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From Where I Stand

By Rabbi Raphael Asher



Any progress towards peace in Israel, like the Counting of the Omer, is measured in painfully slow steps. We have counted 49 days of uncertainty from Egypt to Sinai, and now we have counted 45 years since the Six Day War without re-establishing clear borders for a secure Israel or for over 4 million Palestinians.

However, as we hold our collective breaths before another hot summer in the Middle East, we have some reason for hope. The announcement of a Likud / Kadima coalition promises an effort towards a Conservative / Liberal consensus that can't be sabotaged by the Religious Parties or secular extremists (Yisrael Beiteinyu – "Israel is Our House!"). At least now there is the possibility of resolving border and settlement issues according to demographic and political realities and not by divine right.

The inclusion of Kadima's Shaul Mofaz in the government also signals an attitude towards Iran which trusts more in the effectiveness of sanctions than in military strikes to smother Iran's nuclear intentions. Perhaps now that Palestinian extremists are being choked off from their Iranian and Syrian enablers, Palestinian moderates will set the tone for a Two-state Solution.

Israel is weary of the 45 – year stalemate and its role as Occupier; and many Palestinian leaders have seen how its anti – Israel rhetoric has only exacerbated two generations of misery. I compare the announcement of a Unity Government in Israel to the falling of manna from heaven which traditionally began on Lag Ba'Omer, the 33rd day of the count. Perhaps with this hint of positive news we can make it all the way to Sinai and to a just peace for both Israel and the Palestinian people.

President's Message

By John Rubinfeld



On May 4th we held our "Prospective Members" Shabbat service which included a 'pizza' dinner beforehand. Typically, about 30 people participate. However, like Passover, this was not like other nights; over 90 people (including 14 prospective families) enjoyed a bountiful meal, made new acquaintances, and bathed in a warm atmosphere. What makes these events so successful is when, as a community, we open our arms and make our welcomed guests feel already part of our shtetl. I want to thank those families and Phil Hankin (leading a tour of our classrooms as well as inviting our guests to the school's year-end celebration). However, on behalf of the community, a special thank you goes out to Jen Paul (who as a party of one in our New Members Committee) for tirelessly calling on prospective families, coordinating with fellow members, and bringing it all together to have one the best attended and received Shabbat events of the year. Her energy and enthusiasm are limitless. We are truly fortunate and appreciative for all that you do!!

One of the cornerstones of my High Holiday speech was addressing our interfaith families. I'm pleased to say on May 6th, Glenn Gould (the chairperson of our Interfaith Committee) and Rabbi Asher led a discussion group with 10 couples. The topics ranged from "How do you define an interfaith couple," "What differences and similarities do they have with traditional Jewish families," to "Where do go from here?" The feedback from the participants was extremely positive! In the coming months, Glenn will continue reach out to our entire well-represented group to determine what programs and events interest them.

In the spirit of the recent initial public stock offering of Facebook, I thought it would be appropriate to let you know we have a Facebook page. In fact, at the time of this article we have 96 "likes." I'm hoping by the time you're reading this, we will have surpassed 100! This is a great opportunity for our community to share pictures, celebrations, milestones, remembrances, etc. This is just another way to bring us closer as a community. Thanks to Bob Canter and Linda Meyers for a fantastic job in launching the site!!

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Congregation B'nai Tikvah is a Reform congregation which, through personal attention, provides to its members an extended family. The congregation fulfills its members' spiritual needs, fosters their Jewish identity, promotes the perpetuation of Judaism and its members' Jewish education, and encourages a commitment to full participation in Temple life.

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Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

Shayna Barrall
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Saturday, June 2

Alexandra Fosbury
Daughter of Melissa Leib & Mark Fosbury
Saturday, June 2

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Daughter of Elizabeth Jiminez-Winslow
& Jeffrey Winslow
Saturday, June 9

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Daughter of Maureen & Joe Appleby
Saturday, June 16

Evan Lachman
Son of Allyson & Michael Lachman
Saturday, June 23

Hayden Neustadt
Son of Stacey & Jeff Neustadt
Saturday, June 30

Shabbat Services begins at 10 am.
 The Congregation is invited to attend.

Tikvah Talk

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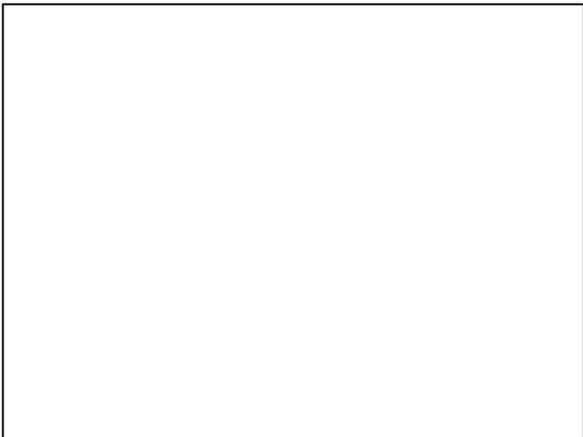
18 = Chai



Ever wonder why it is customary in Judaism to give presents to Bar/Bat Mitzvah teens or to wedding couples in increments of 18? That is because the number 18 is considered “magical” in Jewish tradition. In Hebrew, there is a term called Gematria. It refers to a system of assigning numeric value to each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. For example, the letter Aleph is assigned the number 1, Bet the number 2, Gimmel 3, and so on until you reach the Yud with 10. The next letter, Chaf, is 20, Lamed, 30, etc. until Resh at 100. Shin is 200 and Tav 300. It is Hebrew's version of Roman numerals. In this example, in order to obtain the number 18, you must add together two numbers to get 18. The letters most traditionally assigned to 18 are Chet and Yud, 8 + 10. Together they add to 18, and they form the Hebrew word Chai, which means life. So that is why you give presents in increments of 18 so on these important life-cycle events you are hoping to give the person/persons much happiness in life.

When I think of 18 I think of golf. In golf, “par” is considered a score of 72, an increment of 18. I only wish I could shoot a 72 on the golf course. In order to do that, I would need to practice much more than I do now. In fact, practice is the key. I cannot expect to go out and shoot a 72 without much practice and time committed to achieve the magic score. This year, I have been lucky enough to be involved in the process of working with our B'nai Mitzvah students as they work towards practicing the material they will help lead on the day of their important ceremony. If they do not practice, they will not be at their best, much like me on the golf course. Whoever came up with the old adage “practice makes perfect” must have been Jewish. And he must have come up with that while he was a teenager preparing for his Bar Mitzvah. You just cannot open up the Torah and begin reading/chanting the words without much preparation and study (unless you a native Hebrew speaker and even then, some practice is necessary).

Why am I bringing up this aspect of practice? June begins summer vacation break from school and Religious School. It is customary to give the excuse of “forgetting my Hebrew” over the summer because students tend to check out for the 2 months. While I am all for recharging the brain and letting go during vacation, in some ways it is detrimental to your Hebrew acquisition to totally let your Hebrew practice slip. I hope that you will have your sons/daughters pick up their Hebrew books and look at them each week while away. It makes for an easier transition come September so the teachers do not have to use the first few weeks for review. I also hope to continue practicing during the summer – my golf that is. If anyone is interested in playing, or practicing, with me please let me know. I will have my clubs in the trunk of the car ready to play 9 (½ Chai) or 18 (a full Chai).



Thank you to Michelle Beitscher, Carla Kiesler, Melissa Leib, Susan Padan and Todd Young for a lovely Teacher Appreciation Brunch.

For our May Book Sisters meeting, we read books by Batya Gur an Israeli mystery writer. Riva Gambert brought a film about Ms Gur. Thank you to Riva for sharing that with us!

Our Sisterhood year was a busy one with lots of activities, making new friends and generally enjoying our community. A few things have been scheduled for the beginning of the next year (we all work within the Temple's year of July through June) with lots more activities to be filled in later.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, July 22 11am - Book Sisters

Our next book is by Joyce Maynard called "Labor Day." This book is being made into a movie. Let's meet at my house for a relaxing potluck brunch. RSVP: raynaravitz@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 19 6:30pm – Book Sisters

No book has been selected yet. We'll have that information soon.

Sunday, October 7, 9:45 am – Sisterhood Membership Brunch

Save the date!

Rayna Ravitz

raynaravitz@gmail.com

TIKVAH L'ATID – HOPE FOR THE FUTURE"

On Sunday, April 29th, members of the East Bay Jewish community gathered at the new Magnus Museum to celebrate our success, so far, in "Creating a Jewish Legacy." For several years, volunteers from various synagogues and other Jewish organizations in the East Bay have been learning how to encourage our members to remember our organizations in their estate planning. In particular, at CBT, our Legacy Committee has had conversations with almost a dozen families, seven of whom have already agreed that they want to include the congregation in their wills or other estate plans. The event at the Magnes was an opportunity to honor and thank those families. Each participating family was asked to write a statement about why they are participating in the CAJL program. The statements were collected in a lovely Book of Life, which was on display at the event. Some of the statements were read aloud to the group, and you won't be surprised to hear that Rabbi Asher's statement, reprinted below, was read first. It explains beautifully why we all care about this effort.

If you are interested in being part of CBT's legacy, please let me, Chuck Eisner, or Marc Berger know. We would love to explain it further.

Rabbi Asher's statement:

"In the Shabbat liturgy there are two parallel exclamations of joy: "Ma Tov Helkeinu" (How good is our portion!) and "Ma Yafa Yerushateinu" (How beautiful our legacy!). The first may sound a little boastful, but is meant as an expression of gratitude for the blessings that have come our way. The second, in the light of this Legacy Project, emphasizes that the beauty of our "yerusha" (our inheritance and legacy) depends on how we shape it. We are very pleased to have the opportunity to distribute our portion beyond family to our Jewish community. May the beauty of our legacy be enhanced within the walls of our synagogue, relieving the burdens and increasing the devotion of future generations."

Photography by Peter Marcus

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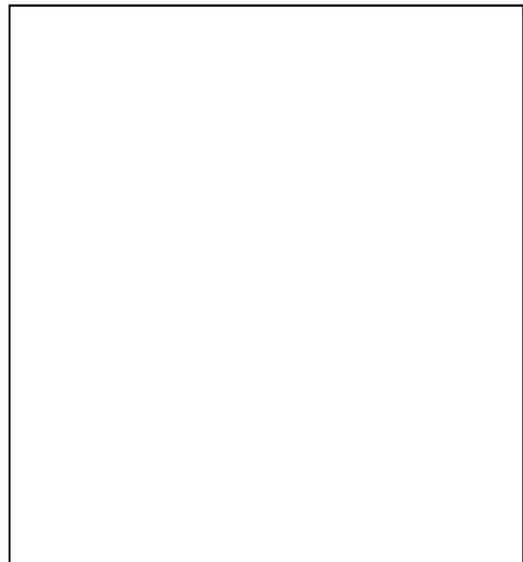
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TREE OF LIFE - Leaves have been added

In Loving Memory Minnie Ida Karp
In Loving Memory Samuel Louis Karp
In Loving Memory Donald Herbert Karp
Leonard Karp and Family



Howard and Lisa Wenger signing their Book of Life "page"
at the Create a Jewish Legacy event.

**MAZEL TOV TO OUR
GRADUATING SENIORS!**

**Jared Brotman
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Jessica Goldstein
Matt Kaplan
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Jessica Sandler Hersh
Kendra Sheldon
Dayna Silvani
Hilary Weisgal
Emma Wenger
Ethan Wittenberg
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**Help us honor them at
Shabbat services
Friday, June 15 at 7:30 pm.**

Social Action

By Tina Guterman, Social Action Chair

****Martinez Family Shelter:** B'nai Tikvah will again be bringing dinners to the Martinez Family shelter during the week of Monday June 18th through Friday June 22nd. This shelter serves as a temporary residence for homeless families while staff help them to secure more permanent housing. The Shelter Sign Up is now on Sign Up Genius. There are still spaces available, and we very much appreciate your help! You can participate by going to www.signupgenius.com and find a sign-up by using my email address (tguterman@aol.com). Click on Martinez Shelter and sign up. Thanks for lending a hand!

****Relay for Life:** Phil Weismehl has again set up our Team Tikvah Relay for Life Web Page. Please use the following link to sign up to participate and/or contribute to this event: http://main.acevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=36780&team_id=1157961 or you can go to Tikvah Talk on line and copy and paste the link if that is easier. Please consider joining Team Tikvah to help Raise Awareness, Raise Resources, and Raise Hope in the fight against cancer. Get sponsored to walk laps, cheer on Team Tikvah members, celebrate Havdalah led by Rabbi Asher on Saturday evening July 28. All donations are tax deductible.

****Social Action Tzedakah:** When it is the Social Action Committee's turn to choose the Tzedakah recipient this year, we will be designating the Rainbow Center, as an outgrowth of this year's very informative and inspiring social action speakers, organized by Rabbi Asher, who spoke about bullying in the gay community. The Rainbow Community Center in Contra Costa County is focused on serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) community with current priorities in providing services for youth, seniors, people living with HIV/AIDS, and in developing community efforts that will diminish the sense of isolation and promote greater acceptance of all LGBTQ people.

What is your passion for social action? Let us know....

Calling All Singers!

- ◆◆ Does singing open your heart like nothing else?
- ◆◆ Have you been looking for a way to connect more deeply to CBT and to your Jewish identity?
- ◆◆ Have you been hoping to become a part of a smaller community within our larger synagogue family?

If so, then please join the CBT choir! We will begin rehearsing for the High Holy Days in July, so now is the perfect time to join. We need all voice parts, but men especially!

If you are interested in coming to rehearsals and seeing what our choir is all about, please email Cantor Chabon at cantorchabon@tikvah.org to be added to the email list.

Riva Gambert brought a film about Israeli author Batya Gur to Book Sisters.

President....

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Involvement can occur in so many ways. Case in point, I want to thank Tara and Bob Stern, along with their daughter Madeline Boyd, for the wonderful idea of continuing her Bat Mitzvah project of donating children's book for low-income families by setting up a collection box in the lobby. The Board enthusiastically approved the recommendation! So when you notice dust gathering on some of your children's or grandchildren's book, just bring them by the synagogue and drop them in the purple box (pictured below). Thank you Sterns!

As you can see, involvement and participation can be contagious! As I mentioned during my High Holiday speech, one of the biggest challenges, but the greatest rewards, is taking that first or second step of joining one of our several committees, attending a Friday night Shabbat service, or just come up with an idea/suggestion (like the Sterns). We had so many new and long-time members take those steps and their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. They made new friends, learned more about themselves and the impact they have on others. There's plenty of room on the "involvement" train; so come on board! If you're interested, please don't hesitate to ask me or any of our board members.

The East Bay Children's Book Project builds literacy by putting books in the hands of children who have little or no access to them. Working through individuals and organizations who help children in need, this Book Project has given out more than half a million free books.

Please bring your donation of new or gently used books for children of all ages (preschool through high school) to the bin in the Temple lobby which will be here through, at least, all of 2012. For more information about the organization, visit their website, www.ebcbp.org.

Tell your friends too!

Juleen Lapporte showing "Cake Boss Kids" decorating techniques.
(Cake Boss Kids was auction item from "Summer of Love.")

Bagel making during Religious School.

I am writing this month's article in the midst of the end of Contra Costa Midrasha's 2011-12 year. One of our end of year rituals is a closing ceremony circle where we invite the teens to share a word or phrase that sums up our year together. This happened just last night, May 16th. While this has become a yearly ritual, I still enjoy hearing our teens' answers. Many shared "friendship" and "community." The other phrase I also heard a lot was "Jewish identity."

The evening's ceremony also includes our seniors sharing a few words of wisdom. Many talked about our yearly retreats – extolling how much fun and how meaningful they were. They encouraged the Midrasha teen community, "not to miss any retreats" and "definitely go on the last retreat of your senior year." One senior also shared this idea, "don't miss any of Midrasha... don't let it get boring – you get to make it fun and interesting. It's a place to make the most of."

I love this idea – "Midrasha is a place to make the most of."

Graduation is officially next week, May 23rd. We'll be honoring our amazing seniors. (Excerpts from their speeches will be shared in the July issue of your newsletters.) The evening will also be spent taking some time to recognize our year's accomplishments. My favorite moments to share with you are: 80 lbs of food and produce that we picked and delivered to the Contra Costa Food Bank on our Veteran's Day of Service; our very energetic Havdalah event nights; a huge pile of Chanukah gifts bought and wrapped for our adopted family through Shalom Bayit; and the beautiful sounds and sights of all our teens hugging, laughing, talking and learning together every Wednesday night.

We'll start the magic all over again in the Fall. 8th Grade Orientation night is September 5th, with the grand opening night for our 2012-13 year happening on September 12th. Early registration for next year is already open! To register a teen in 8th – 12th grade, visit our online registration site at: <http://shop.ccmidrasha.com/CCM-Early-Bird-Registration-2012-13-2012-13EarlyBird.htm>

Thanks to our entire community for all the support in the 2011-12 year! We look forward to next year's adventures with you.

**JEWISH
HERITAGE NIGHT at
OAKLAND COLISEUM**

JOIN YOUR CBT FRIENDS
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TUESDAY, JUNE 19TH at 7:05 PM
as THE A'S TAKE ON THE LA DODGERS
for

JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT!

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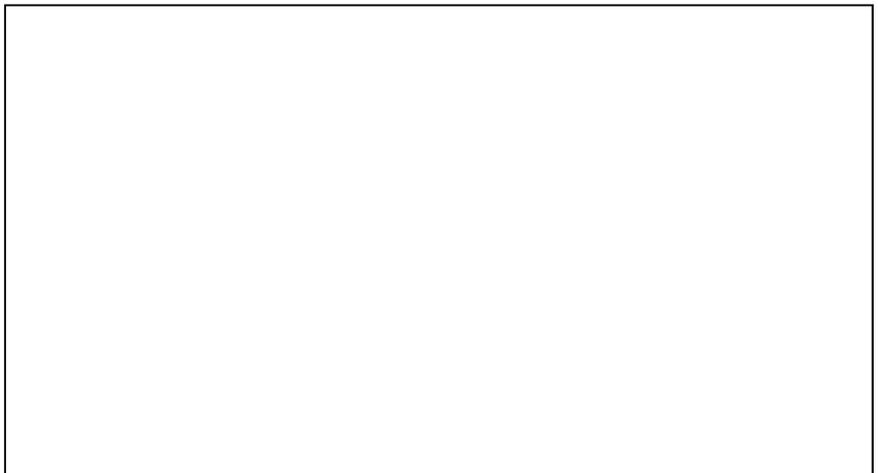
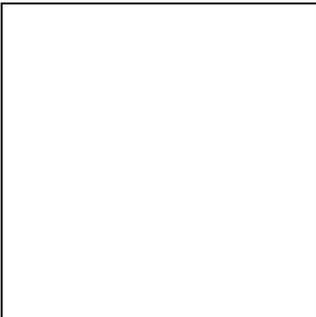
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JUNE 2012 Sivan - Tamuz 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Family Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	2 * Naso Shabbat Service - B'not Mitzvah of Shayna Barrall & Alexandra Fosbury 10:00 am
3 3rd Annual East Bay Choral Concert @ Isaiah 2:00 pm	4 Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	5	6	7	8 Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	9 * Behaalotkha Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Nieves Winslow 10:00 am
10	11 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm	12	13	14	15 SHIR JOY - High School Grads honored at services "Refuat Hanefesh" (A Healing of Spirit) 7:30 pm	16 * Shelah Lekha Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Molly Appleby 10:00 am
17	18 Supplying Food for Martinez Homeless Shelter	19 Oakland A's Jewish Heritage Night Supplying Food for Martinez Homeless Shelter	20 Supplying Food for Martinez Homeless Shelter	21 Rosh Chodesh - Sivan Supplying Food for Martinez Homeless Shelter	22 Supplying Food for Martinez Homeless Shelter Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	23 * Korah Supplying Food for Martinez Homeless Shelter Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Evan Lachman 10:00 am
24 Supplying Food for Martinez Homeless Shelter	25 Supplying Food for Martinez Homeless Shelter Relay for Life Fundraiser @ Black Bear Diner 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm General Board Meeting 6:30 pm	26 Social Action Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	27	28	29 Visit to Camp Newman Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	30 * Chukat Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Hayden Neustadt 10:00 am



JULY 2012 Tamuz - Av 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 (Office closed) 4th of JULY	5	6 Family Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	7 * Balak Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Baylee Wechsler 10:00 am
8	9 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm General Board Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11	12	13 Shabbat Service "Refuat Hanefesh" (A Healing of Spirit) 6:30 pm	14 (No service in AM) * Pinchas
15	16	17	18	19 Rosh Hodesh - Av	20 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm	21 (No service in AM) * Matot/Masei
22 Book Sisters @ Rayna's 11:00 am	23	24	25	26	27 LAY Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	28 (No service in AM) * Devarim 24 Hour Relay for Life begins 10:00 am Havdallah & Tisha B'Av "Tikkun" at Relay 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm
29 Relay for Life ends 10:00 am	30	31				

AUGUST 2012 Av - Elul 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Family Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	4 * Va'etchanan Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Morgan 10:00 am
5	6 Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8	9	10 Shabbat Service "Refuat Hanefesh" (A Healing of Spirit) 6:30 pm	11 * Ekev Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Anna Silver 10:00 am
12	13 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm	14	15 Education Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	16	17 Rosh Hodesh - Elul SHIR JOY 7:30 pm	18 * Re'eh Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Mikesell 10:00 am

**Online Communication Committee
Update**

by Dan Lapporte

Work continues on updating CBTs online presence. As of May 8 our Facebook Page has 93 'Likes' meaning at least 93 people visited the Tikvah site and like what they see! Not that we're counting, but if you're a Facebooker and you haven't visited our Facebook page, check it out! Hopefully by the time you see this we'll have hit 100!

The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) recently released a new service allowing URJ synagogues to leverage a web builder providing templates and guidance to synagogues. CBT will use this service to create our new website. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this exciting effort, please contact me at 925-285-7954. No experience necessary!

**Adult B'nai Mitzvah
Organization Meeting
Sunday, August 26 11 am**

All interested B'nai Tikvah members will gather in the rabbi's office on Sunday, August 26th to launch Rabbi Asher's last 2 – year B'nai Mitzvah program. Together we will outline the dates for 4 nine-week courses over 2 years that will culminate in a celebration in the Spring, 2014.

Come let us know what you would like to learn to be more competent with Jewish ritual and more responsive to the Mitzvot.

RSVP and any questions should be directed to rabbi.asher@tikvah.org or call the Temple Office.

**Contra Costa Midrasha – planting the seeds of tomorrow!
Seeds Enclosed: Jewish Teens!**

(Need friendship, community and connections to grow...)

(CCM's Class of 2012 (CBT Members underlined): Emma Wenger, Dayna Silvani, Jessi Norris – educator, Brandon Heller, Mitchell Maisel, Jan Truebridge and Louis Samuel. Not pictured: Jessica Hersh)

Growing Instructions:

Attend Contra Costa Midrasha every Wednesday night from 7:15-9:15pm. Spend time with other Jewish teens – learning and laughing together. Feed a diet of donuts at break. Growth to full maturity takes about five years, from 8th to 12th grade.

Early Registration for 2012-13 is now available and includes a \$20 tuition discount!

Online at: <http://shop.ccmidrasha.com> (click on the "early bird registration" button)

Hurry – this discount offer ends on June 22, 2012.

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RELAY FOR LIFE!

Saturday, July 28 - Sunday, July 29

Relay For Life is an annual fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.

Join Team Tikvah

to help raise awareness, raise resources, and raise hope in the fight against cancer.

Participate in all or part of the 24 hour event which begins at 10 am Saturday morning
and concludes at 10 am on Sunday at Las Juntas Elementary School in Martinez.

Join Rabbi Asher for Havdalah from 8:30 - 9:30 pm.

Please use the following link to sign up to participate and/or contribute to this event:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=36780&team_id=1157961

CANCER, NO DOUBT, HAS TOUCHED SOMEONE YOU LOVE. SUPPORT THIS EVENT!

RELAY FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY! [Have Breakfast for Dinner!](#)

Black Bear Diner (which has exceptionally good biscuits - as well as a dinner menu) has generously agreed to participate in a fundraiser for Relay For Life/American Cancer Society (on behalf of Team Tikvah) on Monday, June 25th from 4:00 to closing.

No flyer is needed. They will just donate to American Cancer Society 10% of all the proceeds they make during that evening.

Tell your friends and hope to see you there!

[Black Bear Diner](#) is located at 700 Bancroft Rd, Walnut Creek (near Treat Blvd.) (925) 941-0000