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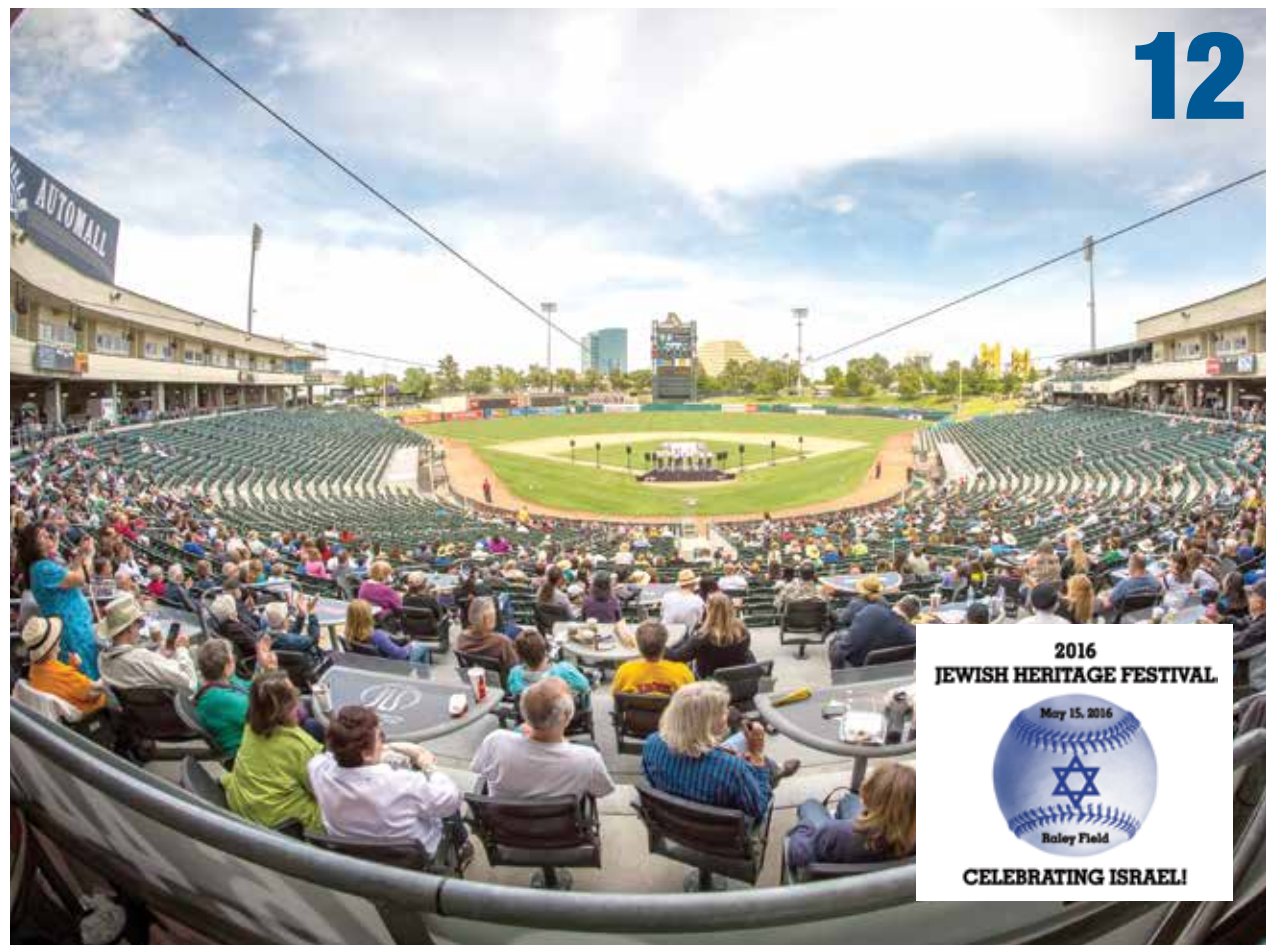
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America's "REFUGEE PROBLEM" Then and Now

On a sunny day in May 1939, 900 Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany aboard the *SS St. Louis* were denied entry into the United States and were forced to return to Germany. Many would subsequently die in the Holocaust. At the time, concern over national security was the chief reason given for denying them entry. A *Saturday Evening Post* article warned the American public that, "disguised as refugees, the Nazi agents have penetrated all over the world, as spies, fifth columnists, propagandists, or secret commercial agents." President Roosevelt echoed that sentiment, stating at a press conference a year after the *St. Louis* returned to Germany, "Among the refugees there are some spies, as has been found in other countries and that Jewish refugees were 'especially' susceptible to coercion by the Nazis because," as he put it, "we are frightfully sorry, but your old father and mother will be taken out and shot."

Whether or not national security concerns were a convenient excuse for the more basic anti-Semitic motives for turning desperate Jewish refugees away, there is no question that, at the time, Americans were deeply prejudiced against Jews. A Roper poll conducted in 1939 found that 53% of Americans agreed that "Jews are different and should be restricted." Polls throughout the period consistently reported that Jews were considered a greater threat to the welfare of the United States than any other ethnic or religious group. Indeed, another poll in 1939 found that more than 60% of Americans opposed resettling 10,000 Jewish refugee children.

This year's presidential race has seen calls not only for the immediate expulsion of all illegal immigrants but a moratorium on Muslim immigration to the United States. Strong voices in the U.S. Congress and a number of Governors have demanded that the United States refuse to resettle any Syrian war refugees.

All this seems eerily similar to the stony wall of prejudice that greeted the 900 doomed Jewish souls in 1939. The notion that Syrian refugees are potential terrorists and that the threat they pose to national security is so severe, that none of

them— however young, however old, however well vetted they are— should be given sanctuary in the United States, echoes the view that Jewish refugees were potential spies.

It is worth remembering that, in May 1939, neither the Second World War nor the Holocaust had begun. The oppression of the German Jews, while intense, had not progressed to genocide. Events like the turning back of the *SS St. Louis* were instrumental in convincing Hitler that the western powers would do nothing to save the Jews. And, tragically, he was right.

The suffering of the civilian population of Syria, with over 250,000 people killed— including an estimated 12,000 children— and millions more dispossessed, exceeds the suffering of the German Jews prior to the start of the Second World War. This is not to compare the Holocaust to what is happening in Syria but to underscore the callousness of those who would deny refugees entrance to this country simply because they are Muslims.

In the Torah, we are exhorted by G-d not once, but four different times, to show compassion for the strangers among us, for we know the suffering of the outsider, of being exiled: "You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourself been strangers in the land of Egypt."

A recent Pew survey found, just as in 1939, more than half of Americans believe that the U.S. should not accept more Syrian refugees. Fear is driving these numbers and it is incumbent upon our leaders not to give into the temptations of demagoguery, but to rise above them, and appeal to our compassion. No less a person than Abraham Lincoln understood this when, amidst the bloodbath of the Civil War he said, "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

To those who wish to turn away those who are suffering, where are the better angels of your nature?

Barry Broad is the President of the Jewish Federation.



Federations, Like Communities, Must Also Evolve

I recently returned from three intensive days in Los Angeles with 40 of my colleagues, other Intermediate Federation Execs. We drank insane amounts of Diet Coke, shared best practices, and discussed the “value proposition” of our Federations.

While each of us has our own unique challenges, community dynamics, and vastly different budgets and staff resources, one thing was quite clear— we’ve all had to change/shift/adjust our narrative to better meet a rapidly changing reality. There are still a few Federations in the system, my alma mater in Chicago being one, that still function as a true umbrella organization, a powerhouse and sole leader amongst other Jewish organizations in town. But let’s be honest. That’s Chicago. They have an \$85 million campaign and are founded, in well, Chicago, home of Al Capone.

The rest of us, with campaigns under the 7-figure mark, most of which are flat or on the decline, no longer have the luxury of relying on people who give “just because.” We all have aging demographics with growing disconnectivity from younger generations. We need to find ways to stay relevant and meet the needs of our community while still staying true to the fundamental principles that tie us all together— a belief and investment in the Jewish future.

Our own Federation has done just this. In the last five years, we have evolved and streamlined our efforts so we can focus on the priority areas and really deliver. We are fortunate to have strong partners in our synagogues and organizations who provide so much for us all so that Federation can fill the gaps and support the most vulnerable. We have a strong focus on *outcomes*, not output.

So here is our value proposition— what we can offer that no others can:

- We have a birds-eye view on the entire community, both locally and globally. This allows us to identify the greatest needs and respond accordingly, working with our networks and community partners.
- We have the ability to mobilize in times of crisis— we have proven that time and time again. Through the Federation system, we literally touch more Jewish people than any other entity in the world.

- We are the central address, the community conveners and connectors. We provide a safety net locally and abroad.
- We are not just an investment in the belief in Jewish identity, peoplehood, and values, but offer tangible, direct impact through Jewish Family Service, PJ Library, Teen Israel, crisis response and mobilization, the Jewish Heritage Festival, Yom HaShaoh, and so much more.

Now pretend that you are the Federation CEO. What would you say is the value-add? Why is the Federation and Jewish community important to you? You don’t need to travel to LA, nor do you need to consume obscene amounts of the poison bubbly elixir in a can to have these conversations. We’ll meet you for a cup of coffee with an open ear anytime....

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Matchmaker, Matchmaker, Make Me a Match!

by Jack Mador



I started my Federation life in the National Federation Young Men's Leadership Cabinet in Colorado. The importance of Federation in the circle of our Jewish life never left me. Upon moving to Sacramento, I went on a Young Leadership Mission where I was extremely moved by the experience of seeing Auschwitz in Poland and then on to Yad Vashem in Israel where I saw the symbolic memorial tablet for the 1.6 million children that were annihilated. I thanked Hashem that it was not my children at that time in history

and made my personal pledge of "Never Again."

Fast forward more than 30 years and I am still committed to that pledge through many service positions, including serving twice on the Federation Board. I am now honored to serve as the 2016 Campaign Chair along with a dedicated group of individuals.

Our goal this year is to increase our Annual Campaign by at least 10% or a minimum of \$40,000. It is an aggressive goal but one that I truly believe we can achieve given a solid start at our Big Event Campaign kick-off in January which resulted in an overall 10% increase in giving from 2015. We need to keep up this pace to meet our community's needs for the coming year. And that's where our match program comes in.

A group of generous donors has helped create a fund to match new gifts—new donors or donors who have not pledged in the past 5 years—dollar for dollar to help meet our ambitious goals for the 2016 Campaign year.

Frankly, we cannot do more without increases in your support. Many of us can provide for the welfare of our aging parents, feed our families, and the list goes on. What most of us do not hear is the hewn cry for help from members of our community who are in the shadows, either trying to reach out for help or totally unable to do so. We don't see the poverty,

the addiction, or the isolation. Our tradition demands that we respond. Federation is *the* safety net of our Jewish community— from birth to death and every step in between, we are there to serve.

Your increased campaign dollars will be used to deepen our ability to deliver desperately needed services that we currently provide. Some of you may not be able to make an increase and others of you may have the commitment and capacity to do more. If you have never given a gift to Federation, there is no better time to consider doing so thanks to the match program. Working together, we can accomplish the critical challenges ahead of us. We thank you for your support at *any* level.

I would like to share a quote from *Pirke Avot*, Ethics of the Fathers that always speaks volumes to me:

"The day is short, the task is great, the workers are weary but the rewards are abundant."

Please help us make this *our* day for *our* tasks to secure *our* Jewish future!

Jack Mador is Federation's 2016 Campaign Chair. To discuss your gift, contact Chief Executive Officer Melissa Chapman at 916-486-0906 ext. 301.



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L'Dor v'Dor Through the World of Fiction

Last month, my 19-year-old daughter was given an assignment to memorize a monologue for her Theatre Arts class. She researched several plays before deciding upon *Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches* written by Tony Kushner. She decided to embody the character Rabbi Isodor Chemelwitz who, in Act 1, Scene 1, delivers the following eulogy for one Sarah Ironson:

"This woman. I did not know this woman. I cannot accurately describe her attributes, nor do justice to her dimensions. She was... Well, in the Bronx Home of the Aged Hebrews are many like this, the old, and to many I speak but not to be frank with this one. She preferred silence. So I do not know her and yet I know her. She was not a person but a whole kind of person, the ones who crossed the ocean, who brought with us to America the villages of Russia and Lithuania— and how we struggled, and how we fought, for the family, for the Jewish home, so that you would not grow up *here* [sic], in this strange place, in the melting pot where nothing melted. Descendants of this immigrant woman, you do not grow up in America, you and your children and their children with the *goyishe* names. You do not live in America. No such place exists. Your clay is the clay of some Litvak *shtetl*, your air the air of the *steppes*— because she carried the old world on her back across the ocean, in a boat and she put it down on Grand Concourse Avenue, or in Flatbush, and she worked that earth into your bones, and you pass it to your children, this ancient, ancient culture and home.

"You can never make that crossing that she made, for such Great Voyages in this world do

not any more exist. But every day of your lives the miles that voyage between that place and this one you cross. Every day. You understand me? In you that journey is."

What I found remarkable about my daughter's selection was what it kindled in her and rekindled in me. I was born on the Grand Concourse and lived there until my family moved right across the street from the Bronx Hebrew Home for the Aged. In fact, I used to volunteer there as a teenager. But perhaps even more remarkable than those coincidences (if we want to call them that...), was how my daughter teared up when she first recited these words to me. She told me she could *feel* the words and *connect* with them in a way she couldn't with other texts she was considering.

Her reaction reminded me of a story I wrote in this paper nearly 10 years ago— August 2006 to be exact— about *Fiddler on the Roof*. In that story, I reminisced about the first time I saw *Fiddler*. It was at Radio City Music Hall with my mother (*z"l*) when I was 9 years old. I described feeling as if I had lived Tevya and Golda's life, writing, "How could I possibly relate to a story about matchmakers, poverty, and being driven out of a home I love?" But I did. After much reflection, I concluded, "For me, *Fiddler on the Roof* was and is the dramatic expression of a sort of genetic blueprint that has been stamped onto my soul through a lifetime of storytelling, *Yiddishkite*, and, yes, tradition."

It seems my daughter had a similar experience while channeling a fictional rabbi reciting a fictional eulogy for a fictional Jewish woman. At 19, my daughter doesn't know from living

in a *shtetl*, fighting for a home she loved, or traveling across an ocean anymore than I knew about a place called Anetevka when I was 9. But just as the story of Tevya and Golda brought tears to my eyes, the story of Sarah Ironson brought tears to the eyes of my daughter. Perhaps all of our Jewish souls really have been stamped with the same genetic blueprint.

Elissa Einhorn is the Assistant Director of the Jewish Federation and Managing Editor of the VOICE.



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Hillel at Davis and Sacramento Hosts Hillel International President/CEO Eric Fingerhut



Eric Fingerhut

When Eric Fingerhut was offered the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Hillel International, he thought to himself, *Hineni* ("Here I am."). But Fingerhut already had been "there" for Hillel, both as an undergraduate student at Northwestern University and a graduate student at Stanford University.

"I was the type of student who sought out spiritual and religious services," recalled Fingerhut, who will be a special guest speaker at Hillel at Davis and Sacramento's Annual Fundraiser on April 10, 2016. "I also knew people who were exactly the opposite of me and were looking for social justice or Israel activities and found a home that way."

And that is the essence of Hillel, which now serves approximately 800,000 undergraduate and graduate students on about 550 campuses in North America and in 18 countries throughout the world. Regardless of whether students are

interested in religious or spiritual practice; social justice; Israel; or more secular matters, for example, disabilities, the environment, or fighting against sexual assault on campus, Hillel is the place where Jewish students can begin breaking away from their parents' influence and start the journey of making their own decisions and creating their own Jewish identities.

"It is the first time students are making decisions, such as their major, profession, where to begin their careers, and perhaps who to begin them with," Fingerhut explained. "Hillel is committed to helping them find their place in their personal Jewish journey and to build an enduring commitment to the Jewish community wherever they are. The nature of the journey changes, but the essential part of who they are is their connection to the Jewish community."

Founded in 1923 and organized under B'nai B'rith in 1924, Hillel was created in between the two

World Wars when Jewish students were first arriving on American college campuses. They were welcomed with religious services, food, and a social atmosphere, what many call "A home away from home." As it approaches its 100th anniversary, the organization, said Fingerhut, has stayed true to its mission "to enrich the lives of Jewish students so they may enrich the Jewish people and the world" even as it has had to shift to more engagement-oriented and outreach-oriented activities than in the early years.

"Jewish communities everywhere are a minority," he added and referring to building greater connectivity to other campus groups and causes, said, "We see ourselves as being a positive force on communities as a whole, helping to strengthen them and helping us to fulfill our commandment to be a light unto the nations."

This, admitted the former Ohio State Senator, U.S. Representative, and Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, hasn't always been easy, especially as Israel has become a "flashpoint" in the world and as anti-Israel forces are on the rise.

"Even as Israel is such a wonderful place for students to visit, there is a vicious form of anti-Israel activity targeted at campuses," the CEO said. "That carries not only the risk of having a dangerous impact on Israel but it also distorts the perspective because it may feel like that's all that is happening on campuses and that is not true. Jewish life is vibrant and growing. Yes, it has added stress and put students in difficult and uncomfortable positions and it has forced students to take leadership roles they didn't think about. They came to college to be a student. It has required a lot of energy but they do it because it is a core part of who we are."

And that speaks to the core of Fingerhut himself. Deeply involved as a volunteer in the Jewish community in his hometown of Cleveland where he served on the Hillel and synagogue Boards as well as Columbus where he served on the Federation Board, the Jewish community has always been a part of his life. Bridging his professional skills with his Jewish community service skills was a natural next step.

"Hillel's vision is to work toward a world where every Jewish student commits to Jewish life, learning, and Israel," Fingerhut said. "Add those together and it equals a strong Jewish identity. It is hard to think of another place where you can have such an impact on the Jewish future."

Hillel at Davis and Sacramento is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation. Its Annual Fundraiser is April 10, 2016 from 2:00-5:00pm at 328 A St., Davis. For more information, contact 530-756-3708.

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Two Mothers' Stories of Survival



Gina Parker

Rita Rimalower-Nettler and Gina Parker never knew each other but they had much in common. They both began their lives in Eastern Europe— Rita in Germany and Gina in Czechoslovakia. They were both born in 1924. They were both separated from their parents— it

is assumed Rita's parents were murdered in Auschwitz while Gina's mother was murdered in the Belzec concentration camp and her father in a forced labor camp. And they both survived the Holocaust. Perhaps most importantly, they had daughters of their own, both of whom will speak at this year's Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration.

"My mother," shared Rita's daughter Michele Gold, an educator at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, "was just 15 when she became one of 10,000 children to board the Kindertransport to England, arriving March 3, 1939." Gold explained that her mother never considered herself a 'survivor' because she went to a loving family, noting, "She spoke little about her experiences. It was too painful for her. Perhaps if she had, it might not have remained so raw."

In fact, it wasn't until after Rita's passing in 2008 that the British-born Gold would discover more than 40 postcards written by her mother to an aunt and uncle in Switzerland between 1940-1942. These desperate attempts to determine her parent's fate would become an integral part of Gold's book, *Memories That Won't Go Away: A Tribute to the Children of the Kindertransport*.

"Once I started reading the postcards," Gold recalled, "I truly understood the pain she lived with all of her life. The postcards helped me understand the utter depth of sadness at leaving her parents, never to see them again, the depths of desperation, of yearning. As her daughter, it was incredibly hard to read."

Gina's daughter, Tamara Theodore who lives in Sacramento, echoed much of Gold's description of her mother's pain. Her upper class family

moved from Czechoslovakia to Krakow, Poland before the war broke out and employed a nanny and a housekeeper, vacationed at a country estate, and enrolled Gina in a private Jewish school.

"Her life was typical of someone with no worries and childhood fun," Theodore explained. "She remembered her childhood as a happy time."

Then came Kristallnacht. Gina's father, uncle, and cousins began hearing rumors and feared being taken to labor camps so they left Krakow; the nanny and housekeeper announced they would never work for "filthy Jews" and quit; and schools and banks closed their doors.

"Suddenly, it all changed," Theodore said.

By 1941, the men had returned but the entire family was sent to the Krakow Ghetto. Gina worked by sewing army coats while little by little, members of her family were rounded up and transported to labor camps or concentration camps. She was forced to watch her father dig his own grave and be shot and burned into it with others on Yom Kippur. Gina ended up surviving five camps between 1939-1945, including Birkenau, before being liberated by Russian troops on April 23, 1945.

And although Gold's mother, Rita, was raised by wonderful people who loved her and became a mother and father to her, it was not a happily-ever-after story for so many of the Kinder.

"Most of the children [from the Kindertransport] never saw their parents again," the educator said, adding a special thought about the bravery and strength that adults like her grandparents had to have to separate themselves from their children.

Her book, six years in the making and titled after her mother's memoir, documents hundreds of stories of children from the Kindertransport, some very brief and others several pages. The book also includes stories of some of the rescuers, such as Sir Nicholas Winton who organized the rescue of 669 children from Czechoslovakia on the eve of the War and who passed away in July 2015 at age 106.



One of more than 40 postcards sent by Rita Rimalower-Nettler to an aunt and uncle in Switzerland inquiring about her parents.

"Each one is unique," Gold said of the stories. "They all document a life that was saved."

As an educator, Gold is committed to teaching future generations about the Holocaust and the history of the Kindertransport.

Theodore, whose mother passed away in 2013, reflected on what Gina might have said about her experience.

"My mother believed in living in the future, not the past," Theodore said. "She would say, 'They can take everything from you but not your intelligence and not your spirit unless you give it away.' She was an incredible optimist. One of her favorite sayings was, 'This too shall pass.' To hear the horrific stories about what happened and how it ended can be powerful for people with their own struggles. I want to take that message, that no matter how horrible something is, this too shall pass."

The Communitywide Yom HaShoah Commemoration, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, a division of The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region, is May 1, 2016 at 6:30pm at Mosaic Law Congregation, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Jessica Braverman Birch at jbirch@jewishsac.org.



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Book of Remembrance

Remember Our History, Honor Your Loved Ones | Yom HaShoah Remembrance, Sunday, May 1, 2016

Plans are underway for the 2016 Sacramento Yom HaShoah remembrance. One way we remember and honor those who experienced the Holocaust directly is through the "Book of Remembrance." The Book was first compiled and distributed as part of the 2003 Yom HaShoah program. It is updated annually. The Book includes a listing of family, loved ones, and friends of Sacramento-area residents who perished in the Holocaust. It also includes names of survivors who are now deceased. Although the Book already commemorates many people remembered in past years, there are more who Sacramento could be commemorating. We need your help.

We encourage you to honor your loved ones by submitting their names on the form below. If you would like to expand or change a listing from the earlier Books, also please use this form.

The names will be printed, along with the Kaddish, poems, readings, and other expressions of remembrance in the program booklet for the communitywide commemoration to be held at 6:30pm at Mosaic Law Congregation, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento.

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Out and About!



Big Event ▲

100 community members, including several of Federation's 36 Under 36 honorees, helped kick off the 2016 Annual Campaign at Mulvaney's on January 16, 2016.

MLK March ▼

From left, JCRC leaders and friends Ryan Pessah, Muriel Brounstein, Carol Velarde, Bruce Pomer, Choco Leandro Dresser, Bob Dresser, and Dan Weitzman marched in the annual "March for the Dream" parade, which honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. They were joined on January 18, 2016 by 30,000 community members from all ethnic and faith backgrounds who walked six miles from Sacramento City College to the Capitol.



MLK Dinner ▲

JCRC members and guests enjoy the annual Martin Luther King Celebration Dinner held on February 6, 2016 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel. From left, Jessica Braverman Birch, Victor Strasser, Lynn Berkley Baskin, Sheila Spring, Mark Spring, Bruce Pomer (not pictured), Danny Panasiuk, and Shari Panasiuk.

Verge ►

In December 2015, more than 100 PJ Library participants ventured out to the Verge Center for the Arts, a contemporary art center in downtown Sacramento, to celebrate the first night of Chanukah PJ Library style! Children were treated to PJ Library stories read by Sacramento Public Youth Librarian, Nate Halsan; jelly donuts; a Chanukah sing-along; and Chanukah craft making inspired by art designed and led by Verge artists.



Noon Year's Eve ►

On December 31st PJ Library helped to ring in 2016 with Shalom School at Crocker Art Museum's Noon Year's Eve celebration.

This high-energy New Year's party for families is now one of Sacramento's major annual traditions that celebrate global cultural experiences. We helped families to learn more about Rosh Hashanah by creating their own shofars. Kids had a great time decorating their own shofars and of course making lots of noise!



PJ Pop-Up ►

PJ moms gather together at the first PJ Pop-Up event at Café Bernardo. This new program invites PJ parents to gather at different Sacramento locations to schmooze, nosh, and make Jewish connections. Keep an eye out for details about when and where the next Pop-Up will be. Babies and children are welcome!



Donors Enable Shalom School to Open Its Doors to Enhanced 21st Century Learning

The “Three Rs”— Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic— made its debut in the late 18th-early 19th century as an academic blueprint for preparing students to work in the manufacturing industry. Designing such a prescriptive roadmap for 21st-century learners has proven to be more difficult because of what has become the accepted mantra of today’s education system, which, explained Nancy Leaderman, Head of School at Shalom School, is, “We are preparing elementary school students today for jobs that don’t even exist.”

Enter STEAM or Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics, a nationwide movement that is focused on teaching students how to think, collaborate, problem-solve, and yes, even fail.

Leaderman noted that Shalom School already has been engaging students in 21st-century skills such as problem solving and critical thinking through, for example, enhanced visual arts and math curricula that include computer science and coding, as well as after-school opportunities such as implementing green screen technology. But the Head of School and its leadership wanted to take things to the next level. The only thing holding them back was the hefty price tag needed to implement their vision.

Now enter Martha and Richard Pastcan, whose generous donation will enable Sacramento’s only Jewish community day school to create a dedicated onsite lab that includes a 3D printer, robotic materials, and high-tech manipulatives that will allow even the tiniest hands to learn computer logic while mastering spatial relationship skills; find and develop resources to fully integrate into what will become an expanded version of the existing interdisciplinary and cross-curricula units that include secular subjects as well as Hebrew and Judaica; and additional steps needed to ensure an age and developmentally appropriate curriculum for its preschool-6th-grade future leaders.

“The STEAM lab at Shalom School embodies our passions for technology, science, the arts, and also Jewish education,” the Pastcans said. “These remarkable students will learn the skills necessary for our future with a focus on Jewish values— improving the world. The legacy of this gift is that one of these students might be inspired to pursue science as a career, create a new network that promotes peace in our world, or find an affordable way to ensure greater equity amongst our citizens.”

Ruthi Ofek, the School’s STEAM Coordinator, is excited about providing students with experiences, not just a one-dimensional learning environment where a teacher stands in front of a classroom and presents material. With a background as an engineer, she said STEAM “Opens the doors to what I can teach. You have the option of focusing on a deeper approach, including giving the kids opportunities to figure things out.”



Second-graders, Ben and Colin, investigate mini-robots and introductory programming as part of Shalom School’s new STEAM initiative.

STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics

Added Leaderman, “We need to prepare people to think, collaborate, and problem-solve in ways that take failure and resiliency into account. We want to work with kids when they are young. We want them to feel it’s within their grasp.”

Both educators explained how kids who are hesitant or who feel subjects such as science or engineering or math are beyond their reach typically don’t receive reinforcement to continue to explore. Not so with the STEAM lab, which Ofek called “a shift in approach that allows kids to explain things. We have the opportunity to encourage everyone.”

A science unit on volcanos, for example, can have students draw schematics, build a facility, and identify potential fallouts.

“It’s not just giving information,” Ofek said. “It’s about kids figuring out how science influences our lives.”

Shalom School Board President Gayle Govenar expressed her “boundless” gratitude to the Pastcans, noting, “In the new economy, STEAM skills are not optional; they are basic skills along with the ‘Three Rs.’ Shalom School students are the ones who will make sure our communities keep growing and innovating for years to come. And they will do so not only with the skills but also the necessary responsibility of collaboration and improving our world.”

Shalom School is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation. For more information about Shalom School, visit shalomschool.org.

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March

- 3/4 "Pray, Eat, Love"
6:00 pm Shabbat Service, 7:00 dinner
3/13 Mah Jongg Madness 11:30 am
3/20 Purim Carnival & Talent Show 9:30 am
3/23 "The Sound of Purim"
Spiel & Megillah reading 6:00 pm

April

- 4/1 Tot Shabbat 5:00 pm
4/1 "Pray, Eat, Love"
6:00 pm Shabbat Service, 7:00 dinner
4/23 Community Passover Seder 6:00 pm
4/28 Freedom From Bondage—
A 12-Step Seder Experience 5:00 pm
4/30 Breaking Bread—
A Chametz Fest 7:00 pm

May

- 5/6 "Pray, Eat, Love"
6:00 pm Shabbat Service, 7:00 dinner
5/22 Beth Shalom for Tomorrow—
L'dor V'dor Gala Event 6:00 pm

Congregation Beth Shalom
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JCFW Names

Pam Herman

as New Executive Director

Pam Herman

The Jewish Community Foundation of the West recently welcomed Pam Herman as its new Executive Director.

Pam has many years of leadership experience in local and national non-profits, including her role as Executive Director of HomeAid Sacramento, a non-profit organization that builds and maintains housing for homeless families and individuals. She also is a Past President of Temple Or Rishon and has served on several Jewish and secular non-profit Boards. *the VOICE* sat down with Pam to talk about— what else— philanthropy!

the VOICE: Why were you interested in this position?

Pam Herman: My background is not in philanthropy— I was actually a clinical lab tech— but I served as President of Temple Or Rishon, which at the time was Sunrise Jewish Congregation, and those two years gave me the opportunity to serve my congregation and form ideas around Jewish philanthropy. It struck me that I could do this as a career. I became involved with Federation, Jewish Family Service, and the Foundation. My long-term goal was to do Jewish philanthropy. My vision was to connect the dots about how we can repair the world. What we do externally to let our community know that the Jewish community cares about the community at large. Giving Jewishly means so much to us. It transcends community— it has to.

the VOICE: Which skills are critical to achieve success?

PH: Being willing to engage with the community and share pathways to fulfill philanthropic goals is critical. I don't want to tell people what to do but I can show them. I go back to giving Jewishly and how important it is for the community to see us as leaders in creating a community and leaving a Jewish legacy. We all feel passionate about what's important to us.

the VOICE: What do you see as the Foundation's overall mission?

PH: The overall mission is to create a forever Jewish community through endowments. I can't think of anything more important.

the VOICE: What short-term and long-term goals have you set for the organization?

PH: We are entering years 3 and 4 with the Life and Legacy program. It's been a fabulous introduction to the community for philanthropy, giving a legacy gift, and thinking long-term. What's important to me and to my family? What is the legacy I want to leave? The goals in years 3 and 4 are to capture as many individuals for legacy giving so they can look at what else the Foundation can do regarding their philanthropic goals. Building a great Foundation here means a long-term Jewish legacy in the community but individuals also have other things they are passionate about and we want to encourage philanthropy. That's how we repair the world. Long-term, each of our Jewish organizations has significant endowment funds for their success. It will matter for them as will individual endowments. We're getting there!

the VOICE: What are the benefits to supporting a Jewish Community Foundation as opposed to any number of secular Foundations that are available in our region?

PH: The benefits of a Jewish Community Foundation are that it supports the Jewish community as a whole. It gives us the ability to

give grants that support Jewish causes in the community. Money coming here goes back out into the Jewish community so it's an opportunity to support one another. In 2015, JCFW distributed nearly \$595,000 to Jewish as well as secular organizations. It's a win-win.

the VOICE: How does a strong Foundation contribute to the overall well-being of our community?

PH: It's not unlike a strong Federation. We raise awareness of who we are as a people and what we believe is important. We can raise awareness of philanthropic activity. I go back to this concept of what we are supposed to do as a people— give. It shows the community what we stand for. We can make a difference in how the Jewish people are seen.

the VOICE: How do you plan to partner with other Jewish community organizations like Federation or synagogues?

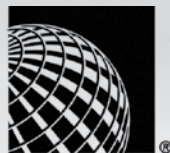
PH: My plan is to meet with professionals and volunteer leaders of each organization that has funds with us— and those who don't— to talk about ways to support each other. What I'd like to see us do is talk about how philanthropic and endowment funds go hand-in-hand. The long-term sustainability of each partnership organization is critical. Having a Jewish community is important here. We play a vital role in this community.

the VOICE: What is the biggest motivator for people to start a fund or an endowment?

PH: It varies from person to person. Personally, having something that will always say, "I've done something to support the community." The motivation is seeing organizations do good work and I'm part of helping them grow. It's different for every person. My goal is to find out why they want to give and then give them the vehicle to do so.

For more information about JCFW, contact Herman at pam.herman@jcfwest.org or visit jcfwest.org.

UNITED



United Airlines has expanded its global reach with new nonstop service from San Francisco to Tel Aviv with service three times each week beginning March 30, 2016!

United's SFO-TLV flights will be on Boeing 787 Dreamliners and offered three times a week starting March 30: Departing SFO at 8:00pm Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, and arriving 8:10pm the next day; and departing TLV at 12:55am Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, and arriving at 6:00am the same day.*

Source: jpost.com; jweekly.com.

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Underwater Dreams: The inspiring story of Mexican immigrant children who bested MIT in a robotics competition.

Speakers:

Rabbi Mona Alfi, Maia Jaffe, and students Oscar Vazquez and Lorenzo Santillan from Underwater Dreams.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/LatinoJewishForum or contact JCRC Director Jessica Braverman Birch at jbirch@jewishsac.org or 916-486-0906 ext. 308.

The Latino-Jewish Forum is an outreach partnership of the Jewish Community Relations Council and Latino leaders from the Sacramento community.

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CALENDAR

GENERAL EVENTS

March 4-5, 2016. Shabbat Across America. Shabbat Services followed by an Oneg and Kiddush Lunch. Free. 7:00pm on March 4th; 10:00am on March 5th. Congregation Beth Shalom, 1705 Sherwood Ave., Modesto. *For more information, contact 209-571-6060 or rabbi@cbsmodesto.org or visit www.cbsmodesto.org.*

March 5-6, 2016. Jewish Film Festival. Day 1, 6:00-11:00pm. Opening reception with the Sacramento Jewish Food Faire, *In Search of Israeli Cuisine*, and *Dough*. Day 2, 12:30-5:00pm. Films are *Rosenwald* and *Peggy Gugenheim: Art Addict*. Free parking. \$15/film or \$25 each per day pass. \$20/film day of. Includes admission to view all current Museum exhibits, a \$9 value, and parking for attendees. For more information or to buy tickets, visit CaliforniaMuseum.org/Jewish-Film-Fest or SacJewishFilmFest.bpt.me or purchase in person by contacting 916-653-0650 during business hours. California Museum, 10th & O Sts., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Margi Park-Landau at Tovapark@gmail.com.*

March 5, 2016. Carmina Burana with Jonathan Dove's Psalms for Leo. The first half of the concert will showcase the American Premier performance of English composer Jonathan Dove's Psalms for Leo, based on three psalms sung entirely in ancient Hebrew (with projected supertitle translations). Written in 2014, Dove's Psalms for Leo celebrates the memory of British financier and lover of music and the arts, Leopold de Rothschild. This musical philanthropist sang in the London Bach Choir for 50 years and was President of its Board for 23 years. He also served as an honorary member of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, President of the English Chamber Orchestra, and Co-President of the Jewish Music Institute among his many philanthropic involvements. A pre-concert talk by Conductor and Artistic Director Dr. Donald Kendrick at 7:00pm; A free post-concert reception. 8:00-10:00pm. Sacramento Community Center Theater, 1301 L St., Sacramento. *For more information, visit www.SacramentoChoral.com.*

March 6, 2016. Golden Bough at Sunday Afternoons at CBS. Award-winning Irish Celtic Band. \$25 Adults; \$20 Seniors; \$7 Students; \$7 children. 3:00pm. Congregation Beth Shalom, 1705 Sherwood Ave., Modesto. *For more information, contact 209-571-6060 or rabbi@cbsmodesto.org or visit www.cbsmodesto.org.*

March 6, 2016. This Is Your Brain on Judaism: Your Aging Brain with Dr. Glenn Hammel. Final presentation in a three-session series that will address the intersection between modern neuroscience, Reform Judaism's core religious beliefs, and our developmental challenges. This session will look at how recent research findings about the human brain, coupled with traditional Jewish perspectives on aging, can help us

better understand and navigate our own aging process. Free. 10:30am-Noon. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Melissa Grand at 916-446-4861 or mgrand@bnais.com.*

March 6, 2016. An Evening with Anat Hoffman. Anat Hoffman is the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, a founder of Women at the Wall, and one of Israel's foremost champions for equality and justice. She will be speaking on the recent historic Kotel agreement and struggles that rock Israeli society from within. Learn about issues such as women's rights, religious pluralism, racism, and freedom of conscience, and what we can do to help meet these challenges. Sponsored by Congregation B'nai Israel and co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom, Congregation Bet Haverim, Congregation B'nai Harim, Temple Or Rishon, Mosaic Law Congregation, Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, Women of B'nai Israel, and Women of Temple Israel (Stockton). Free. 7:30-9:00pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact 916-446-4861.*

March 9, 2016. Leisure League at Temple Or Rishon. KVIE Host Rob Stewart from "Rob on the Road." Rob is an award-winning reporter and television host, and the Executive Producer and host of the California PBS series "Rob on the Road," now in its 7th season. Come hear Rob's anecdotes about travelling around the Sacramento region while filming the show. \$5 includes lunch and entertainment. Noon-2:00pm. Funded by the Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly and The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region. 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information or to RSVP, contact federation@jewishsac.org or 916-486-0906 ext. 310.*

March 12, 2016. Mosaic Law Women's Network Shabbat. The Women of Mosaic Law will lead Shabbat Morning Services and sponsor the Kiddush lunch following. 9:00am-Noon. Mosaic Law Congregation, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Sheri Pearl at sheriepearlmlcsh@gmail.com.*

March 12, 2016. Psalms and Poetry with Professor Ron Hendel. A brief introduction to Biblical poetry and the book of Psalms, with a focus on their use at the Jerusalem Temple. Ron Hendel is the Norma and Sam Dabby Professor of Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. His most recent book is *The Book of Genesis: A Biography*. Supported by the Shirley Seave Scholar-in-Residence Fund. A wine-and-cheese reception will follow. Free. 7:00-8:30pm. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Melissa Grand at 916-446-4861 or mgrand@bnais.com.*

March 13, 2016. "Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces (FIDF)" with Joshua Bernstein and an IDF Soldier. FIDF is famed for its support of Israel's soldiers. At this moment in time, when the IDF is criticized from all sides for defending Israel, it is important to hear the FIDF tell it like it is. Factual information must be given about such fraudulent anti-IDF groups like "Breaking the Silence." 3:00-4:30pm. Sponsored by the Israel Matters Committee. Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis. *For more information, contact gmrooks3@gmail.com.*

March 13, 2016. Former Israeli Consul General to New York. Alon Pinkas, who served as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Consul General to New York from 2000-2004, also served as served as a policy advisor to Shimon Peres and Ehud Barak. He has written on foreign affairs for the *Jerusalem Post*, *Haaretz*, and other papers and has appeared frequently on CNN and Fox News. He will speak on Israel's relations with the Palestinians and related topics. Hosted by J Street. 4:30-6:00pm. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. *For more information, contact blandsberg@pacific.edu.*

March 15, 2016. KOH Library Book Club. Jolie Baron will be reviewing, "The Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman. 7:00-8:00pm. KOH Library and Cultural Center, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Jolie Baron at 916-485-4143.*

March 19, 2016. Kavanah Shabbat. A contemplative service designed to help you explore a deeper relationship with the Divine. Includes traditional communal prayer and the reading of Parashat Yayetzei, and incorporates song, Jewish chants, silent prayer, and guided imagery meditation. Kavanah Shabbat services draw on teachings from Torah, Talmud, Mussar, and Jewish meditation and mysticism to fully express Jewish spirituality on Shabbat morning. Third in a series. 10:30am. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact 916-446-4861 or Deni Marshall at 916-803-5699.*

March 19, 2016. Jewish Comedy and Wine Tasting Event: "You're Funny But You Don't Look Jewish!" Wine tasting, Jewish comedy, and a fundraiser for CBS youth programs. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Tickets at jewishcomedynight.brownpapertickets.com or 209-571-6060. 7:30pm. Congregation Beth Shalom, 1705 Sherwood Ave., Modesto. *For more information, contact 209-571-6060 or rabbi@cbsmodesto.org or visit www.cbsmodesto.org.*

March 20, 2016. Purim Carnival & Talent Show. Annual carnival in celebration of Purim. The CBS Religious School's biggest fundraiser! Lots of games and activities for families, a DJ, and, new this year, a Talent Show! Come show what you've got and support our youth! Event is free; tickets to play games will be sold. Free. 9:00am-Noon. Congregation Beth Shalom, 4746 El Camino Ave., Carmichael. *For more information, visit www.cbshalom.org.*

March 20, 2016. Purim Carnival. Bouncy House, game booths, costume prizes, live music and food. Carnival is Free; lunch is \$5/person, 11:00am-12:30pm. Congregation Beth Shalom, 1705 Sherwood Ave., Modesto. *For more information, contact 209-571-6060 or rabbi@cbsmodesto.org or visit www.cbsmodesto.org.*

March 20, 2016. "Reclaim the Records: Using Freedom of Information Laws for Genealogy." Tired of being told the archival records you want are inaccessible to the public, or only available in limited locations for limited hours? Come hear Brooke Schreier Ganz talk about the organization she founded, "Reclaim the Records." The organization uses state Freedom

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of information laws to get these “off-limits” genealogy records released back to the public and put online for free. Ganz is a computer programmer whose open-source genealogy software LeafSeek has enabled more than a million archival records to go online for free searches. She is also a Director of the non-profit genealogy organization, Geshen Galicia. Sponsored by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento. 10:00am. The Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. *For more information, contact mortrumberg1@earthlink.net.*

March 23, 2016. “The Sound of Purim” - Annual Purimspeil & Megillah Reading. The hills of Shushan are alive with the sound of Purim! Come see the best Purimspiel this side of El Camino Avenue. As always, Hamentashcn will be for sale. Shots will also be available, so book your Uber and come join the party! Free. 6:00-9:00pm. Congregation Beth Shalom, 4746 El Camino Ave., Carmichael. *For more information, visit www.cbshalom.org.*

March 23, 2016. Purim Dinner and Celebration. Come in costume, bring noise makers and canned goods to donate to those in need. Dinner followed by Megillah Reading and celebration. \$5 for dinner, \$18 for family of 4+. 6:00pm Dinner; 7:00pm Megillah/Celebration. Congregation Beth Shalom, 1705 Sherwood Ave., Modesto. *For more information, contact 209-571-6060 or rabbi@cbsmodesto.org or visit www.cbsmodesto.org.*

March 24, 2016. Leisure League at the Albert Einstein Residence Center. Tommy T. Brings Back the Rat Pack! Tommy T. began his musical career singing for his trumpet-playing father, and later began singing what he calls ‘Rat Pack music’— the vocalizations of legends such as Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Today, Tommy performs regularly in Sacramento, where he especially enjoys entertaining the ‘Greatest Generation’— those who listened and danced to the American Songbook in days gone by. \$5 includes lunch and entertainment. Noon-2:00pm. Funded by the Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly and The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region. 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. *For more information or to RSVP, contact federation@jewishsac.org or 916-486-0906 ext. 310.*

March 26, 2016. Purim Safari. Celebrate Purim with Chabad! Megillah Reading, food, celebrate with Omri Casspi, Drum Circle, and costume contest. \$20. 5:00-8:00pm. Chabad of Sacramento, 945 Evelyn Lane, Sacramento. *For more information and to RSVP, visit www.sacjewishlife.org/Purim.*

March 26, 2016. MLJC Purim Party. Shake your booty on down to Shushan Town and Disco at the Mother Lode Jewish Community’s (MLJC) groovy Purim Party in Murphys. Celebrate the heroism of a totally cool chick named Esther and her fab uncle, Mordechai, who foiled a plot by one of her old man’s (aka the king’s) most trusted (but funky) advisers, Haman, to destroy all Jews living in the Persian Empire. Games for dudes and dudettes of all ages, a ‘70’s style potluck dinner, and a stellar theatrical performance telling the story of Purim. Free. 6:00-10:00pm. Private home in Murphys. *For more information, contact 209-533-1650 or motherlodejc@yahoo.com, or visit motherlodejewishcommunity.org.*

March 27, 2016. Vashti’s Banquet Purim Celebration, Mosaic Law Congregation’s Women’s Network. Middle Eastern Banquet celebrated the empowerment of Jewish women. Honoring women of distinction. Speak guest speaker, henna tattoos, red tent, and more. Come in Purim attire. \$40. 11:00am-2:00pm. Mosaic Law Congregation Social Hall, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Sheri Pearl at sheripearlmclsh@gmail.com.*

March 31, 2016. Regular meeting of the Committee on Inclusion and Disabilities. 7:00pm. Jewish Federation, 2130 21st St., Sacramento. For more information about community programming for children with special needs and their families, visit www.jewishsac.org/inclusionanddisabilities. *For more information, contact inclusion@jewishsac.org.*

March 1, 15, and 29; Apr 12 and 16; May 31; June 14 and 28, 2016. Jewish Meditation and Mindfulness – Building Your Spiritual Practice. Explores Jewish meditation practices, both ancient and modern, designed to help you have a more personal relationship with G-d. Includes guided sitting meditations, chanting meditations, and silent meditations, as well as a number of mindfulness techniques to practice at home. Open to both long-time meditators and those with no experience. Drop-ins welcome. Led by Deni Deutsch Marshall, LCSW, and Certified Spiritual Director. \$5/session on a drop-in basis. 6:30-7:30pm. Congregation B’nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Deni Deutsch Marshall at 916-684-5161 or denimarshall@gmail.com, or Melissa Grand at 916-446-4861 or mgrand@bnais.com.*

RECURRING EVENTS

■ Sundays

Temple Or Rishon Writer’s Group. Like to write? Come join us at our monthly meeting— Sunday dates vary each month. Writers at all levels welcome. Our members write short stories, poetry, biography, plays, children’s lit, you name it. Our first anthology of member-written work, *Sunday Stories*, is available on Amazon. Meeting dates vary. Free. 10:00-11:30am. 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information, contact carolcattinari@gmail.com.*

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. 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.*

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.*

■ Tuesdays

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

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

■ Wednesdays

Shalom Gan K’ton. For children 18 months-5 years. 10:00am. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. \$50/10 sessions with scholarships available. *For more information, contact 916-988-4100.*

Jessie Yoshpe Hadassah Study Group. *The Jewish Prophet* by Rabbi Dr. Michael Shire First and Third Wednesday. 9:45-11:30am. KOH Library and Cultural Center, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. *For more information, contact Soni Meyer at 916-383-5743.*

■ Thursdays

Derech L’Chaim JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons, and Significant Others). 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.*

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. Led 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 916-988-4100.*

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

■ 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. 10:30am. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. *For more information, contact 916-988-4100.*

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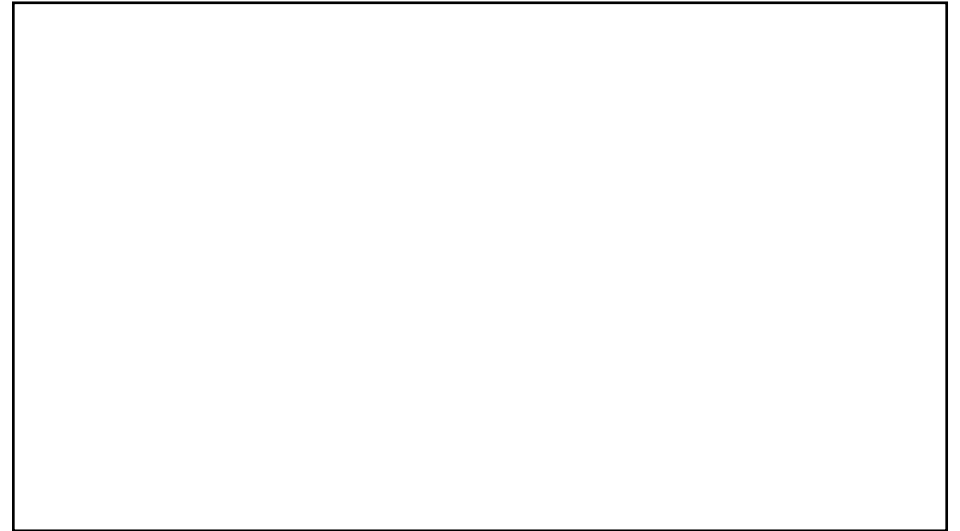




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