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# There's No Going Under, Over, or Around. We Must Go Through.

by Elissa Provance

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The other evening, one of my teenage daughters was working on an English essay about Shakespeare's Henry IV. The assignment was to analyze the concept of "honor" among characters in the play. We began talking about whether "honor," as illustrated by Shakespeare in the 15th century, exists today— fighting with honor and dying with honor and the lengths that warriors would go to achieve honor. The conversation naturally shifted to what we value in the 21st century, which my daughter and I agreed are qualities not as honorable when measured against the standards of a few centuries ago, namely financial success, fame, and often unearned celebrity status (think Paris Hilton).

The essay was completed and handed in but I continued having a conversation with myself about other things we no longer seem to value. Take, for example, recognizing that everything is a process and life is not instantaneous, though it often appears to be in the high-tech world in which we live. I shudder as I watch my teenagers do research by entering terms into Google rather than combing through encyclopedias and the library stacks; I cringe as they record programs so they can skip through the commercials rather than having the patience to wait three minutes and wonder what might be coming next; and when I have to talk to them about changing and growing, I say, "You can't go under, over, or around. You must go through."

I think the same is true for a community. We are overwhelmed by the needs and want

change— now. We've become accustomed to immediate results in our lives and seem to have lost an appreciation for the process. Federation has four full-time staff charged with caring for an estimated 30,000 Jews. Even if we just count Jews who are actively engaged, we're talking about 7,000 people. Every day, we review our priorities— no easy task when your choices are to assign greater importance to senior care versus Jewish education versus Israel versus ensuring the next generation of Jews versus the maintenance of synagogue life versus fighting anti-Semitism versus being inclusive of all Jews. Federation, by its very definition, does not have the luxury of being single focused. We care for all Jews, those we know intimately and those we'll never meet; we care about Israel, with all of its complexities; and we care about our community, because we understand we are stronger together than as individuals. What we also care about is the process— making educated decisions based on engagement, data, available resources, and best practices. We can't Google our way out of it, skip through the commercials, or attain instantaneous change. I don't always like the process but most days, I remember that I have to go through it— we have to go through it— if we want to make the Jewish community in the Sacramento region all it can be.

*Elissa Provance is the Director of Communications and Managing Editor of the VOICE for The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region.*





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# WHY FEDERATION? WHY NOT?

BY CATHRINE FISCHER SCHWARTZ

In my position as the CEO of a local Jewish Federation, I'm asked a lot of questions. The most frequent being, "Why should I give to Federation when I can give directly to the cause I care about most?" I think what people really want to understand is, "Why is Federation different from all other Jewish charities?"

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**We Believe Community Matters.** The Jewish Federation is committed to caring for the WHOLE Jewish community and for ALL Jewish people. That's why we are the region's leading authority on identifying, communicating, and efficiently addressing the needs of our local and global Jewish community. At Federation, the Jewish values of Tzedakah, G'milut Chasadim, Tikkun Olam, and Clal Yisrael are not simply ideals to which we aspire. They are, in fact, what we do everyday. We believe people want to be part of something bigger than themselves and make a far-reaching impact with their philanthropy.

**We are the Story Arch Rather than the Episode.** A community is made up of many people and organizations with, at times, competing interests. There is a delicate balance that must be achieved and maintained in order for the community to meet the current and future needs of the Jewish people. We support a wide range of critical local and international organizations and programs that are the keystone for a rich Jewish life. While other organizations may have a narrow focus, the Federation doesn't have that luxury. We adopt a long-range, community-based view, taking into account societal and demographic shifts. Often, tough decisions are necessary for the long-term, overall health of the community.

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Yes, the last few years have been tough and we face many obstacles. This is not news to us. Still, we believe the challenges pale in comparison to the opportunities. At Federation, we remain unabashedly optimistic about the future of the Jewish community. We believe our best days are ahead of us. We know that the unity of the Jewish people is a powerful force for good, for change, and for hope. We are certain there is nothing we cannot accomplish TOGETHER

Those who want to support their favorite causes and charities should do so. The Federation is not all things to all people. The Federation IS all essential things for the Jewish Community for ALL Jewish people. If you believe in what we believe— that Community matters more than the Individual— then Federation is for you. Like us, you have a stake in the Jewish Community and a role to play in its future.

*Cathrine Fischer Schwartz is the President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. This article appeared in the April 5, 2012 edition of e-philanthropy.*



## Over & Out: Archiving a 30-Year Career of Broadcasting for the United Nations

More than 30 years after he retired as one of the first broadcasters for the United Nations, Michael Hayward's career will enter the oral history archives at California State University, Sacramento, Department of Special Collections and University Archives.

A year in the making by Jim Shaw, an Investment Consultant and Broker as well as a Freelance Consultant, the project traces Hayward's decades-long career, which began with the formation of the United Nations in 1946, when the now 95-year-old Sacramento resident answered an ad for a Civil Service position for a Radio Announcer with the Municipal Broadcasting System (WNYC) in New York.

"It was serendipitous," Hayward says. "My whole life was like that. I was never in a radio studio. I bought books about radio production and placed high on the test."

The rest, as they say, is history; however, in Hayward's case, one that included collaborations with Marlon Brando, Audrey Hepburn, and Laurence Olivier, all of whom were voice-over talents for the *Price of Peace*, a 14-segment radio series with dignitaries from around the world who spoke about the need for peace, and accolades from, among others, Eleanor Roosevelt, President Lyndon Johnson, and UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

"If we didn't do this, the institutional memory of the early days of the UN would be lost," explains Shaw. "The career arc covers the mid-40s and the euphoria of World War II ending to the 'Golden Age' of radio to television as a new medium. Michael was a major player for a major institution."

Adds Hayward, "It's hard for us to imagine a time when we could not just tune into CNN. We were pioneers."

Indeed, the New York native, who has been married to his wife, Milly, for 70 years, saw simultaneous translation replace consecutive

translation, which meant one-hour speeches no longer took three times as long to broadcast; the advent of Press Conferences and field reporting; and technological advances such as satellite, video, and wireless transmission.

"I was part of a great, wonderful corp designed to better the quality of life," Hayward reflects. "The awareness of UN activity around the world was not generally known in the U.S. We were living at a time when you were making history by doing your job. Now, many companies are doing what we did—sending out teams to document exciting things about life."

The oral history, which was celebrated with a special reception on April 27, 2012, joins existing projects in the collection, such as transcripts and tape recordings by the Japanese-American Citizen's League, Florin Chapter, and transcripts and video-recordings conducted under the auspices of the Washington Press Club Foundation between 1987 and 1994. Shaw notes that the project allows those with an interest in history to access Hayward's personal recollections for reading or researching and put into context a critical time in history.

Hayward admits he has thought about writing a book but he did not want to boast about his career. With many of his former colleagues gone, he says he was happy to do the archive project and have a record for research. Anyone who reads the project, he says, would think, "What a lucky guy" and it's true."

*The Department of Special Collections and University Archives serves as the principal location for the historical research collections at California State University, Sacramento. The University is located at 2000 State University Drive East, Sacramento. For more information, contact 916.278.6708.*



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- » Surface elevation is 6,225 feet
- » Located along the border between California and Nevada
- » Largest alpine lake in North America
- » Depth is 1,645 feet, making it the USA's second deepest (the deepest is Crater Lake in Oregon)
- » Formed about 2 million years ago and is a part of the Lake Tahoe Basin with the modern lake being shaped during the ice ages
- » Known for the clarity of its water and the panorama of surrounding mountains on all sides
- » State parks are located on all four sides of the lake as well as national forests



## Lake Tahoe History:

- » Discovered in 1844 by Captain John C. Fremont
- » "Tahoe" means "Edge of Lake," named by the Washoe tribe
- » In 1858 the Comstock Lode, a silver strike in Virginia City, Nevada, brought miners to the area
- » For the first half of the 20th century, Lake Tahoe development consisted of vacation homes
- » Casinos appeared on the Nevada side of the lake in the 1940s
- » Ski resorts began to appear in the 1950s

## What to See:

**Emerald Bay:** One of Lake Tahoe's most photographed and popular locations. Recognized as a National Natural Landmark in 1969.

**Vikingsholm Castle:** Located at the head of Emerald Bay and built as a summer

home in 1929. Considered to be one of the finest examples of Scandinavian architecture existing in the U.S. The house is open for tours in the summer months and the grounds and magnificent scenery may be enjoyed all year-round.

**Heavenly Ski Resort:** Go skiing, snowboarding, sledding, or just take a beautiful ride up the Gondola.

**Ski Run Marina:** Boating, parasailing, and jet skiing.

**Zephyr Cove Resort:** Snowmobiling in the winter and boating, parasailing, and jet skiing in the summer.

**Edgewood Golf Course:** For the past 20 years, home of the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship.

## Where to Eat:

**Sprouts Natural Food Cafe:** Locally owned and operated since 1990, a mostly-vegetarian cafe, serving freshly prepared wholesome meals with generous portions and good prices.

**Steamer's Bar and Grill:** A place where the locals meet. Menu features appetizers, salads, burgers, and sandwiches. Great outdoor patio to enjoy in the summer.

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The Home of Peace Cemetery is a non-profit Jewish Community organization.



# Faces of Israel: NOT Politics. NOT Falafel. EVERYTHING In Between.

Three years ago, Amy Oppenheim and her husband, Yair, began traveling around the country in a RV, showing *Faces of Israel*, a film that Amy created and directed that shows Israel as a multidimensional country— as she says, “Not Politics. Not Falafel. Everything In Between.” Seen in more than 175 communities in North America and Israel, the Jewish Federation, with the support of area synagogues, brought the film to Sacramento on April 25, 2012 to commemorate *Yom Ha’Zikaron* (Israel’s Memorial Day) and *Yom Ha’atzmaut* (Israel’s Independence Day). *the VOICE* spoke with Amy about the making of *Faces of Israel*, her next project, and everything in between.

**the VOICE:** You were steeped in Jewish life growing up, including a love of Israel. When did you come to realize that Israel was presented in, what you term, as either politics or falafel?

**Amy:** I was in Jerusalem and it was a fantastic experience. The focus was on advocacy and politics and I ate it up. I went to John Hopkins and studied political science; I looked at how countries deal with religion; I was involved with multicultural groups; and I went back to Israel for my final year at Haifa University. But rather than focus on the previous prisms, I wanted to jump in and question Israelis about issues they face everyday. I had conversations about the dichotomy between Judaism and Democracy, dual loyalty, and dual identities. That shifted into questions about being Jewish. Is it a religion or a culture?

**the VOICE:** How did the idea for the movie come about?

**Amy:** I started having these conversations and thought, ‘Maybe I’ll write a paper.’ The guy I was dating at the time gave me a reality check when

he said, ‘No one will read it.’ I had to find a way to share this. I had zero film background but I went to downtown Haifa and began recording conversations. I sought out interviews with a wide range of viewpoints. I interviewed my roommates, students, professors, the man on the street, rabbinate offices, and ‘official’ voices like Israel’s Chief Rabbi and Masorti leaders. I got incredible content. The film project unveiled itself.

**the VOICE:** How did you select topics?

**Amy:** Marriage became a hot button issue and a lens to explore other questions. It didn’t start out that way but when I culled through the footage, marriage was something most had experienced and that led to their first encounter with official government institutions. People talked about civil unions and the role of the rabbinate. The questions are, what does it mean to have a Jewish State? How do you balance a Jewish and Democratic State? What role should Jewish tradition have in governing the laws of the State? Is religious pluralism possible in Israel?

**the VOICE:** What are the goals for the audience?

**Amy:** There are multiple goals depending on the age of the audience. With kids and teens, I want them to feel more connected and think about their identity. I get excited about the questions. It’s an opportunity because we get to decide. If you have an idea, go for it. I try to give encouragement. For adults in a community wide program, I try to bring different types of Jewish themes and have a thoughtful conversation with multiple perspectives. If they start out angry or ignorant or both, I hope that by the end, they are not feeling either of those feelings quite so strongly. For college students, I provide something in between because talking about the ‘pulse on campus’ is getting old. The program is different depending where I go because I take the conversation where people want to bring it.

**the VOICE:** What did you learn about yourself through this process?

**Amy:** I learned a lot about issues and about myself.

The film is me. Now I know my talent as a speaker and an advocate because I’ve been doing this for three years plus making the film. I wore 10 different hats: marketing, web design, accountant, teacher... I learned it’s not so glamorous but there is something really satisfying about having done it. I learned Israel is beautiful and exciting and complicated. I learned I still don’t have answers to the questions I asked of the interviewees.

**the VOICE:** How long will you continue traveling around and showing the movie?

**Amy:** If I were to continue with the program so everyone in the Jewish community saw it once, I’d be done in 2014. I will probably end my speaking tour in 2012 and stop on a high note. I’ve been living this program— living in an RV and seeing the country and visiting Jewish communities. There is something empowering about this being the first project I did. I did it and I made it and I am reluctant to wind down. I’ll always be very connected to the Jewish community. My next project will be social justice-oriented, perhaps human trafficking, women’s issues, things that cut to the core of being a compassionate human being.

If you missed *Faces of Israel*, learn more at [facesofisraelthemovie.com](http://facesofisraelthemovie.com).



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Jessica Steinberg

# Darrell Steinberg, NCJW, and Hadassah's Response to Human Trafficking

by Barry Broad

As Jews, the searing experience of having once been enslaved is imprinted on our collective soul. It is no wonder then that the modern day fight against slavery and human trafficking is one that speaks to our community.

California's Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg has been a national leader in pursuing legislation that will help bring an end to modern day slavery. In 2010, he successfully carried Senate Bill (SB) 657, which was the first bill of its kind to require manufacturers and retailers to reveal publicly their efforts to eliminate the use of slave labor in their overseas supply chains. Legislation modeled on SB 657 has now been introduced in the U.S. Congress, several State Legislatures, the United Kingdom, the European Parliament, and even in the Republic of South Korea.

This year, Steinberg has turned his sights on tackling the issue of human trafficking in California.



Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg

Photo credit: Hannah Jacobson

"Human trafficking is an international crisis but that doesn't mean we can't work to combat it at home," he pointed out. "Unfortunately California is one of the top trafficking destinations in the United States. Victims feel helpless and the public lacks the understanding about the problem and the appropriate ways to report suspicious activity and behavior."

In response, the Senator has introduced SB 1193, which would require a poster with an anonymous toll-free hotline number and basic information about how victims of human trafficking can access help be displayed at airports, bus and train stations, adult entertainment businesses, bars, truck stops, and other locations that are known hubs of human trafficking. A similar law passed in Texas has been successful both in helping victims escape from slavery and providing law enforcement leads that have led to criminal prosecutions. SB 1193 is sponsored by a number of groups that have taken up the issue of modern day slavery, including the California National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). Other sponsors include such diverse organizations as the anti-poverty group Jericho and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

"A simple posting of hotline numbers in targeted areas will help bring awareness, empower victims, and possibly save lives," Steinberg explained.

On April 23, 2012, NCJW's Sacramento Section presented Human Trafficking: What It Is and What We Can Do About It with co-sponsors Hadassah, the KOH Library and Cultural Center; Congregations Bet Haverim, Beth Shalom, and B'nai Israel; Mosaic Law Congregation; Temple Or Rishon; and the Sacramento Rescue & Restore Coalition; and partially funded by a Community Development Grant from the Jewish Federation.

"We wanted to present how human trafficking occurs, who are the vulnerable population, and what actions can help end modern day slavery," said Claire Lipschultz, NCJW's Policy Advocacy Co-Vice President and Co-Chair with Theodora Wilner of the Stop Human Trafficking Project of Family Shalom.

The event featured Annie Fukushima, a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of California,

Berkeley, who is on the Board of Directors for National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and a Board of Advisory member for The SAGE (Standing Against Global Exploitation) Project, Inc.; Rebekah Bills, an FBI Special Agent; and a panel of service providers, including WEAVE (Women Escaping a Violent Environment), which provides outreach and support for victims of violence; Opening Doors, which provides safe places, skills development, and community resources to human trafficking survivors; My Sister's House, which serves Asian and Pacific Islander woman and children impacted by domestic violence; and WIND, which engages homeless or exploited youth who needs safety and resources.

Fukushima provided an overview of human trafficking, including a review of slavery policies from 1865, when slavery was abolished, to 2005 when AB 22 established the "crime of trafficking of a person for forced labor or services or for effecting or maintaining other specified felonies, and the crime of trafficking of a minor for those purposes." She also provided several examples of how people fall victim to trafficking, for example, recruitment by a pimp or a property owner.

Bills, a Civil Rights investigator in the Sacramento Division of the FBI, has been addressing Civil Rights issues, including human trafficking, since 2010, spoke about how law enforcement actively pursues prosecution in human trafficking cases.

Each service provider identified specific ways the audience could help their efforts, specifically by making a commitment indicating how they wanted to become involved.

Noted Lipschultz, "We wanted the community to know what they could do specifically to engage in the fight against human trafficking in Sacramento and the broader world."

*Barry Broad is an attorney who has worked on human trafficking legislation. He also is the Chair of Federation's Jewish Community Relations Council. Elissa Provance contributed to this article. For more information and materials about human trafficking, visit [www.ncjwsac.org](http://www.ncjwsac.org) or contact [infoncjwsac@gmail.com](mailto:infoncjwsac@gmail.com).*



## What You Can Do to Stop Human Trafficking

### Report:

Call the National Human Trafficking Tip Hotline at 888.373.7888 if you see suspicious behaviors or need help.

### Give:

Time, money, or items to organizations that fight trafficking, for example:

Opening Doors: 916.492.2591

My Sister's House: 916.428.3271

WEAVE: 916.920.2952

WIND: 916.561.4900

### Advocate:

Lobby for legislation and policies to prevent trafficking and assist survivors and support a slave-free community and world.

### Educate:

Yourself, your family, and your community about how and where trafficking occurs.

### Shop Consciously:

Question stores about the products you buy and choose those that are slave free and buy fair trade products when available and request stores to carry them.

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California State Legislature:

[www.legislature.ca.gov](http://www.legislature.ca.gov)

Government Made Easy: [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov)

Polaris Project for a World Without Slavery:

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Office of the Attorney General (California):

[www.oag.ca.gov/human-trafficking](http://www.oag.ca.gov/human-trafficking)

National Council of Jewish Women,

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[www.sacramentorescueandrestore.net](http://www.sacramentorescueandrestore.net)

# TORAH WORDS

In *parashat* Emor we read, “You shall not profane My holy name; and I will be sanctified amongst the b’nei yisrael, I am Adonai, who sanctifies you.” This is the source of the rabbinic principle of Kiddush HaShem— the sanctifying of G-d’s name. Rashi teaches that upholding the commandments brings about this sanctification of G-d’s name. It is our responsibility to ensure they are fulfilled. But for whose sake are we doing this? It is quite a stretch to mean that we are truly affecting G-d by acting in our world.

In *Pirke Avot*, Akavya ben Mehalalel taught, reflect on three things and you will not come into the grasp of sin. So, we can ensure we are doing our part by reflecting on these three things: Know from where you came, where you are going, and in whose presence you will have to make an accounting.

Our heritage represents a wide range of beliefs, an evolution of beliefs, and yet a strong tradition. Where are we going? That is up to us, but we must take into consideration our responsibility to bring some *kedusha* into our world— that sanctification of G-d’s name. And, in whose presence will we have to make an accounting? The simple interpretation— G-d’s presence. Yet, if we take to heart the teaching of our tradition from the Talmud, all of Israel is responsible one for the other, we can see the power of this mandate— it is before each and everyone one of us that we stand.

So, we can affect G-d. We are, as a student once taught me, G-d’s PR agents. It is our responsibility to proclaim the message about leading a life of holiness.

Whether we stand before God, or before our fellow Jews, or before anyone for that matter, we must, as it says in the Talmud, “Know before

whom we stand.” We are standing before G-d wherever we go and with whatever words we choose to use, however we choose to act. We are always representing the sanctification of G-d’s name, for we are the ambassadors. We are the ones who must proclaim the holiness that can be found in our lives and in our world, and that is seeking a life of holiness, for us and our world.

*Federation invites area rabbis to submit Torah Words for each issue of the VOICE. Rabbi Yakar is from Temple Bat Yam in South Lake Tahoe and the Teen Programming Coordinator for the Jewish Federation.*



# A Blast from the Past -

## Albert Einstein Residence Center Celebrates 30 Years!

On April 22, 2012, the Albert Einstein Residence Center, an independent living facility opened to seniors 62 and older, celebrated three decades of service to Sacramento's seniors and the just-completed Green Retrofit that includes a host of new energy efficient systems and upgrades to the resident apartments and common areas. Einstein offers kosher meals, programs, services, and shared friendship to its 79 residents. Read what Einstein residents say about their home and see if you can match up our Now & Then photos!

- A. Ziggy Guth
- B. Bobby Avrut
- C. Yiota Muileburg
- D. Carol Salasky
- E. Bina Kaliska
- F. Liya Royzman

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# Staff Picks: HUMMUS

Who knew chickpeas, tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and garlic could taste so good? Apparently, many of us. According to Information Resources Inc., a market research company that analyzes the consumer packaged goods industry, U.S. hummus consumption increased 35% between July 2008-April 2010, with sales reaching nearly \$300 million. It still trails other dips but perhaps, not for long. In 2006, hummus was in 12% percent of households, rising to 17% by early 2009. Whether red pepper, roasted garlic, lemon, or other varieties of this delectable dip that's been around since the 13th century, it's clear hummus isn't going away anytime soon. At least, we hope not!



**Melissa Chapman,**  
Executive Director

**CHOICE:**

Trader Joes' White Bean Hummus

**APPEARANCE:**

Lighter than typical hummus

**TEXTURE:**

Smooth, not grainy

**TASTE:**

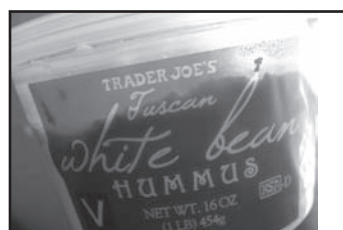
Not too much tahini

**BEST VEHICLE TO GET IT INTO YOUR MOUTH:**

Stacy's Pita Chips

**OVERALL EXPERIENCE:**

Don't bother me, I'm enjoying this too much



**Elissa Provance,**  
Communications Director

**CHOICE:**

Eat Well Enjoy Life's Yellow Lentil Hummus

**APPEARANCE:**

You can actually see the lentils

**TEXTURE:**

A bit chunky because of the apricots (yes, apricots!)

**TASTE:**

Unexpectedly spicy

**BEST VEHICLE TO GET IT INTO YOUR MOUTH:**

Pita bread triangles or a falafel

**OVERALL EXPERIENCE:**

Completely different from any other hummus



**Ardyth Sokoler,**  
PJ Library Director

**CHOICE:**

Trader Joes' Eggplant Hummus

**APPEARANCE:**

Deliciously visible pieces of eggplant

**TEXTURE:**

Just enough eggplant to give it substance

**TASTE:**

Nice, mild variation on hummus with a hint of eggplant flavor

**BEST VEHICLE TO GET IT INTO YOUR MOUTH:**

Carrots, pita crackers, or falafel

**OVERALL EXPERIENCE:**

Easy, healthy, and satisfying snack, plus a wonderful accompaniment to an Israeli meal



**Jennifer Morrison,**  
Campaign Associate

**CHOICE:**

Sabra's Pine Nut Hummus

**APPEARANCE:**

Looks like what you would find at an Israeli café

**TEXTURE:**

Delightfully creamy

**TASTE:**

Full of tahini, which is makes it very flavorful

**BEST VEHICLE TO GET IT INTO YOUR MOUTH:**

Crusty bread

**OVERALL EXPERIENCE:**

Very well-balanced



**Adriane Herring,**  
Office Administrator

**CHOICE:**

Sabra's Roasted Garlic Hummus

**APPEARANCE:**

Well-presented in the package—makes you want to open it and eat it

**TEXTURE:**

Creamy and then you bite into the garlic

**TASTE:**

Really tangy

**BEST VEHICLE TO GET IT INTO YOUR MOUTH:**

Nice, soft pita bread

**OVERALL EXPERIENCE:**

Great afternoon snack



# Yom HaShoah: The Courage to Remember and Educate

*“So I believe that I act in the spirit of this Almighty God: by defending myself against the Jew, I am fighting for the word of the Lord...”*  
*Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf, 1924*

Liz Igra stands less than 5 feet tall. She is in her late 70s and was just a child when she lost her father, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins in the Holocaust. How could anyone feel defenseless against such a figure?

“The Holocaust was a unique genocide,” explained Igra at a special ceremony for *The Courage to Remember: The Holocaust 1933-1945*, a traveling exhibit from the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s Museum of Tolerance in partnership with the Foundation for California and the SNCF (the National Corporation of French Railways), which was on display at the State Capitol from March 30-April 13, 2012. “This was not about territory; it was about an ideology to destroy a whole people.”

Igra was joined by several dignitaries, including State Assemblymembers Marty Block, Linda Halderman, Paul Fong, Jim Silva, Nancy Skinner, and Holly Mitchell; City Councilmembers Steve Cohn and Jay Schenirer; community leaders, including Federation President Lisa Kaplan and Superintendent of the Sacramento County Office of Education Dave Gordon; Foundation for California Chairman Fred Balitzer; and the President and CEO of SNCF, Alain Leila.

The SNCF owned and operated the high speed rail system in France, which was created prior to World War II. When the Germans invaded France, they took control of every national institution, including the railroad.

“I did not come to mask or disguise the history of my country,” Leila said, “but to offer support and Holocaust education.”

Assemblymember Linda Halderman, M.D., (R-Central Valley) recalled meeting the Past President of the French National Railroad in Fresno, who told her his company was taking responsibility for cars built to carry Jews to death camps.

“The vast majority of my family was on those cars,” she said through tears. “Only three survived.”

Others noted the importance of never forgetting the atrocities committed, the need to fight hatred and intolerance, and the importance of searching for the truth. But it was Igra, a retired teacher and founder of the Central Valley Holocaust Educators’ Network, which trains teachers how to teach the Holocaust, who implored the need for education.

“This history needs to be remembered,” she said, “but more than remembered, it needs to be understood. Nothing takes the place of being educated about how it was possible for a democratic country to perpetuate murder against 6 million people, including 1.5 million children. Questions need to be asked. This is how we can learn about the Holocaust.”

Eight days later, at the annual Yom HaShoah Communitywide Commemoration on April 19, 2012, the theme of which was *The Holocaust: A Child’s Perspective*, two adult children of survivors, Mike Prusak and Darrin Guttman, spoke of their experiences growing up in families where the specter of the Holocaust hung like a

dark cloud over their childhoods.

Prusak, who was born in a Displaced Persons camp in 1947, talked about his father’s immediate family, which included his wife, two daughters, two brothers, two sisters, several nieces and nephews, and parents, all of whom died in mass graves outside of a Polish shtetl. One niece survived. Prusak’s dad spent most of the war in several slave labor and death camps until he was liberated by the Russians. His mother grew up in Belarus and gave birth to a son in 1936. When the Germans invaded Belarus, Prusak’s mother and half-brother fled to the forests where they joined the Jewish Partisans for two years— an existence that was depicted in the movie *Defiance*. When the Russians began gaining control of Belarus, the Jewish Partisans were disbanded and as a “reward” for her heroism, she and her son were sent to Siberia, where they endured horrific conditions until the end of the war.

Guttman’s father was born in 1938 in Budapest, Hungary, the youngest of nine children. In 1943, after the Nazis required Jews to wear yellow stars and restricted them from being away from their home for more than two hours at a time, his grandfather realized the family was in grave danger. He obtained a family passport and tried to leave for Palestine; however, German officers tore it into shreds and sent them back home. Guttman’s grandfather then split up the family— five of his children were sent to Buddha, across the Danube River from Budapest, where they lived in a large former villa that held other Jewish children. On Christmas Eve 1944, Nazi troops entered the villa to round up the children to take them to the Danube River. A battle ensued between the Nazis and the Russians, with the Russians winning and saving the lives of Guttman’s father and his siblings. All nine children and Guttman’s grandparents survived the Holocaust— the largest family on record to have all survived.

As a result of his family’s history, Christmas Eve is special; however, as a Jewish family, the Guttman’s don’t refer to it as Christmas Eve; rather, it is “Thank G-d I’m Alive Day.”

For more information about *The Courage to Remember*, visit [couragetoremember.com](http://couragetoremember.com).

Photo courtesy of the Foundation for California.



Visitors to the State Capitol view *The Courage to Remember* traveling exhibit about the Holocaust.



# Ideas for Mother's Day: Gifts That Give Back

by Melissa Chapman

I like to fancy myself a great gift giver. I stockpile throughout the year, always keep my eye out for something that will bring joy to someone else. It can be a notepad with a witty caption for my best friend or a pair of cufflinks for my husband. And then there is Mom. How do you find something for the woman who lived with you fussing and kicking for nine months (well, she probably still lives with you doing these things), kissed your first cut, combed lice out of your hair, and shared secret family recipes with you?

Of course you can always count on some old reliables: providing a spa day full of pampering; Nordstrom for those special never-buy-for yourself luxury items; flowers that you hope will look like the picture online (Proflowers.com is my go-to and generally offers an easy to find discount code); or a quick trip to the grocery store for one of the thousand gift cards because you forgot to send her a present earlier in the week.

But, in a world where there is so much need and so much good to be done, why not consider a meaningful gift idea?

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No, this is not like George Costanza's gift to the "Human Fund." Charity Navigator offers the "Good Card" that can be redeemed as a donation to the recipient's charity of choice. [[charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org). Enter "Good Card" in the search function.]

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## Gifts That Give

Everything delightful under the sun! Designer handbags, simple stationery, or organic soap. \$1 of every \$5 goes to a cause of your choice — and you'll be shocked by just how many causes there are to choose from. Feel free to choose the Jewish Federation on your next shopping trip! They even have a Mother's Day gift guide on the home page. [[giftsthatgive.com](http://giftsthatgive.com)]



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*Melissa Chapman is the Executive Director of The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region.*

# BLACKS & JEWS: The Struggle for a Homeland

Why did Jews go to Palestine? Why did Blacks think about immigrating to Africa? These questions were explored during *Imagined Homelands: Blacks and Jews, West Africa and Palestine, 1850-1940*, part of Congregation B'nai Israel's Master Teacher Series.

Comparing and contrasting the efforts of Blacks and Jews in the 19th and 20th centuries to establish a homeland, University of California Davis, History Professor Clarence Walker traced documentation of the Jewish European experience in the 1800s of pogroms and persecution to their arrival in the 'Promise Land,' and attempts to urge the Black population in the U.S. to return to Africa, lest they remain a subordinate class in America.

"Blacks and Jews have a shared history," explained Walker. "Blacks and Jews were outcast in the 19th century."

Specifically noting Alfred Dreyfuss, the Jewish and French

officer who was framed for treason, the result of which was a rise of anti-Semitism in France and Europe, Walker said that Theodore Herzl and others "all had the idea that Jews needed a homeland to serve as a place of refuge from the gentile world."

At the same time, the Professor noted, there was a realization among Blacks that assimilation in the U.S. did not guarantee acceptance and advocates began speaking of a return to Africa.

"They thought once they left the land of oppression, they would be transformed like a phoenix," Walker said, adding that just like Jews were changing their image from being just smart to being smart and

muscular, Blacks, too, had to give up their dependence on White America. "In a new homeland, Blacks and Jews would transform themselves physically and mentally and would establish places of refuge and protection."

Although the lands that these two peoples wished to emigrate were occupied, Walker said, Jews thought they could overcome Arab hostility.

"The arrival of European Jews was not initially violent," he explained. "Then the Ottoman Empire thought Jews were the agents of Imperialism. By 1913, Arab animosity increased and Zionism changed to its socialist phase and the Jewish people would have a greater stake to the land."

In contrast, on January 4, 1787, 75 Blacks in Boston signed a petition to have Blacks move back to Africa because they would not be able to find happiness for themselves or their children or live as equals.

"They saw themselves on equal footing with Africans who never left," Walker explained.

The problem, he continued, was that Blacks from the U.S. did not want to assume African tradition or African religion— they wanted to bring Christianity and Capitalism to Africa. This attitude did not blend with 19th century Africa mores, which thought if you lived outside of Africa for more than a generation, you were destined for death since you no longer had the ability to fight African diseases.

"Africa did not see Blacks as their brothers and sisters," Walker said of the new immigrants. "Africa is made up of tribes and clans and Blacks were outsiders who had been shipped away as a commodity. By the end of the 18th century, Blacks had really become Americans and had no roots. The 19th century sense of civility had no respect for African tradition."

Key differences between the Jews and Blacks, said Walker, were Jews had more economical resources and higher education. And, he added, "Jews were going back to a culture and a uniform language."

*For more information about Congregation B'nai Israel's Master Teacher Series, contact 916.446.4861.*







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# L'Chaim!

## Top Kosher Wines of 2012

After eight wine connoisseurs blind taste tested 242 bottles of kosher wine, *The Jewish Week* announced the top kosher wines for 2012. Here's to finding something to celebrate!

### Top Red Wines

1. Shirah Wine, Power to the People, Syrah, 2009
2. Covenant, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
3. (tie) Alexander, Reserve, Syrah, 2009
3. (tie) Golan Heights Winery, Yarden, Pinot Noir, 2007
4. Dalton, Shiraz, 2009
5. (tie) City Winery, Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, 2009
5. (tie) Hagafen, Prix, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2006
6. Bazelet HaGolan, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
7. Hagafen, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
8. (tie) Shiloh, Secret Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
8. (tie) Tura, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, 2009
9. (tie) Alexander, Sandro, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, 2007
9. (tie) City Winery, Obsidian Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
9. (tie) Domaine Netofa, Red, 2010
9. (tie) Golan Heights Winery, Golan, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
9. (tie) Tishbi, Estate, Shiraz, 2007
9. (tie) Weinstock, Cellar Select, Petite Sirah, 2010
10. Livni, Sdeh Kalev, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009

### Top Red Wines \$25 and Under

1. Dalton, Shiraz, 2009
2. (tie) Alexander, Sandro, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, 2007
2. (tie) Domaine Netofa, Red, 2010
2. (tie) Weinstock, Cellar Select, Petite Sirah, 2010
2. (tie) Tishbi, Estate, Shiraz, 2007
3. (tie) Golan Heights Winery, Golan, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
3. (tie) Weinstock, Red by W, 2009
3. (tie) Barkan, Classic, Pinot Noir, 2010
4. Binyamina, Reserve, Shiraz, 2009
5. Teperberg, Silver, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2010
6. (tie) Borgo Reale, Maturo, 2009
6. (tie) Galil Mountain, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
7. Cantina Gabriele, Pinot Noir, 2010
8. (tie) Capçanes, Peraj Petita, 2009
8. (tie) Beit-El, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2010
9. (tie) Shiloh, Shor, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, 2007
9. (tie) Gush Etzion, Spring River, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, 2009
10. (tie) Carmel, Appellation, Merlot, 2006
10. (tie) Don Guillermo de Mendoza, Pinot Noir, 2010
10. (tie) Recanati, Merlot, 2010
10. (tie) Recanati, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2010
10. (tie) Recanati, Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009

### Top White Wines

1. Carmel, Single Vineyard – Sha'al, Late Harvest Gewurztraminer, 2007
2. Domaine du Castel, Blanc du Castel, Chardonnay, 2009
3. Dalton, Reserve, Wild Yeast Viognier, 2009
4. Hagafen, Cuvee De Noirs, 2007
5. Hagafen, Oak Knoll, Chardonnay, 2010
6. (tie) Carmel, Appellation, Chardonnay, 2009
6. (tie) Hagafen, White Riesling, Rancho Wieruszowski, 2011
6. (tie) Weinstock, Cellar Select, Chardonnay, 2008
7. Teperberg, Terra, Sauvignon Blanc, 2011
8. (tie) Gamla, Reserve, Chardonnay, 2010
8. (tie) Lanzur, Sauvignon Blanc, 2010
9. Binyamina, Reserve, Chardonnay, 2010
10. Golan Heights Winery, Yarden, Odem Vineyard Chardonnay, 2009
10. Tishbi, Estate, Chardonnay, 2010
11. (tie) Dalton, Alma, Chardonnay-Viognier, 2010
11. (tie) Galil Mountain, Viognier, 2009
12. (tie) Dalton, Fume Blanc, 2010
12. (tie) Hagafen, Prix, Oak Knoll Chardonnay, 2010







#### Top White Wines Under \$18

1. (tie) Gamla, Reserve, Chardonnay, 2010
1. (tie) Lanzur, Sauvignon Blanc, 2010
2. Galil Mountain, Viognier, 2009
3. Dalton, Fume Blanc, 2010
4. Recanati, Sauvignon Blanc, 2010
5. (tie) Shiloh, Chardonnay, 2010
5. (tie) Tishbi, Gewurztraminer, 2010
5. (tie) Hagafen, Don Ernesto's Collage, 2010
5. (tie) Cantina Gabriele, Moscato Sparkling Rose, n.v
6. (tie) Bartenura, Moscato, 2010
6. (tie) Tishbi, Emerald Riesling, 2010
6. (tie) Joseph River, Estate, Chardonnay, 2010
6. (tie) Teperberg, White (Sauvignon Blanc-Chardonnay), 2011
7. Baron Herzog, Chardonnay, 2008
8. (tie) Geographe, K, Chardonnay, 2009
8. (tie) Primo V Puglia, Moscato, 2010
8. (tie) O'Dwyers Creek, Sauvignon Blanc, 2010
9. Layla Vineyards, Moscato, n.v.

#### Top Wines \$36 & over

1. Shirah Wine, Power to the People, Syrah, 2009
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6. Hagafen, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
7. Tura, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, 2009
8. City Winery, Obsidian Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
9. Hagafen, Cuvee De Noirs, 2007
10. Alexander, Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
11. (tie) Psagot, Single Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2007
11. (tie) Segal, Dishon Single Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2007
12. (tie) Gofna, Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
12. (tie) Capçanes, Peraj Ha'Abib, 2008
12. (tie) City Winery, Cabernet Sauvignon, Bettinelli Vineyard, 2009
12. (tie) Yatir, Red Blend, 2007



#### Top Israeli Wines

1. (tie) Alexander, Reserve, Syrah, 2009
1. (tie) Golan Heights Winery, Yarden, Pinot Noir, 2007
2. Dalton, Shiraz, 2009
3. (tie) Carmel, Single Vineyard Sha'al, Late Harvest Gewurztraminer, 2007
3. (tie) Bazelet HaGolan, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
4. Domaine du Castel, Blanc du Castel, Chardonnay, 2009
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8. Livni, Sdeh Kalev, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
9. (tie) Barkan, Classic, Pinot Noir, 2010
9. (tie) Golan Heights Winery, Yarden, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2008
9. (tie) Gush Etzion, Lone Oak, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009
10. (tie) Binyamina, Reserve, Shiraz, 2009
10. (tie) Dalton, Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009

*The Kosher Wine Guide may be found at [www.thejewishweek.com/kosherwineguide2012](http://www.thejewishweek.com/kosherwineguide2012). And, if you're interested in wine, join Congregation B'nai Israel for its 12th Annual Wine and Food Festival on May 5, 2012. For more information contact 916.446.4861.*

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# A Special Salute to Our Jewish Veterans

The observance of Memorial Day, this year on May 28 2012, dates back more than 125 years and is set aside to honor men and women who lost their lives while serving in the military. Since neither the U.S. Department of Defense nor the Veteran's Administration publish statistics by religion, it is impossible to accurately determine how many Jews have served in the Armed Forces or how many Jewish veterans are among us; however, it is estimated that Jewish service is at least as great as the percentage of Jews in the general population.

The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the United States of America is a national membership organization of Jews who have served in the Armed Forces. JWV provides programs, resources, and events. The following timeline represents selected JWV events since its inception in 1896.

1896 First Meeting of the JWV

1904 Monument erected exalting Jewish patriotism at Salem Field Cemetery in Brooklyn

1927 Legislation passes requiring Star of David Markers on the graves of Jewish soldiers buried in France

1935 First International Conference in Paris

1903 Appeal to stop pogroms in Russia

1912 Legislation secured removing restrictions against Jews serving in the New York State National Guard

1919 10,000 World War I Jewish veterans paraded in New York City to protest pogroms in Poland, Rumania, and Galicia

1933 First organization to launch a boycott of German goods in the U.S.

1936 Opposed U.S. participation in the Berlin Olympic Games

1939 Adopted a resolution supporting a Jewish homeland in Palestine

1946 4,000 veterans rally to petition Great Britain to permit Jews from displaced persons camps to enter Palestine

1952 Collected more than 50,000 pints of blood for Korean troops

1962 Attended first International Conference of JWV in Israel

1964 Helped break Senate filibuster, which led to passage of the

1937 Petitioned Great Britain to open doors for German Jewish refugees to be admitted to Palestine

1944 Supported the passage of the "G.I. Bill of Rights" legislation

1948 Staged largest parade in Jewish history to support a Jewish State; after Arab nations invaded newly formed State of Israel, JWV shipped one million uniforms within six months

1955 Cooperated with the Conference of Presidents in battling the Arab boycott of Israeli goods; distributed pamphlets exposing falsehoods expounded by the John Birch Society

1963 Only veterans organization to join with Martin Luther King's civil rights march at the Washington Monument

1964 Civil Rights Act

1965 Organized public demonstrations to protest the failure of the German government to extend the statute of limitations on Nazi war criminals; urged the Pope to speak out on the plight of Soviet Jewry

1967 Participated in a Washington, D.C. demonstration urging government support for Israel during the Six Day War

1970 First veteran's organization to support withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam

1986 Exposed participation of U.S. military personnel in Ku Klux Klan activities

2002 Participated in the largest U.S. rally ever on behalf of Israel

2012 Called for preparations for action against Iran

1966 Lobbied successfully for passage of "G.I. Bill of Rights" for Vietnam veterans

1969 Requested Department of Defense to investigate allegations that Jewish recruits were persecuted

1971 To celebrate its 75th anniversary, hosted the first International Conference of JWV held in the United States

1987 Headed the "March for Soviet Jewry" with 250,000 in attendance at the Washington Monument

2008 Celebrated the opening of the exhibit commemorating the 75th anniversary of the JWV-sponsored march against Nazi Germany

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# Kabbalah: Just the FAQs

Kabbalah may be the latest trend in Hollywood, but before there was Madonna, Demi Moore, and Britney Spears, there was John Locke and Isaac Newton.

Scholars such as these, noted Allison Coudert, the Paul and Marie Castelfranco Professor of Religious Studies at the University of California, Davis, believed that the Kabbalah, the study of how to receive fulfillment in one's life, should be recognized for its positive contributions.

Coudert presented *The Jewish Kabbalah, Science, and the Enlightenment* at KOH Library and Cultural Center, and discussed the evolution of the study of Christian Kabbalah and Kabbalah being credited for three principles of modernity:

1. Man is in charge of his destiny and the world
2. Knowledge of the natural world is possible and must be used to improve the world
3. Experience is a legitimate way to investigate the Book of Nature

the VOICE became interested in the basics of Kabbalah and offers the following frequently asked questions:

## **What is Kabbalah?**

Kabbalah is an aspect of Jewish mysticism. It consists of a large body of speculation on the nature of divinity, the creation, the origin and fate of the soul, and the role of human beings. Some aspects of Kabbalah have been studied and used by non-Jews for several hundred years.

## **What does the word Kabbalah mean?**

The word "Kabbalah" is derived from the root "to receive, to accept," and in many cases is used synonymously with "tradition."

## **What is the Kabbalah Tradition?**

According to Jewish tradition, the Torah was created prior to the world and advised G-d on such weighty matters as the creation of human kind. When Moses received the written law from G-d, tradition has it that he also received the oral

law, which was not written down, but passed from generation to generation. At times the oral law has been referred to as Kabbalah, the oral tradition. The Torah is believed to be divine, and in the same way as the Torah was accompanied by an oral tradition, so there grew a secret oral tradition which claimed to possess an initiated understanding of the Torah, its hidden meanings, and the divine power concealed within it. This is a principle root of the Kabbalistic tradition, a belief in the divinity of the Torah, and a belief that by studying this text one can unlock the secrets of the creation. Another aspect of Jewish religion that influenced Kabbalah was the Biblical phenomenon of prophecy. The prophet was an individual chosen by G-d as a mouthpiece, and there was the implication that G-d was a being who one could approach. These two threads, one derived from the study of the Torah, the other derived from practical attempts to approach G-d, form the roots from which the Kabbalistic tradition developed.

## **How old is Kabbalah?**

No one knows. The earliest documents that are generally acknowledged as being Kabbalistic come from the 1st century, but there is a suspicion that the Biblical phenomenon of prophecy may have been grounded in a much older oral tradition, which was a precursor to the earliest recognizable forms of Kabbalah. Some believe the tradition goes back as far as Melchizedek. There are moderately plausible arguments that Pythagoras received his learning from Hebrew sources. There is a substantial literature of Jewish mysticism which is not strictly Kabbalistic in the modern sense, but which was available as source material to medieval Kabbalists.

## **Do I need to be Jewish to study Kabbalah?**

Some aspects of traditional Kabbalah are so deeply intertwined with Jewish religious beliefs and practice that they are meaningless outside of this context. Other aspects of Kabbalah have been studied and practiced outside of Judaism for so long that they have a distinct identity in their own right, and no, you do not have to be

Jewish to study them, any more than you need to be English to study the Law of Gravitation. However, if you choose to study Kabbalah by name you should recognize that Kabbalah was and is a part of Judaism, and an important part of the history of Jewish people, and respect the beliefs which not only gave rise to Kabbalah, but which are still an essential part of Jewish faith.

## **Do I need to learn Hebrew to study Kabbalah?**

A Jewish Kabbalist would maintain that it is impossible to study Kabbalah without knowing Hebrew, but there are many practical exercises and ritual techniques that can be employed with only a minimal knowledge of Hebrew. There is no question that knowledge of Hebrew can make a difference. Non-Jewish texts on Kabbalah abound in simple mistakes that are due largely to uninformed copying. Thousands of important Kabbalistic texts have not been translated out of Hebrew or Aramaic, and the number of important source texts in translation is small. The difficulties in trying to read the archaic and technically complex literature of Kabbalah should not be discounted, but it is well worthwhile to acquire even a superficial knowledge of Hebrew.



Several online resources are available to learn the basics of Kabbalah. Check them out! Additionally, on May 13, 2012, internationally acclaimed mystic and bestselling author Rabbi Dr. Laibl Wolf presents "Accelerated Spiritual Training for Inner Balance through Practical Kabbalah" at 7:30 p.m. at Hampton Inn & Suites, 800 Mason St., Vacaville. \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. For more information, contact 707.592.5300 or visit [www.JewishSolano.com](http://www.JewishSolano.com).

# LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

One of the critical issues faced by Jewish communities worldwide is sustainability— how can we ensure the next generation of Jews will be involved, committed to Israel, and socially responsible? Federation is doing its part. In December, 40 young people traveled to Israel on the first-ever Sacramento Birthright trip. We had a core of young volunteers helping with our Jewish Heritage Festival. And we have restructured our young leadership group under a new name that states its goal: Emerging Jewish Leadership. Three core components of this new group are:

1. Leadership Development
2. Social Action
3. Networking

We want you to meet some of these emerging leaders and hear their views on being Jewish, Israel, and what's important to them as Jews. We think you'll agree that the future is in good hands.

## Adrienne M. Adelberg

**Age:** 23

**School/Occupation:** California State University, Sacramento undergraduate student studying

Child Development, working towards goal of attaining a doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

**Extracurricular Activities:** President of the Jewish Student Union of University of California, Sacramento; Hillel Board of Directors; volunteer at Full Circle Treatment Center, an outpatient intervention and treatment center for adolescents recovering from substance abuse

1. I love living in Sacramento because it is a beautiful family-oriented river city whose population has shown a dedicated to youth education and development. The Jewish community of Sacramento is supportive of its young adult population and provides many expanding opportunities for young people to become involved in pursuing and exploring their interests.



2. I love being Jewish because I am immensely proud to be a member of a people who value courage, community, charity, hospitality, righteousness, curiosity, humility, kindness, leadership, health, social action, and most of all, the pursuit of education. I am proud of the accomplishments of my people and their unflinching dedication to uphold Jewish values without excuse and without concession.

## Taylor Bloom

**Age:** 23

**School/Occupation:** Second year law school student at McGeorge School of Law.

**Extracurricular**

**Activities:** President, Jewish Law Students Association; Vice President of McGeorge Sports Law Society; Volunteer at Bret Harte Elementary School; Street Law Teacher at McClatchy High School



1. I want people to know that the next generation of Jews is articulate, educated, and dedicated to the preservation and practice of our Jewish heritage and culture.
2. To me, Israel means home, it is the land of my ancestors and the land of my people forever.

## Amber Davis

**Age:** 21

**School/Occupation:** California State University, Sacramento

**Extracurricular**

**Activities:** Emerging Jewish Leaders



1. Jewish issues that are important to my generation include local community involvement and education about Israel. I feel like for me, there was a disconnect in the transition from being a Jewish child to a Jewish adult and I struggled to find a place where I felt that I fit in. I believe that by connecting with other Jewish individuals in our generation through community involvement, we can lessen that disconnect that some of us feel at this stage in our lives. I also believe that in order to create advocacy for Israel in our generation it is important

to inform young adults about Israel so that we can have advocates our age that are passionate and educated.

2. I love being Jewish because the family values and traditions that have been passed down to me from my grandparents have helped mold me into the person I am today. I aim to continue passing on those traditions in my own family and I feel like that helps strengthen the bonds within the family and between generations.

## Lisa Freeman

**Mike Freeman**

**Age:** Lisa: 28

Mike: 27

**School/Occupation:**

Lisa: Deutschman Communications Group  
Mike: California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs



1. Jewish issues that are important to our generation include making sure that young Jewish professionals have a place to connect with each other so that Jewish community is always present. Lobbying to keep Israel safe as well as teaching tolerance is also very important to our generation.
2. We love being Jewish because of all the values, traditions, and history Judaism provides. Each tradition has such great significance and all the holidays explain the religion so well. We love all the opportunities for social interaction and the immediate closeness you feel towards other Jews.

## Deidra Meyers

**Age:** 32

**School/Occupation:** Chief Operations Officer, PDF Security Systems

**Extracurricular**

**Activities:** Vice President of Membership at Congregation B'nai Israel; Chair of Sababah (20-30s group)



1. To me, Israel means my true connection to my faith and a place that calls to me. It is my home no matter where I go.



2. I love being Jewish because it is a binding community that makes me always feel at home.

**Elana Miller**

**Age:** 24

**School/Occupation:**

University of California, Davis, School of Law Student

**Extracurricular Activities:** Jewish Law Students Association, President; involvement with Leonard Friedman Bar Association; intern with California Attorney General's Office, Criminal Division; former intern with District Attorney's Office in Sacramento and Los Angeles County; Prison Law Clinic; additional law school activities



1. I want people to know that the next generation of Jews considers Judaism a fundamental, integral part of their identity that we are proud of.
2. I love being Jewish because it connects me to millions of people around the world and the millions of ancestors that we share. We share history, religion, values, struggles, culture, and a homeland. This transcends me, and that makes Judaism an incredibly important and special part of my identity.

**Matthew Miller**

**Age:** 24

**School/Occupation:**

California Northstate College of Pharmacy and the B'nai Mazel Youth Adviser at Mosaic Law Congregation. Moving to Israel in the fall to be part of the Israel Teaching Fellows program.



1. I love living in Sacramento because it is an active, tight-knit community. Everyone I've met has been incredibly welcoming.
2. I love being Jewish because I love being an heir to a tradition that encourages us to ask tough questions in pursuit of justice and truth. Judaism is intellectually stimulating and invites Jews to effect real-world change.

**Ryan Pessah**

**Age:** 24

**School/Occupation:**

Legislative Consultant

**Extracurricular**

**Activities:** Capitol Knesset; AIPAC; Jewish Community Relations Council; Young Democrats

1. To me, Israel means home and security for all Jews.
2. I love being Jewish because of the amazing food.



**Lenea Schwartz**

**Age:** 22

**School/Occupation:**

Graduated last May from California State University, Sacramento. Currently work as a researcher for a local company. Moving to Israel in August for a 10-month MASA program called Israel Teaching Fellows.

**Extracurricular Activities:** Jewish Student Union President at CSU Sacramento; Hillel Board of Directors.




1. Jewish issues that are important to my generation include Israel, more involvement from within the community, and especially finding a way to get more people in their 20s and 30s to be involved.
2. I love being Jewish because it is just who I am. I love the traditions and the prayers. It is a sense of belonging to something bigger than myself. I love being Jewish for the welcoming and loving community it has brought me to.

# Shā'vū-ôṭ': Recalling the Giving of THE TORAH

- » Literally, "weeks."
- » Celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.
- » Second of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance (the other two are Passover and Sukkot).
- » Passover freed us physically from bondage, but the giving of the Torah on Shavuot redeemed us spiritually from our bondage to idolatry and immorality.
- » Customary to eat a dairy meal.


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# Celebrating 3 Years of PJ Library!

## From Winning National Accolades to Creating Local Partnership Events to Building Community Leaders

For its 3rd birthday, PJ Library, a program of the Jewish Federation that offers free, Jewish-themed books and music to eligible children ages 6 months-8 years old, received a wonderful present from the National PJ Library office: First-place recognition for its marketing and outreach efforts.

“We were so honored to be acknowledged for all of the great work PJ has accomplished,” said PJ Library Director Ardyth Sokoler. “Unlike many PJ communities, who may only be able to focus on book delivery, we have been able to create PJ programming and partnership programs with synagogues and organizations throughout the year that coincide with holidays, Shabbat, or other special occasions. We’ve been going ‘beyond the books’ in



addition to providing books to 900 children in our area.”

The first-place award, shared with the San Antonio, Texas community, identified several recent successful Sacramento marketing and outreach initiatives:

**Social Media:** Posting events on community websites to reach new families and publicize PJ to the greater community.

**Outreach to Jewish Chaplains and Mohels:** Connecting with hospital chaplains and social workers at Kaiser Roseville, Sutter, Mercy West, University of California, Davis, and Shriners’ Hospital so if a Jewish child is born or is a patient, the family can receive an information packet about PJ Library.

**Partnerships:** Maximizing the power of PJ within synagogue communities by requesting the addition of information and links about PJ to websites and religious school information.

In addition to building community, PJ also is focused on building leadership. At the Fourth Annual PJ Library Conference, held April 22-24, 2012 in Baltimore, Maryland, PJ parent and new Federation Board Member, Colmar Figueroa-Moseley participated on a panel of lay community leaders that was facilitated by Jewish Federations of North America CEO Jerry Silverman. Of his leadership journey, Figueroa-Moseley said, “After seeing the results of the hard work making PJ Library a reality, I thought to myself, ‘How I could make a difference in our community?’”

The father of two young children began his leadership journey when he and his wife, Jill Abramson, became involved with PJ Library’s 1-year birthday celebration in 2010.

“Both Colmar and Jill were active members of the Planning Committee for our birthday event,” said Sokoler. “We recognized Colmar’s leadership capacity immediately. He was willing to become involved and do what needed to be done.”

Figueroa-Moseley was asked to join an Education Committee at the Federation and later, to become one of several Community Ambassadors that assist with PJ-related outreach efforts.

“Because he had a vision that was larger than PJ, and because he was present at so many PJ events, the Community Ambassador opportunity was a natural fit,” Sokoler explained, adding that Figueroa-Moseley also





became a synagogue liaison at Congregation B'nai Israel and worked with the rabbis to come up with strategic plan to promote PJ and attract families.

Since he demonstrated a proven track record with PJ, Figueroa-Moseley then was asked to bring his leadership know-how to the Federation Board.

"I was elected to Sacramento's Federation Board where we have forged new pathways of growth in the Jewish community," he noted.

At the PJ Library Conference, Figueroa-Moseley, who holds a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology and a Masters of Public Health, shared his philosophy about leadership development, which includes fostering relationships, recognizing people for their contributions, and asking people to become involved.

"Many PJ parents do not put on the mantle of leadership because they have never been asked," he said.

"We asked Colmar to step up and be a leader and he has," added Sokoler. "Through PJ, Colmar and Jill have found a community and their Jewish home."

For more information about PJ Library, contact Sokoler at 916.486.0906 ext. 311 or [pjlibrary@jewishsac.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishsac.org).

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# The Ying Yang of Jewish Mothers

Jewish mothers. They've been made fun of by their children, husbands, authors, and comics. They've been labeled controlling, domineering, manipulative, and overprotective. They've had starring roles in radio (The Goldbergs), on TV (remember Rhoda Morgenstern's mother, Rose?), and in books (*Portnoy's Complaint*). In honor of Mother's Day, *the VOICE* decided to dust off some classic Jewish Mother jokes. To take the sting away, we also asked community leaders to share motherly advice given to them by their own mothers. Mother's Day is May 13, 2012. Don't forget to kiss your mother and say thank you!

## Did you hear the one...

An elderly woman from Brooklyn decided to prepare her will and make her final requests. She told her rabbi she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Bloomingdales. "Bloomingdales?" the rabbi exclaimed. "Why Bloomingdales?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

How many Jewish Grandmothers does it take to change a light bulb?  
None. "Don't worry about me. I'll just sit here in the dark and go blind!"

Jewish mother with son at the seaside, a son of whom she is very proud as he recently passed his medical exams. Within minutes of entering the sea he gets into great difficulties under huge waves...  
Jewish mother "HELP HELP!!!! My son the doctor is drowning!"

Three Jewish mothers are sitting on a bench in Brent Cross shopping centre talking about (what else?) how much their sons love them. Sadie says, "You know the Chagall painting hanging in my living room? My son, Arnold,

bought that for me for my 75th birthday. What a good boy he is and how much he loves his mother."

Minnie says, "You call that love? You know the Mercedes I just got for Mother's Day? That's from my son Bernie. What a doll."

Shirley says, "That's nothing. You know my son Stanley? He's in analysis with a psychoanalyst in Harley Street. Five sessions a week. And what does he talk about? Me."

Q: What's the difference between a Rottweiler and a Jewish Mother?

A: Eventually, the Rottweiler lets go.

A young Jewish man excitedly tells his mother he's fallen in love, and is going to get married. He says, "Just for fun, Ma, I'm going to bring over three women and you try and guess which one I'm going to marry." The mother agrees. The next day, he brings 3 beautiful women into the house and sits them down on the couch and they chat for a while. He then says, "Okay, Ma. Guess which one I'm going to marry." She immediately replies, "The red-head in the middle."

"That's amazing, Ma. You're right. How did you know?"

"I don't like her."

What is the difference between a Jewish mother and an Italian mother???

The Italian mother says to her child, "Eat this or I'll kill you," while the Jewish mother says to her child, "Eat this or I'll kill myself."

A man calls his mother in Florida. "Mom, how are you?"

"Not too good," says the mother. "I've been very weak."

The son says, "Why are you so weak?"

She says, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."

The man says, "That's terrible! Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"

The mother answers, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should call."

Q: Why do Jewish Mothers make great parole officers?

A: They never let anyone finish a sentence.

Source: [www.jewishjokes.net](http://www.jewishjokes.net).

## My Mother always told me...

**Carol Catinari, President, Temple Or Rishon:**  
"Good night, sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs bite" ... my mother's advice, the only advice she gave in words. Hers came in her actions, and that advice has stayed with me over the years. My mother "advised" me to love your children with all your heart. That's how she loved my sister and me. My mother advised me to greet each day with zest. She woke us up each morning by singing, urging us to "wake with the buttercups, come on, get up, get up." My mother's advice was –and is to this day –that your children are your most precious gifts, to be loved and cherished. That's how she lived her life, and it was good advice indeed.

**Cecily Hastings, Federation Editorial Board Member:** My mother told me that it was very important to get nicer and kinder the older you got. She lived that last few years of her life at an assisted living facility and said the nice older



folks always had lots of visitors, but the cranky ones never had anyone visit. She loved people and practiced that bit of advice until she died at age 89. After she survived all her old friends she continued to make friends with those much younger than her.

**Lisa Kaplan, Federation President:**

I always remember my mother telling me that I could do anything I wanted to do no matter what. Even if someone told me 'no,' to find a way to make it happen.

My mother also used to tell me that if I believed what I am doing is right then I should stand up for the right thing, even if standing up and doing the right thing meant swimming upstream and taking the difficult road. She would say it's better to live your life swimming upstream because it is better to do the right thing than sit on the sidelines and watch things go on that are wrong.

**Sue Sperber, Federation Board Member:**

My mother missed my baby shower and, more importantly, the baby shower of her very first grandchild. Why? My father, a racecar driver, had a race out of state. With tears in her eyes she explained, "I would rather stay with YOU, but my place is by my husband. A woman should put her husband first. Children grow up and leave you, so you want your marriage to stay strong. She felt it was a timeless lesson as I was becoming a first time mom."

**Alan Steinberg, Federation Board Member:**

When I was growing up, my mom would always say, 'One day, hopefully not too soon, when you get married, make certain that you always listen to your wife before your mother.' The point being, to keep a marriage strong and healthy, you need to listen to your spouse, not your parents. Pretty insightful and selfless too. And she figured this out without having in-laws (they died before my mom met my dad). What a great mom.

**Caren Zorman, President, Mosaic Law**

Congregation: My mother never really gave me advice other than to "do the best job that you can in whatever you do." But she's been saying that since I was in kindergarten!



# Evening in Eden

**Sunday Evening, June 10, 2012**

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# Mazel Tov!

Madison Alcalay, daughter of Michael and Marisa, is becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 12, 2012.



Hillel Damron (center), took first place at the 2nd Annual Chess Tournament! He is seen here with Dr. Daniel Khazzoom (right), who presented the award on behalf of the KOH Library, which hosted the event, and runner up, Leland Moglen.



JCRC and the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento hosted an intimate event with Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and faith leaders in the

community on March 20, 2012. Top row from left to right: Kevin Star, Ron Hermann, Elaine Minow, Jon Fish, Darrell Steinberg, Jack Mador, Gary Ziegenfuss, Susan McKee, Father Michael Kiernan, and Bob Dresser. Bottom row from left to right: Kathleen Hermann, Lydia Inghram, Diana Rude, and Melissa Chapman.



Monica Nainsztein, a member of Federation's Editorial Board, gave birth to her first child, Isabel, on March 15, 2012. Isabel weighed in at 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20.5 inches!



Congregation Beth Shalom and Mosaic Law Congregation's Midrasha Coordinator Ian Lobel became engaged to Genalyn Santos. The couple will be married in August.

Winners of the 4th Annual Eleanor J. Marks Holocaust Essay Contest, funded by Congregation B'nai

Israel's Brotherhood, a Community Development Grant of the Jewish Federation, and public contributions, were awarded cash prizes, certificates, and books with all submitted essays at the April 19, 2012 Yom HaShoah Communitywide Commemoration. This year's contest was open to students in Switzerland, Germany, and Poland. Winners were:

6-8th grade:  
Theo Gress, Shalom School  
Runner-up: Charlie Carl, Shalom School

Madrachim:  
Kaitlyn Zeichick, Congregation Beth Israel, Chico,  
Runner-up: Noa Elliott Congregation B'nai Israel,

Public/Private Schools  
8-12th Grade:  
Abby Scurfield, Christian Brothers High School  
Runner-up: Selena Bush, Chico Jr. High School

Global:  
Agnieszka Kulczycka, Zelonka, Poland;  
Christian Rolli, Dominicus Zimmerman Gymnasium, Landsberg, Germany; Franzeska Paulus, Stadtgardern Gymnasium, Saarlois, Germany.

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# Welcome [Hillel] Home

When Raphael Moore was an undergraduate at the University of California, Davis, in the late 1980s, he would visit Hillel House— all 1,100 sq. ft. of it— and think, “I’m going to come back one day and do this right.” On May 6, 2012, nearly 20 years after the planning for the new home for students at Davis and California State University, Sacramento, began, Hillel House will celebrate its completion with a Grand Opening Gala. Moore, the Capital Project Chair, will make the Official Dedication.

Here’s a behind the scenes look at 328 A St. in Davis:

- » **Building**— 9,000 sq. ft. (2 stories plus a basement)
- » **Carpet**— 7,796 sq. ft.
- » **Occupancy**— 594 maximum
- » **Doors**— 12 exterior and 34 interior (not including storage)
- » **Windows**— 33 exterior
- » **Kitchen**— 625 sq. ft. of commercial kosher kitchen complete with dishwashing system, industrial mixer, drip trays, and six ovens (the only commercial kosher kitchen in Yolo County!)

- » **Café**— Includes white board for messages, flat screen television, and Internet bar
- » **Office Suite**— 1,040 sq. ft. (larger than the entire usable space of the old building!)
- » **Toilets**— 14 (13 more than the old building!)
- » **Solar Electric System**— 9.7 kW Solar PhotoVoltaic Electric System, with 48 modules and 2 inverters, expected to provide about 16.272 MWH of energy output (the equivalent of annual CO2 reduction of 5.89 Tons)
- » **6 Rock Columns**— 1,500 rocks used
- » **Gravel**— 200 tons used
- » **Naming Pavers**— 105 small pavers; 55 large ones
- » **Electronics**— Surround sound, wireless Internet access, 2 firewall systems
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7:30 pm

**SUNDAY:**  
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10 am

**SATURDAY:**  
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Shabbat Service: 10 am  
Communal Lunch: 1:30 pm  
Exploring Kehillot Kedoshot: 2:30 pm  
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# CALENDAR

## Recurring Events

### Sundays

Men's Tefillin Club. First Sunday of every month to lay Tefillin, learn some Torah, and enjoy a great breakfast! 9:00-10:00 a.m. Chabad Jewish Community Center, 302 B South Lexington Dr. Folsom. For more information, contact 916.608.9811 or visit [www.JewishFolsom.org](http://www.JewishFolsom.org).

**May 20, 2012.** Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento. Bay-area genealogist Robinn Magid will present a survey of California's Jewish cemeteries and the challenges of doing research in these locations. Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. For more information, visit [www.jgss.org](http://www.jgss.org) or e-mail the JGSS at [jgs\\_sacramento@yahoo.com](mailto:jgs_sacramento@yahoo.com).

### Mondays

Monthly discussion group led by Rabbi Melamed (Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom) on the second Monday of every month at the KOH Library & Cultural Center, 2300 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Discussion ranges from ancient Judaism to current American politics. Free. For more information, contact 916.484.7333 or [jacks.dad@att.net](mailto:jacks.dad@att.net).

Derech L'Chaim JACS ( Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons, and Significant Others). Every Monday morning. 2nd Floor Card Room, Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St. Sacramento. 10:30-11:30 a.m. JACS is based on the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with a Jewish focus. Completely 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 7:00 p.m. 7755 Hazel Ave. Orangevale. All are welcome. For our reading list, go to [www.or-rishon.org](http://www.or-rishon.org), select Programs for All Ages, then Book Club. For more information, contact Alison Braverman at 916.988.7110 or [alcinp1@aol.com](mailto: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 7:30 a.m. to help prepare food or at 10:45 a.m. to help serve. For more information, contact [mary@mosaiclaw.org](mailto:mary@mosaiclaw.org).

### 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. 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Marcia at 916.988.4100 or [educator@orrishon.org](mailto:educator@orrishon.org).

Israeli Dancing. For more information about dates and venue, join [Israelidancesubscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Israelidancesubscribe@yahoo.com) or contact Jeanette at 916.799.7213.

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

### Wednesdays

The Jessie Yoshpe Hadassah Study Group. Pray Tell: A Hadassah Guide to Jewish Prayer. Books may be purchased by contacting 800.880.9455. \$20.99/members, \$29.99/non-members. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. 9:45-11:00 a.m. KOH Library, 2300 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento. For more information, contact Soni Meyer at 916.383.5743.

Shalom Gan K'ton. For children 18 months-5 years. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave. Orangevale. 10:00 a.m. \$50/10 sessions with scholarships available. For more information, contact [educator@orrishon.org](mailto:educator@orrishon.org).

### Thursdays

David Lubin Lodge, B'nai B'rith. Third Thursday of each month. 8:00 p.m. Albert Einstein Residence Center Eatery. 1935 Wright St. Sacramento. For more information, contact Bernie Marks at 916.363.0122.

Jewish Women's Support Group. Talk about lifestyle issues with other women in a safe non-judgmental atmosphere. Lead by Zalia Lipson. Chabad of Roseville, 3175 Sunset Blvd., Suite 104A. Roseville. 6:45 p.m. \$40 per session. For more information or to register, contact 916.624.8626 or [ZaliaL@aol.com](mailto:ZaliaL@aol.com).

### Fridays

Gan K'Tan. Program for young children 18 months- 5 years and the adults who love them. Sing, play, create, listen to, and taste all the wonders of being Jewish, along with preparing for Shabbat. 10:00 a.m. \$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](mailto: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. Oran-gevale. 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Marcia at 916.988.4100 or [educator@orrishon.org](mailto:educator@orrishon.org). Saturdays

Taste of Torah. Every second Saturday. Come join us as we 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. 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Marcia at 916.988.4100 or [educator@orrishon.org](mailto:educator@orrishon.org).

## EVENTS

**May 1, 2012.** Embracing Israel/Palestine: The Rational Yet Visionary Path to Lasting Peace in the Middle East with Rabbi Michael Lerner. \$5 suggested donation. 7:00-9:00 pm, Congregation Bet Haverim Social Hall, 1715 Anderson Road, Davis. For more information, visit [www.tikkun.org/nextgen/eip](http://www.tikkun.org/nextgen/eip), or contact 530.758.0842.

**May 2, 2012.** Jerusalem: The Undivided Capital of Israel with George Rooks and Ed Rabin. Jerusalem's complicated history and archeology. \$5 suggested donation. 7:00-9:00 p.m. KOH Library and Cultural Center at 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Taliah Berger at 916.541.3720 or [taliah@kohlcc.org](mailto:taliah@kohlcc.org).

**May 3, 2012.** Israel and the New Middle East with Israel's Counsel General Akiva Tor. With the rise of political Islam in North Africa, Turkey, Egypt, Gaza and elsewhere, can Israel meet safely the Palestinian conditions for Peace? 3:00 p.m. Congregation B'nai Harim at the NCJCC, 506 Walsh St., Grass Valley. For more information or reservations,

contact Arlene Waxman at 530.478.9484 or [arlene.waxman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arlene.waxman@sbcglobal.net) or Fieni Verdooner at [fieni@verdooner.net](mailto:fieni@verdooner.net).

**May 5, 2012.** Varieties of Shabbat Experiences: Hot Dog Havdallah. Music, a Shabbat scavenger hunt, and hot dogs. 10:00-noon. Congregation B'nai Harim, Nevada County Jewish Community Center, 506 Walsh St., Grass Valley. For more information, contact Laurie Williams at [laurieRwilliams@aol.com](mailto:laurieRwilliams@aol.com) or 510.325.2216.

**May 5, 2012.** 12th Annual Wine & Food Festival. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Mandy Greene at [mgreene@bnais.com](mailto:mgreene@bnais.com).

**May 6, 2012.** Save the Date! Hillel's Grand Opening Gala. 4:30-7:30 p.m. 328 A St., Davis. For more information, visit [www.hillelhouse.org](http://www.hillelhouse.org) or contact 530.756.3708.

**May 7, 2012.** Stories, Song, and Schmooze: A Fiddler Inspired Night. Temple Or Rishon's 2012 Cultural Series event featuring actor Ed Asner, Cantor Linda Kate, and pianist David Kates. \$55/person; \$25/student (ID required); \$125 for Meet and Greet (limited seating). 8:00 p.m. Temple Or Rishon, 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. For more information, contact 916.988.4100 or visit [www.orrishon.org](http://www.orrishon.org).

**May 7, 2012.** Open House at Gan Yeladim Jewish Preschool. Experience an exciting day in Israel. Free. 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 4410 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay. For more information or to RSVP, contact [katie@ganyeladimjp.com](mailto:katie@ganyeladimjp.com) at 916.677.9960 or visit [www.GanYeladimJP.com](http://www.GanYeladimJP.com).

**May 9, 2012.** Israel Update with Consul General Tor.

Discussion of the missile fire in the south, the situation with Iran, and other topics of current interest. 7:00 pm. Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis. For more information, contact George Rooks at [gmrooks3@gmail.com](mailto:gmrooks3@gmail.com) or Al Sokolow 530.758.3246.

**May 10, 2012.** Ancient Judaism and Modern Problems: New Perspectives for Today's University with Professor Moulie Vidas. Part of the University of California, Davis, Master Teachers' Series. 7:00-8:30 p.m. Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact 916.446.4861 [Barbara@bnais.com](mailto:Barbara@bnais.com).

**May 13, 2012.** Accelerated Spiritual Training for Inner Balance through Practical Kabbalah with internationally acclaimed mystic and bestselling author Rabbi Dr. Laibl Wolf presents. \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. 7:30 p.m. Hampton Inn & Suites, 800 Mason St., Vacaville. For more information, contact 707.592.5300 or visit [www.JewishSolano.com](http://www.JewishSolano.com).

**May 20, 2012.** Shalom – Saalam – Peace: Standing on Common Ground. Sacramento Youth Symphony Concert. Tickets \$20/adults, \$10 for children 13 and under available at [www.cbi-sys.eventbrite.com](http://www.cbi-sys.eventbrite.com). Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Sharon Gerber at 916.448.2881 or [sharongerber@sixdegreez.net](mailto:sharongerber@sixdegreez.net). Or see ad p. 25.

**May 20, 2012.** Shalom School Annual Family Fun Night at Fairytale Town. 5:00-8:00 p.m. Fairytale Town. For more information, contact Jenny Klein at 916.485.4151. May 20, 2012. Congregation Bet Haverim's 50th



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**May 20, 2012.** A Night to Honor Israel. An evening of music (Israeli Consul General and Gary Bauer, Senior Advisor to President Reagan, and local speakers. \$10 in advance; \$20 at the door. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Trinity Life Center, 5225 Hillsdale Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Fred Hayward at 916.484.7333 or jacks.dad@att.net, or cufi.org.

**May 23, 2012.** The Complete Woman. Rosh Chodesh Society. An international sisterhood dedicated to inspiring and empowering Jewish women through

monthly cultural learning experiences. 7:30 p.m. Chabad JCC, 302 South Lexington Ave., Folsom. For more information, visit [www.jewishfolsom.org/womenscircle](http://www.jewishfolsom.org/womenscircle) or contact Goldie at 916.608.9811.

**May 31, 2012.** Whither Ethnic Difference? Similarities in the Immigration Experiences of Polish and Iraqi Olim of the 1950s presented by Aziza Khazzoom, an Israeli sociologist currently serving as the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor for the 2012 academic year at the University of California Davis. 7:00 p.m. Congregation Bet Haverim Social Hall, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis. For more information contact Cohen at [steve.cohen@gmail.com](mailto:steve.cohen@gmail.com) or Joy Cohan at [joycohan1@gmail.com](mailto:joycohan1@gmail.com) or 530.758.0842

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**Shalom School Preschool Summer Art Camp.** Applications available. Designed for children 3.6-5 years of age and potty-trained. Kindergarten-bound children are welcome. June 14-August 8, 2012. Flexible schedules. 2320 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact 916.485.4151 or visit [www.shalomschool.org](http://www.shalomschool.org).

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Anastasia Bergman Vodicka,  
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The Vodicka House, where the  
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