in tropical fish and colorful corals in Eilat waters of the Red Sea
- ✦ Flora is comprised of 2,380 species of plants while the coastal Region is rich in fauna in the form of forest and undergrowth

ROAD TRIP!

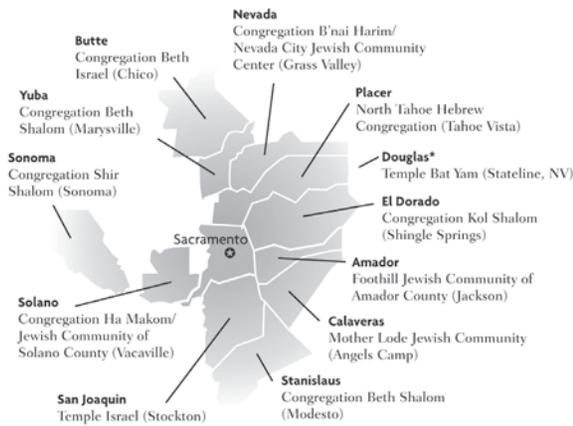


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The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region serves Sacramento and several outlying counties. We'd like to bring our community closer with Road Trip!, a monthly feature that highlights what makes the areas we serve so special. Our next stop is the Capital City itself! Sacramento, perfectly situated between the Bay area and Tahoe, has a rich Jewish history that has come a long way since the Gold Rush days. No matter what kind of buff you are— art, history, theatre, or otherwise— you'll find something to keep you inspired!

Sacramento's Jewish History*

- **1849:** Jewish settlement begins with the arrival of merchants who catered to the local trade and supplied goods for resale during the Gold Rush. David Lubin opens a clothing store with his half brother, Harris Weinstock, in 1874, which becomes the Weinstock-Lubin department store (now called Macy's).
- **1851:** Orthodox Congregation B'nai Israel, composed of Germans and Poles, owns and occupies the first synagogue building in the state.
- **1852:** Home of Peace, the area's only Jewish cemetery, opens.
- **1859:** B'nai B'rith Lodge organizes and now is the second oldest in California.
- **1895:** Congregation B'nai Israel becomes a Reform synagogue.
- **1912:** Eastern European Jews organize Mosaic Law Congregation, which becomes Conservative around 1947.
- **1916:** 150 Jewish families live in Sacramento.
- **1921:** Jewish Federation opens.
- **1932:** Sacramento Chapter of Hadassah founded.
- **1948:** Federation becomes incorporated.
- **1959:** Sacramento Section of NCJW charter signed.
- **1961:** Congregation Bet Haverim in Davis is founded.
- **1966:** Hillel at Davis and Sacramento opens.
- **1973:** Congregation Beth Shalom in Carmichael opens.
- **1978:** Shalom School, the area's only Jewish Day School, opens.
- **1982:** Keneset Israel Torah Center, a Modern Orthodox synagogue, opens.
- **1983:** Founding of Temple Or Rishon in Orangevale.
- **1981:** Albert Einstein Residence Center opens.

Where to Eat

Frank Fats: Fine Chinese food is the specialty and they've been serving it up since 1939. Set in an elegant atmosphere and featuring authentic Chinese artifacts, the classic menu includes authentic dishes from Canton, Szechuan, Peking, and Shanghai. 806 L St., Sacramento. www.fatsrestaurant.com.

Biba: Opened in 1986, Biba's authentic Italian regional recipes fill the menu and the refined but friendly ambiance makes you feel instantly at home. Biba has published eight best-selling cookbooks, which combined, have sold more than 600,000 copies. 2801 Capitol Ave., Sacramento. www.biba-restaurant.com.

Mikuni Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar: Award-winning Mikuni Sushi blends Japanese tradition and fresh quality fish with American innovation and creativity for an unparalleled dining experience. A Sacramento institution with eight locations from which to choose, including 1530 J St., Sacramento. www.mikunisushi.com.

Ella Dining Room & Bar: For more than 20 years, the Seland Family has been committed to promoting local and sustainable growers, farmers, and ranchers, and to creating fresh, honest, and innovative dishes featuring the highest quality seasonal and regionally sourced ingredients. 1131 K St., Sacramento. www.elladiningroomandbar.com.

Vic's Ice Cream: A family owned, old-fashioned, ice cream parlor and favored dining location of the late U.S. Representative Robert Matsui and his wife, current U.S. Representative Doris Matsui. 2005 Subscriber's Choice Dining Award and Third Place in the Best Ice Cream Parlor category in *Sacramento Magazine*. 3199 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. www.vicsicecream.com.

Leatherby's: Celebrated year after year for dishing up the best ice cream in town, Leatherby's now has three locations. The Family Creamery harks back to a simpler time of cheerful service, generous portions and tasty homemade eats all made onsite, using family recipes and natural ingredients. Leatherby's is a family-friendly institution, with 30 years of service to its customers and three generations of Leatherbys behind the counter. 2333 Arden Way, Sacramento (Citrus Heights and Elk Grove locations too!). www.leatherbys.net.

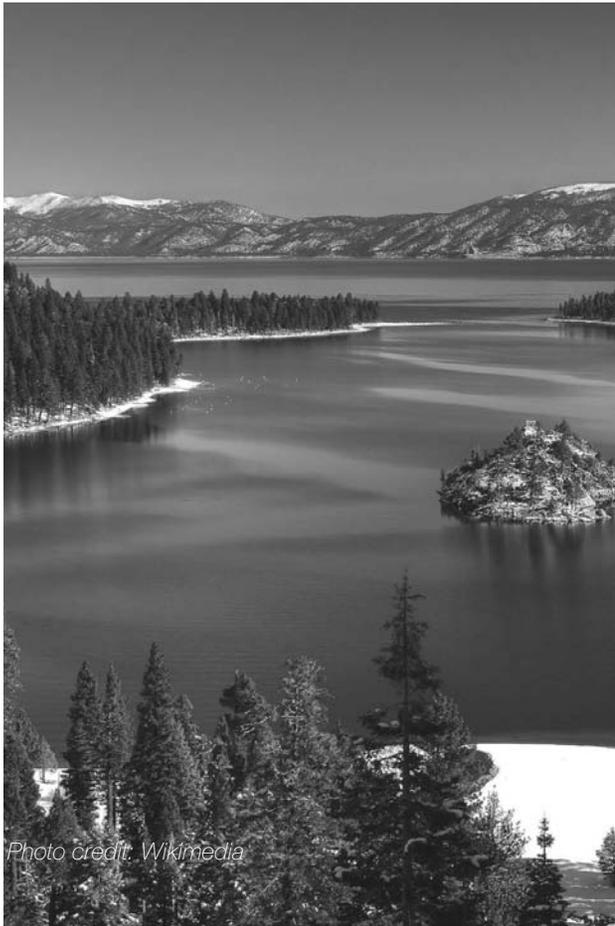


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ADVICE! TAHOE. AN ADVENTURE IN JUDAISM

by Rabbi Evon J. Yakar

Whether you are a summer enthusiast or seeking the slopes in the winter, Tahoe is a great place to visit. It is in Sacramento's backyard and the South Shore is only a two-hour drive away. With outdoor recreation that rivals any location on the planet and a vibrant entertainment scene, there are great activities for everyone. Yet, there is more to visiting Tahoe than just embracing the trails, the slopes, and the nightlife. For the past 18 months, Adventure Rabbi: Synagogue w/o Walls has been running monthly programs throughout the year in a partnership with Temple Bat Yam: The Jewish Community of South Lake Tahoe and Carson Valley.

Adventure Rabbi meets you in the out of doors and helps put meaning into Judaism.

We meet people where they are, which often includes hiking or skiing, and explore the many ways Judaism can enhance our lives. Through activities and community, adults and kids come to connect with Judaism in a new way.

So, as you plan your ski weekend, your summer hiking trip or just a weekend at the Lake, check out our calendar. Join us for a Shabbat morning hike with a short service with a view of Tahoe, or Shabbat on Snow at Heavenly for some turns and a short service this winter.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel taught, "Awe rather than faith is the cardinal attitude of the religious Jew." Join us to explore Jewish prayer, meaningful topics of conversation and a sense of Jewish community for a hike, in the snow, or wherever the trail may take us, but certainly in a space that gives us a sense of awe!

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What to Do

The State Capitol: At the Capitol, the past, present, and future of California interact with equal force. The building serves as a museum and the State's working seat of government. Explore California's rich history and witness the making of history through the modern lawmaking process. 10th & L Sts., Sacramento. www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov.

The Crocker Museum: Dedicated to promoting an awareness of and enthusiasm for human experience through art. In 2010, an expansion more than tripled the Museum's size, enhancing its ability to serve as a cultural and educational resource for Sacramento and the region's many visitors. The expansion also enabled the dedication of the historic building's entire first floor as the Museum's Education Center. 216 O St., Sacramento. www.crockerartmuseum.org.

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park: Captures the pioneer spirit of families arriving in wagon trains at the dawn of the California Gold Rush. John Sutter built the Fort and his agricultural empire

was critical in the rescue of the tragic Donner Party. He served as a diplomat with the Mexican government until it all came crashing down in 1848. 2701 L St., Sacramento. www.suttersfort.org.

Old Sacramento: The unique 28-acre National Historic Landmark District and State Historic Park is located along the beautiful Sacramento River. Bustling with activity, the district is alive with shopping, dining, entertainment, historical attractions, and world-renowned museums set within the time of the California Gold Rush and the Transcontinental Railroad. www.oldsacramento.com.

Crest Theatre: Enjoy a movie, live music, or comedy show in the beautifully restored Crest Theatre, Sacramento's last intact movie palace. Over the past 25 years, the Crest has been host to many different types of shows and events and continues to host a program of classic and current films. Also home of the Annual Jewish Film Festival and several other film festivals throughout the year. 1013 K St., Sacramento. www.thecrest.com.

Tower Theatre: Built in 1938, the Tower Theatre is a Sacramento landmark. In the 1980s, the single screen auditorium was divided into three smaller ones. The exterior, however, has remained in its original form, including still-working multicolored neon lights. 2508 Land Park Dr., Sacramento. 916-442-0985.

B Street Theatre: Since opening in 1991, B Street has become known for quality performances that keep audiences talking. Innovative new plays, emerging playwrights, and an intimate theatre experience unlike any other. 2711 B St., Sacramento. www.bstreettheatre.org.

Sacramento Theatre Company: Nationally recognized professional theatre company. As one of the oldest and largest arts institutions in the region, STC presents only the best classical, musical, and contemporary plays. From September to May, our theaters feature eight performances each week for a total of more than 300 each year. 1419 H St., Sacramento. www.sactheatre.org.

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Moving from Discord to Discourse in the Sacramento Jewish Community: *Having Respectful, Open, and Vibrant Conversations About Israel* January 18-January 20, 2013

**Historically, Israel has been a unifying force among Diaspora Jews.
Sadly, in recent years, it has too often become a wedge issue within the Jewish community.**

Join Rachel Eryn Kalish, founding facilitator of the *2011 Year of Civil Discourse Initiative* (YCD) in the San Francisco Bay Area and mediator/conflict transformation specialist, and Rabbi Shelly Lewis, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Kol Emeth in Palo Alto, author of *The Torah of Reconciliation* and YCD Rabbi-in-Residence, for a weekend designed to bring together Jews with diverse positions on Israel.

Build skills to move from discord to civil discourse by listening to and understanding each others' viewpoints while engaging in a thoughtful way. Meeting during the weekend that honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King gives us an opportunity to remember his legacy of peace building.

January 18: "Does Talking About Israel Have to Be So Hard? Lessons from the Year of Civil Discourse." Shabbat services and discussions at Congregations Bet Haverim, Beth Shalom, and B'nai Israel; Mosaic Law Congregation; and Temple Or Rishon. Contact individual synagogues for starting times and addresses.

January 19: "Sources in Torah on Civil Discourse" by Rabbi Lewis following the Torah Service at Mosaic Law Congregation, plus kosher lunch and facilitated conversation, "Why is It So Hard to Talk About Israel?" Service and discussion open to the entire community. 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. Shabbat services: 9:00am; Torah service: 10:00am; Kiddush lunch: Noon; Facilitated Discussion: Following Kiddush Lunch until 4:00pm (all times are approximate).

January 20: Communitywide skills training workshop on having challenging conversations about Israel at Congregation B'nai Israel. 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. 10:00am-4:00pm (includes kosher lunch).

All programming is free, however, registration is required by Monday, January 14th for lunch and planning purposes. Childcare available only upon request. To make arrangements or for general information, contact JCRC Director Jessica Birch at 916-486-0906 x308 or Dan Gorfain at 916-205-3823. **Register online: www.jewishsac.org/civildiscourse**

Sponsored by a Community Development Grant of the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region, the Jewish Community Relations Council, Congregation Bet Haverim, Congregation Beth Shalom, Congregation B'nai Israel, Mosaic Law Congregation, Temple Or Rishon, Leonard Friedman Bar Association, Councilmember Steve Cohn, and Councilmember Jay Schenirer.

CALENDAR

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays

January 20, 2013. Reconstructing Family Information From Almost Nothing. Janice Sellers provides a case study demonstrating techniques and sources allowing the reconstruction of seven generations of a family. Sellers is a professional genealogist who specializes in newspaper and Jewish research. She is the editor of two genealogy journals and a member of numerous genealogy societies, including the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society. 10:00am. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. For more information, visit www.jgss.org or contact mortrumberg1@earthlink.net.

Introduction to the Torah Bookshelf weekly e-learning with Rabbi Joel Zeff explores the fundamental texts and authors that form the most important sources of Jewish Law. Live, online, interactive

class allows you to write chat questions to which Rabbi Zeff will respond in real time. 7:00am. Visit Noahidenations.com, click on "Academy of Shem" in the Education section, select "Introduction to the Torah Bookshelf" (password is a12s, if asked). Open to all. Please sign on a few minutes before the class is scheduled to start. For more information, contact 916-481-1159.

Men's Tefillin Club. Every second Sunday to lay Tefillin, learn Torah, and enjoy breakfast. 9:00-10:00am. Chabad Jewish Community Center, 302 B South Lexington Dr., Folsom. For more information, contact 916-608-9811 or visit www.JewishFolsom.org.

Mondays

Monthly discussion group led by Rabbi Melamed on the second Monday of every month at the KOH Library and Cultural Center, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. 1:30-2:30pm. Free. For more information, contact 916-484-7333 or jacks.dad@att.net.

Derech L'Chaim JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons, and Significant Others). Every Monday. 10:30-11:30am. 2nd Floor Card Room, Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. JACS is based on the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with a Jewish focus. Confidential and anonymous. Please contact 916-591-8608 before attending for the first time.

Jewish Book Club at Temple Or Rishon. Every fourth Monday at 7:00pm. 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. All are welcome. For our reading list, visit www.orrishon.org, select Programs for All Ages, then Book Club. For more information, contact Alison Braverman at 916-988-7110 or alcinp1@aol.com.

Loaves and Fishes. The third Monday of each month, the Jewish community serves lunch to the homeless at Loaves and Fishes. 1321 North C St., Sacramento. Volunteer at 7:30am to help prepare food or at 10:45am to help serve. For more information, contact mary@mosaiclaw.org.

Mommy and Me! for ages 9-18 months. Free. Days and times to be determined by participants. Keneset Israel

Torah Center, 1165 Morse Ave., Sacramento. For meeting date, time, and more information, contact Melina at 818-426-6694.

Tuesdays

Baby and Me. Program for families with children birth to 2 years. Art, singing, movement, and fun! Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. 10:30am. For more information, contact Marcia at 916-988-4100 or educator@orrishon.org.

Israeli Dancing. For more information about dates and venue, join Israelidancesac-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or contact Jeanette at 916-799-7213.

Rabbis' Monthly Lunch and Learn. Rabbi Alfi explores issues in Contemporary Judaism. First Tuesday of the month. Join us with your lunch at Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. Noon-1:00pm. No RSVP required. For more information, contact RabbiAlfi@bnais.com.

Wednesdays

Shalom Gan K'ton. For children 18 months-5 years. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. 10:00am. \$50/10 sessions

with scholarships available. For more information, contact educator@orrishon.org.

First and Third Wednesday

Jessie Yoshpe Hadassah Study Group. Exploring Judaism Through the Holidays and More. KOH Library and Cultural Center, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Soni Meyer at 916-383-5743.

Thursdays

David Lubin Lodge, B'nai B'rith. Third Thursday of each month. 8:00pm. Albert Einstein Residence Center Eatery. 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. For more information, contact Bernie Marks at 916-363-0122.

Jewish Women's Support Group. Lead by Zalia Lipson. Chabad of Roseville, 3175 Sunset Blvd., Suite 104A, Roseville. 6:45pm. \$40 per session. For more information or to register, contact 916-624-8626 or Zalial@aol.com.

Fridays

Gan K'ton. For young children 18 months-5 years. Sing, play, create, listen to, and taste all the wonders of being Jewish, along with preparing for Shabbat. 10:00am. \$10/class. Enrollment and fees required. Scholarships available.

Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. For more information, contact Marcia at 916-988-4100 or educator@orrishon.org.

Tot Shabbat. Services, Singing, Storytelling, and Oneg for all children, including all who are young at heart. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. 6:00pm. For more information, contact Marcia at 916-988-4100 or educator@orrishon.org.

Saturdays

Taste of Torah. Second Saturday. Learn, laugh, sing, and "taste" the Torah. Free program for families with young children and children of all abilities. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. 10:30am. For more information, contact Marcia at 916-988-4100 or educator@orrishon.org.

GENERAL EVENTS

January 8, 2012.

Magen David Adom Ambulance Dedication for Sacramento's Sister City of Ashkelon. Scheduled dignitaries include Councilmembers Steve Cohn and Jay Schenirer; Arnold Gerson, U.S. Director American Friends of Magen David Adom; Gideon Lustig,



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 Temple Bat Yam: The Jewish Community of South Lake Tahoe & Carson Valley

Deputy Consul General of Israel for the Pacific Northwest; and Barry Broad, The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region. 11:00am. 915 I St., Sacramento. For more information, contact Sue Brown at sbrown@cityofsacramento.org.

January 9, 2013.

Leisure League with the Sun City Harmonicoots— A Breath of Life. Lunch and Oldies But Goodies, Popular, and Upbeat songs all played on harmonicas! Lunch it \$5/person. Noon. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. For more information or to RSVP, contact 916-486-0906.

January 10, 2013.

Shalom School 2013-14 Class Preview Event for Grades 2-5. Meet teachers and learn about our dual curriculum and other extra special programs for 2013-14. For parents only. Free. 4:45-6:00pm. 2320 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact 916-485-4151 or shalomdove@shalomschool.org or visit www.shalomschool.org.

January 11, 2013.

Reform Jews and Israel with Rabbi Robert Orkand, Past-President of the Association of Reform Zionists of America

(ARZA). Once considered to be “anti-Zionist,” Reform Jews are now ardent and vocal supporters of the State of Israel and its people. Discusses questions raised as to what it means to be a “Reform Zionist.” Free. Nosh 5:30pm; Shabbat service 6:00pm; Shabbat dinner 7:00pm; Lecture 7:45pm. For Shabbat dinner reservations or more information, contact Marissa at 916-446-4861 or marissa@bnais.com.

January 12, 2013. Responding to Critics of Israel with Rabbi Robert Orkand, Past-President of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA). As American Jews, we have a role to play in battling delegitimization efforts that harm Israel. At the same time, there are criticisms of the policies of Israel that may be legitimate. How, then, do we respond to the critics? Free. For Shabbat lunch reservations or more information, contact Marissa at 916-446-4861 or marissa@bnais.com.

January 13, 2013.

The Sacramento Chapter of Hadassah’s Annual Women of Distinction luncheon to honor local Jewish women and their contributions to our community. 10:30am-

1:00pm. Red Lion Woodlake Conference Center (formerly the Radisson Hotel), 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento. Tickets \$100 (includes \$45 for brunch and a \$55 tax-deductible Hadassah donation). Proceeds benefit the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. For more information, contact Jolan Rosenthal at jolan.rosenthal@gmail.com.

January 13, 2013.

The Jewish Communities of Judea and Samaria. An exploration of “West Bank” communities with George Rooks, Chair of the Israel Matters Committee. Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis. 3:00-5:00pm. Sponsored by the Israel Matters Committee. For more information, contact Al Sokolow at 530-758-3246 or ajsokolow@ucdavis.edu.

January 13, 2013.

Achim: A Discussion Group for Men with Dr. Glenn Hammel and sponsored by the Brotherhood of Congregation B’nai Israel. Educational and entertaining discussion dedicated to the “issues” men face in their lives. Free. 7:00-8:30pm. 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Marissa

at 916-446-4861 or marissa@bnais.com.

January 15, 2013.

Due date for Shalom School’s 2013-14 Kindergarten-6th-Grade applications, including recommendations and school records. 2320 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. For more information or an application, contact Shalom School at 916-485-4151 or shalomdove@shalomschool.org or visit www.shalomschool.org.

January 15, 2013.

Rosh Chodesh and Shaina Maidels in the West: The Gold Rush to Today. Rabbi Alfi joins the Women of B’nai Israel for discussion, prayer, and a potluck vegetarian meal. Women 13 and older invited. Free. 6:15-8:30pm. Congregation B’nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Marissa at 916-446-4861 or marissa@bnais.com.

January 24, 2013.

Leisure League with the Sun City Harmonicoots— A Breath of Life. Lunch and Oldies But Goodies, Popular, and Upbeat songs all played on harmonicas! Lunch it \$5/ person. Noon. Albert Einstein Residence Center. 1935 Wright

st., Sacramento. For more information, contact 916-486-0906

January 24, 2013.

Who is Afraid of a Modern Israeli Jewish Identity? Israeli Society Discovers Judaism. Professor Ela Bauer. Shortly before the Knesset voted on the Law of Return, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion consulted with 50 Jewish intellectuals, wondering how one would decide who is a Jew. She introduces some of the answers that Ben Gurion received. Part of the UC Davis Lecture series, supported by a gift from Ken and Linda Henderson. Free. 7:00-8:30pm. Congregation B’nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Marissa at 916-446-4861 or marissa@bnais.com.

January 27, 2013.

Screening of “Crime After Crime” and Q & A with director, Yoav Potash. Documentary tells the story of the legal battle to free Debbie Peagler, a survivor of domestic violence who was incarcerated for more than 26 years, and the story of the lawyer. Free. 3:00-5:00pm. 328 A Street, Davis. For more information, contact 530-756-3708 or programs@

hillelhouse.org or visit www.hillelhouse.org.

January 27, 2013.

Nature’s Critters “Let the Animals Touch You!” PJ Library and Shalom School’s ECE Committee presents this educational live animal presentation where you meet and touch live animals and see them through a biologist’s eyes. Snacks and an art project included. Open to everyone. \$10/family in advance; \$15/family at the door. 10:00am-Noon. For more information, contact 916-485-4151 or shalomdove@shalomschool.org or visit www.shalomschool.org.

January 29, 2013.

Israel’s Agricultural Miracle: What Have We Learned? With Tamir Kamai, UC Davis. The image of pioneer Jews cultivating the arid Land of Israel is deeply embedded in our historical lore but this industry faces challenges. How will it adapt to assure a sustainable future? Sponsored by Theo and Susan Goodwin. Free. 7:00-8:30pm. Congregation B’nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Marissa at 916-446-4861 or marissa@bnais.com.

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