

Mendocino Megillah

Mendocino Coast Jewish Community

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MCJC Kids

Second Cincinnati Hagadah -

This "sister" to the Van Geldern Haggadah Trebisch, Moravia, in 1716/17. The on the engravings found in the printed **Klau Library, HUC, Cincinnati, OH**



10 Plagues,

was produced by Moses Loeb ben Wolf from miniatures are in oil on parchment and are based Amsterdam Haggadah of 1712.



Rabbi's Notes: V'Elohei Avoteinu

Yesterday I was looking for a photo of something (beloved step-daughter Shirra's tattooed arm to print onto a cloth patch, in fact...) and it got me scrolling through scads of old snapshots on my computer. Lots of shots of long tables laden with platters of food -- our house, friends' homes, out in the woods, the shul. Lots of seders, lots of birthdays, parties, meetings (which somehow still often feature the full table in my world, I'm happy to say.) And at so many of them a happy-looking Rosamond Gumpert-Jorgensen fressing with the crowds. Mousing backwards, I saw her getting younger, her hair redder, her eyeglasses punkier until whenever it was that I got my first digital camera.

Right now we are mid-shiva for Rosamond, who died this past Sunday at age 93. It's been a lovely sifting process, even with its sadness, reflecting on the essence of this beautiful and intricate soul with whom we had the privilege of being in life over all these years.

Each night at the shiva minyan there has been a moment when people share what they've been thinking that day about who Rosamond was. Last night a couple of people talked about her being our community's matriarch. Whether or not we as individuals knew her well (and an utterly stunning number of people of all ages did have intense personal friendships with Rosamond,) we looked forward to seeing her when latkes were being served or a Purim play put on or Torah studied or prayers offered, movies shown, other people celebrated or mourned or just fun going on. She, in turn, knew that people would be coming to her throughout the gathering, kissing and hugging, asking after her, checking in to see if she needed any help with anything. For all her wide-ranging adventures in life, the Jewish people and our little Jewish community here on the Coast were central, essential, lifeblood to Rosamond.

I knew this well, even if I didn't often think about it in this over-arching way while she was alive. What I hadn't thought about much until last night's conversation was how much we all depended on her presence. "Our matriarch." We have a truly magnificent generation of elders in our community -- younger elders, only in their eighties, seventies and wherever below those numbers one starts to attain the stature of age. But one doesn't become a matriarch or patriarch by virtue of age alone. I'm just now starting to sort this out in my mind. It has something to do with holding the community and its individual members deep in one's heart. And with being held deeply by that community.

I think here of the beit din which stands before the congregation for Kol Nidre each year, as we all confess that we have been unable to live up to our promises over the past year. These three witnesses, ritually a court of judges, are supposed to mirror the "heavenly court" hearing our plea. I have the privilege each year of inviting people to take on this role. In recent years I have understood more and more clearly that the earthly individuals appointed to the beit din should be those who can look on us all -- in all our fallibility and failure -- with mercy and affection.

It's not so easy when you are younger to look on the failures of your peers with mercy. Somehow we're just more knotted up in the specifics or something. I think of another friend in her eighties, who once commented that it was such a relief at her age not to have any bad relationships anymore. By now, she said, you've either worked it out with people or taken

your distance.

Last night at Rosamond's house someone spoke about her role in our hevra kadisha. There was a time when she could be part of the team for taharah (the ritual washing of the body of a person who has died.) At some point she could no longer manage that physical task. But she could still make phone calls. Then there came a time when she couldn't manage this either. But her spirit continued to inform and energize our hevra kadisha, even until the day when its practices were being done for her. I am sure this will continue until we youngsters are old and then gone ourselves.

It seems to me that it is a mystical as well as a physical process, becoming a matriarch or a patriarch. In the first blessing of the amidah, we call God *eloheinu v'elohei avoteinu v'imhoteinu*. In most prayerbooks we see that phrase translated as "Our God and God of our fathers and mothers" (or, truly, in most prayerbooks just "God of our fathers!") Or "God of our ancestors." But the prayer goes on to list the "fathers and mothers": God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebekah, God of Rachel, God of Leah (and of Bilhah and Zilpah in our shul.) This blessing isn't just about our ancestors, not just our fathers and mothers, but God of our patriarchs and matriarchs -- God of those particular predecessors whose personal energies and passions set the tone for who we are today. Later in the same prayer we say that God "remembers the lovingkindnesses of our avot v'imahot and brings redemption to the children of their children..."

No one would ever make the case that our avot v'imahot were perfect. In fact it's rather wonderful to note how sacred stories so old as those of the biblical matriarchs and patriarchs still describe such complicated and individuated personalities. Still and all, their particular souls and stories leave their marks through the generations to today and beyond.

And likewise, writ a little smaller, our local matriarchs and patriarchs affect the personality, the soul, of our community through the generations. At some fractal level, I suppose, every person who passes through the door affects the future of the community. But our matriarchs and patriarchs do so powerfully and memorably. Even in the relatively short historical lifespan of MCJC, we can feel the energies of our early days: seders at Table Mountain and B'nai Boo, Adele Saxe's particular fondness for Shavuot (and tzedaka and delicious Jewish food), Lou Miller's good sense and open heart, early b'nai mitzvah, most especially the expansive energy of Reb Chanan Sills, the passions of David Berent, Walter Green and Ella Russell, among our avot v'imahot. (Lou and Reb Chanan, by the way, are both alive and well as I write, thank heavens!) We are shaped by everyone, but most intensively by those who hold us most passionately.

Now that Rosamond has "laid down and been gathered to her kin," as Genesis says of the deaths of our biblical avot v'imahot, I find myself wondering who are now our living matriarchs and patriarchs. Whose presence, whose spirit, do we depend on to be the community we are? Whose passion and vision shapes us? Who holds us in his or her heart like the heavenly beit din, looking upon us, with all our dreams and all our flaws, with affection and forbearance?

May Rosamond's memory, together with the memories of all who have gone before us, continue to be a blessing. And may each of us be surprised at some moment, upon walking into a room full of us folks, to realize how much someone else's presence there -- or maybe even our own -- matters.

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Fun Box

Just a reminder of the Funny Box awaiting your contributions -- this is the box of comics, videos, snapshots, clippings or whatever else you can think of, to be passed around to people in our community who could use a laugh in time of illness or other need. Remember, the sole criterion is that whatever you contribute must have made you laugh out loud (not merely smile or groan.) The box is in the shul library on top of the bookshelf. (mh)

Lots of March Mussar

Because of the blessings of January rain, early Pesach and a rabbinical conference, our mussar class schedule is extra-thick in March. We will meet on Wednesdays, March 3, 10 and 24, 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the shul. Our topics will be: March 3 -- tzedek (righteousness.) March 10 -- kimmutz (frugality.) March 24 -- zerizut (diligence.) You are welcome to come to any or all of the classes. (mh)

Elders' Meeting / Meal / Conversation

Our next elders' conversation will be Tuesday, March 23, 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the shul. At this gathering we will:

*Plan our next several elders' outings (trip to Hess Collection in Napa, more birding, more political activity or ???)

*Have an open conversation about intellectual life as we age. What encourages us to learn new things as we grow older? What inhibits us? As we become conscious of the brevity of time, what do we want to be thinking about? Where do literature, art and other gifts of our culture fit into our thought life? In more practical terms, are there ways we would like to be learning together beyond what's already available to us?

*Enjoy a meal together. Margaret and Steve Antler will provide a hearty soup -- please bring salads, breads or any other treats to round out the meal.

This get-together is part of MCJC's ongoing conversation about aging well as a community. People of all ages are most welcome. At our last meeting there was an age range of more than four decades, which is how it should be. All of us will hopefully get older together. (mh)

May Their Memories Be A Blessing

Our community was saddened by the deaths of two beloved members this past month. Peter Matlin, age 68, was a long-time Coast resident, husband of Marcia, father of Raincrow and Moses Aum, extended family-member of the Table Mountain community, teacher at the Whale School, employee of Thanksgiving Coffee Company, Mental Health crisis worker and much more.

Rosamond Gumpert Jorgensen, age 93, wife of Paul Jorgensen z'l, mother of Diana Douglas and Kathy Aberanth z'l, scholar, artist, therapist, Hebrew teacher, animal-lover, friend to so many -- became bat mitzvah at age 79, our community's kallat Bereshit (reader of the beginning of Torah every year at Simchat Torah), student of Bible and Kabbalah to her very last days. http://www.advocate-news.com/obituaries/ci_14434129

Zichronam livrachah -- may their memories continue to bring blessing. (mh)

Passover 5770



Passover comes "early" this year. (Actually Passover always falls at the same time: beginning on the full moon of Nisan. The gregorian calendar is just late catching up this year.) The first seder falls on Monday night, March 29. MCJC wants to make sure, to the best of our ability, that everyone who wishes to celebrate Passover on the Coast can do so joyfully and comfortably. To make this happen, we need everyone's support and participation.

#1 -- We need for many people in our community to host seders in their homes and offer room at their table for guests. Seders can be simple or elaborate, traditional or inventive, short or long, child-centered or scholarly or contemplative or political or... There can be lots of traditional foods or just matzah and salad. If you plan to host a seder this year, please consider contacting the seder hotline and offering to host however many guests you wish. This year Micky Chalfin will "man" the hotline. If you can welcome guests to your seder or if you need a seder contact him at 937-5653 or mc@mcn.org.

Margaret would be very happy to meet with anyone thinking of hosting a seder this year to help you plan out a ritual that will fit you and your guests. She can also help you find recipes, borrow haggadahs, learn songs or whatever else you might need. You can contact her at 937-5673 or mholub@mcn.org.



#2 -- Guests are a blessing at the seder table. If you would like to attend a seder in someone's home, please contact our seder hotline matchmaker Mickey Chalfin: 937-5653, mc@mcn.org. You must contact the seder hotline by Sunday, March 21. After that date we cannot promise to find you a seder. Please plan ahead, reduce stress and increase joy.

#3 -- MCJC will host a shul seder on Friday night, April 2, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Margaret will lead the seder, which will include lots of singing, discussion and story-telling. Everyone is welcome to come to the seder, but you must make a reservation by Sunday, March 21. To reserve your place, please call Mina Cohen: at 937-1319 / email mcohen@mcn.org.

It will be a "planned potluck," meaning that when you make your reservation to come, you will be asked to prepare a specific part of the seder dinner. Recipes will be provided.

#4 -- Our annual matzah bake will be Sunday, March 28, 10:00 AM, at the adobe oven behind the Caspar Community Center. The oven will be hot for several hours, and you can come by anytime. If you've got them, please bring a bowl, mixing spoon, rolling pin, fork for poking holes, and a fresh bag of flour. You may also want to bring a box or basket for transporting your finished matzahs.

Passover products have arrived at Harvest Market and can be found in a large display. Everything you need from matzah to cooking products and desserts are available. They will have the roasted eggplant in the deli section. Racine's in Fort Bragg will have Passover cards.



Wishing everyone in our community and world a freilich Pesach in a world free of all enslavement! (mh)

TODAH RABAH! (Great Thanks)

For The Following Generous Contributors Who Help Sustain Our Community

Bonnie Sarrow; Eric Labowitz & Kathy Bailey; Rosalie & Art Holub; Henrietta Steiniger; Elias Steinbuck; Henrietta Bensussen & Kim Hayes; Claire Lobel; Rena Blauner; Eileen Lopate; Lisa Weg; Loie Rosenkrantz.

Danny Spievak in memory of his mother, Ethel Sarnoff. Marc & Jan Wasserman in memory of Mickey Banker Larsen; Sally & Lee Welty in honor of Mina Cohen's birthday.

To the Adele Saxe Tzedakah fund: Fran & Roger Schwartz in memory of Joseph Leipziger; Fran & Roger Schwartz in memory of Rosamund Gumpert Jorgenson; Fran & Roger Schwartz in honor of Andrea Luna. (dm)

Make Tzedakah a Habit

Tzedakah comes in all shapes and sizes. When considering a contribution to the Adele Saxe Tzedakah fund, any event or reason is appropriate, and contributions of any amount are welcome. In addition to the traditional yartzeit or memorial contributions, consider simchas like birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations. Your first story just got published. You reconnected with an old friend. You got good news from the IRS. You saw a glorious sunset after a week of rain. Make Tzedakah a regular part of your life and set an example for your children. (fs)

Mendocino Maven

Passover is almost upon us again, and I am looking forward to 7 days of being kosherish for Pesach. Yet I know that by the end of the week, Matzah, the bread of freedom, will be starting to seem more like the bread of affliction. ;-) The last month has been a significant one for our community, in terms of losses and additions. I have been thinking of King Shlomo's line:

עוֹטֵן רוֹקֵעַל תְּעוֹ תַעֲטֵל תְּעוֹ תוֹמֵל תְּעוֹ תִדְלֵל תְּעוֹ

(Ecclesiastes 3:2: *A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted*)

We lost two long time members of our community: Peter Matlin and Rosamond Gumpert-Jorgensen. I did not know Peter so well, but it was always a pleasure to run into him and exchange a few words at shul.

Rosamond I knew much better, she was a remarkable character and one of the most inquiring and fearless people I have ever known. When she was 80, she decided she wanted to learn to use a computer and did. In addition to being an intrepid Lexulous player and having 55 friends on Facebook, we had started on a memoir and were planning to record an oral history, sadly, we didn't get far with either project. A lesson to all of us, perhaps, on not procrastinating on putting down the words we want to leave behind. Both Peter and Rosamond will be missed for a long time.

On the additions side of the ledger, I am happy to report that 3 families in our community have new members, and huge Mazel Tov's go out to them. Yannis Breit-Hofberg and Raquel Paxtor de Breit on the birth of Mary Elena Breit Paxtor. Elena is the granddaughter of Susan Hofberg and of Raquel's mother, Lettie, who is here on an extended visit as well. She is named after Susan and Dawn's mother, Elaine Hofberg. Jaspar Hedges and his wife Amber have a second daughter named Olivia who joins big sister Athena. Oliver and Carrie Graham, had a baby named Zephyr Theodore, who joins his big brothers Finnegan and Caspar.

Ceril Lisbon, always an enthusiastic conveyor of important news affecting the larger Jewish Community, asked me to pass along the following.

Only in America: So you think your boss stinks?

A new supervisor at the Jewish Theological Seminary allegedly made life a smelly hell for a longtime employee by emitting "constant barrages of . . . flatulence" in her work area, a lawsuit claims. The woman who's suing, Roberta Feinsmith, 67, got glowing reviews in her 12 years as an executive assistant at the Morningside Heights institution -- until Alan Cooper was hired as provost in 2007, according to the suit, filed Wednesday in Manhattan.

Cooper the gasbag also had daily yelling and cursing "fits," Feinsmith claims. The Fair Lawn, NJ, resident repeatedly objected, then caught wind of a bigger problem. Cooper, she learned, sent a mass e-mail last May to the school's full-time staff advocating that older workers put themselves out to pasture. Baby boomers, he wrote "have created a kind of bottleneck in the work world. The frustration this poses for the young and talented should be obvious." He fired Feinsmith the next day. The seminary did not return calls for comment. http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/unholy_gasbag_boss_sued_for_reeking_KIKFRjR8bmHOOqK1QDHdxM

If you have simchas (joys) that you would like to share with the community, please email maven@mcjc.org.

MCJC Treasurer

After 18 years acting as the MCJC treasurer Mark Zarin has passed the checkbook to Donna Montag. Our heartfelt thanks to Mark for keeping us on track for so long. Thank you Donna for stepping up to this crucial task that keeps MCJC moving forward. You will have a chance to greet Donna at the MCJC benefit dinner, in her new role, as you come in the door. Mark will have a chance to shmooze by the hors d'oeuvres this year for the first time in a long time! (mc)

Thank You for Megillah Help

Thank you Jay and Monique Frankston for collating and mailing our last megillah. Contact Mina if you'd like to help with this task at mcohen@mcn.org 937-1319. (mc)



Mitzvah Freezer is Available

The freezer at the shul is full of delicious vegetarian food for those who are ill or are having trouble preparing meals. The food is in single portion servings that can be easily reheated. Ingredients for each is available in case there are issues of allergy. If you or someone you care for needs this assistance we will arrange for you to get it. For access or if you have any questions contact one of the Bikkur Cholim committee Mina at 937-1319 or mcohen@mcn.org, Fran Schwartz at 937-1352 or franamie@cs.com, or Karen Rakofsky at 937-5522 or nerak@mcn.org. Thank you to all who cooked for this mitzvah. (mc)

MCJC Board meeting dates

The next MCJC Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4th. If you would like to attend the meeting please contact Raven Deerwater at raven@taxpractitioner.com so he can let you know the time and include you on the agenda. (mc)

The Art of Tzedakah, Exhibition and fundraiser for the Adele Saxe Tzedaka Fund, (April 14 – May 13)

The end-result of tzedaka shall be peace, and the effect of tzedaka quietness and security forever. Isaiah 32:17 The word tzedaka comes from the Hebrew root for righteousness or justice. It is usually used to speak of giving to people in need. Sometimes there is even a distinction between tzedaka, typically given in the form of money or gifts, and other kinds of "deeds of lovingkindness. But like all important and beautiful words, tzedaka can mean many things.

Tzedaka is an art as well as a mitzvah -- all of us give tzedaka in our own personal ways. We choose to whom we wish to give; how much; whether straight into the hand of the needy, to organizations that serve them, or to people and projects that try to change the social order; whether to "give a man a fish" or "teach her to fish" or to clean up the river so that there will be fish. Some people send checks; others collect from their friends; still others like to dish up soup or plant trees.

Some of us also receive tzedaka, and this too is an art and a mitzvah. Gratitude, shame, reciprocity, anonymity and identity are all in play in the giving and receiving of tzedaka. Art is a way to explore these complex issues. The artists of our Jewish community are invited to create works which reflect on the meanings of tzedaka. Artists of all ages, with all levels of experience and working in all media are invited to participate in this exhibition.

All artists are invited to submit works of art to be displayed during the dates of the exhibit in the shul in Caspar. The criterion for the work is artistic inspiration based on the concept of tzedaka. All work will be included and then raffled at a reception on Sunday, May 16th, with all proceeds going to the Adele Saxe Tzedaka Fund. The Adele Saxe Tzedaka Fund is MCJC's vehicle to provide confidential aid to local individuals in times of need.

If you plan to contribute a work of art to this exhibition please contact Mina at mcohen@mcn.org or call 937-1319 so that we can plan for publicity and installation. Artwork must be delivered to the shul on Sunday, April 11th, 2-4 pm, and must be ready to display (framed, wired, etc.). During the month of the exhibit, the show will be viewable during regular community functions as well as on Sundays and by appointment. While the exhibition is up, we will hold a public conversation with the artists whose works are on display. We are interested in offering additional events dealing with the topic of tzedaka during this time as well. If you would like to help with any aspect of this project, please be in touch with Mina at the above email/phone or Fran Schwartz at franamie@cs.com or 937-1352.

Kabbalat Shabbat

In March we will be celebrating our home Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner on Friday, March 26th at the home of Carol and Jerry Greenberg in Mendocino. Please call them at 937-1322 for directions and to let them know you are coming. Please note that this is not the second Friday, rather it is the 4th Friday. In April we will be at the home of the Duncan family in Caspar on the 4th Friday (23rd). The monthly Kabbalat Shabbat includes a song-filled short service that begins at 6:00 pm

and is followed by a pot luck vegetarian dinner. If you would like to host this wonderful event in your home in future months, contact Mina at 937-1319. (mc)

Tisch Welcomes You

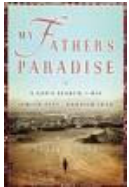
In March we will have our Tisch dinner on Friday March 5th, at the shul. Dinner is at 6:00 pm and begins with candles, Kiddush, and fresh baked challah created by the Torah School just before our arrival. A yummy vegetarian dinner is provided. You can bring dessert if you like. It's multi-generational and fun for all. Greet your friends and meet some new ones! (mc)

Torah School Evolution

Torah school is now meeting every other Friday at the shul. We have a Hebrew language textbook for the youngest students as well as the olders, and we are continuing with stories, art, and of course challah baking before the Tisch dinners. If you are not yet involved and want to be, call Jessica at 937-2115 or contact her at mcop@mcn.org. (mc)

Point Arena Memorial - Rosamond Jorgensen

A celebration of Paul's and Rosamond's long lives will be held on Sunday, March 28th, starting at 2pm with a memorial at 3pm. It will take place at Fred and Cheryl Mitouer's on 44800 Fish Rock Rd. (From Hwy1 just north of Anchor Bay turn up F.R. Rd drive two miles and turn left into gated driveway.) This is an open invitation to anyone who knew them. Hope to see you there! - Kersten Tanner (rge)



Book Group

The book group will meet Monday, March 22nd at a yet to be determined location. Please call Fran Schwartz at 937-1352, if you wish to join us. We will be reading "My Father's Paradise" by Ariel Sabar. This memoir chronicles the life of a family that began in Kurdistan, in northern Iraq and ends in Los Angeles. The author's father, a professor at UCLA, is a foremost Aramaic scholar, trying to keep the language alive, while the author his son, only wants to "fit in" to American culture. Journeys to Israel and eventually to Kurdistan bring father and son closer in a new way. Books are available at Cheshire Books in Fort Bragg for a 10% discount if you let them know you are in the Jewish Book Group. We welcome new people at any time. (mc)

MCJC Library

We welcome assistance from Nona Smith to help us keep our library in order. It's easy to check out a book from the library and we have a very complete selection of books on every topic related to Judaism and the Jewish people. Check it out next time you're at the shul. We have culled books that are no longer relevant or are duplicates and are located outside the library on the bench. Help yourselves to these free books to enhance your own Jewish library. As always, please DO NOT leave books at the library without checking with Mina first. Mina can be reached at 937-1319 or mcohen@mcn.org. (mc)

Shabbat Minyan

Every Saturday morning starting at 10:30a there is a Shacharit (Morning) Service at the shul in Caspar, usually led by Rabbi Margaret Holub. The service is in English and Hebrew, including a short reading from the Torah scroll, but you don't need to know Hebrew to participate. It is a small, variable, and welcoming group. If you have Kaddish to say or Gomerl (for surviving a dangerous experience), want to say a prayer for healing for yourself or someone else, or just want a little spiritual recharge, please join us. The service usually ends around 12:30p with Kiddish. Margaret always says to come and leave whenever you want. Come as you are, but please come. (rge)

Looking to the Future

From time to time members have given additional financial help to MCJC. Upon the sale of a home, stocks or some other positive financial event they have shared their good fortune. Also, several members have remembered MCJC in their wills. These generous acts insure the long term strength and sustainability of the Jewish Community and our shul here on the Coast. We encourage you to do this if you can. (dm)

Don't Miss Out. Make Your Reservations Now, MCJC Benefit Dinner, Monday, March 8th

**If you have been to this dinner before you know what a great evening
with good food and fine cheer is in store for you.**

6:00p Delicious Appetizers and hosted Wines,

Schmoozing with old and new friends and Silent Auction

7:00 Dinner, \$50 complete

Baby Greens with a Basil Vinaigrette & Flowers

Roast Duck Breast with French Lentils, Spring Ragout & Thyme

or

Asparagus Crepes with White Beans, Sundried Tomatoes & Wild Mushrooms

Panna Cotta with Berries

coffee and tea service

Short but Immensely Entertaining Live Auction, Michael Shapiro Auctioneer

Please let us know if you want Duck or Vegetarian when you make reservations

Email or Call Harriet Bye (bysawyer@mcn.org 937-3622) or Mark Zarlin (mzarlin@mcn.org 937-0341)
or mail check to MCJC, PO Box 291, Little River 95456

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BTW, the E-Megillah is posted on the MCJC website at <http://www.mcjc.org/mjoldart/Megillah/MJMM0000.htm> (rge)

MCJC SERVING AS COLD WEATHER SHELTER

MCJC is participating with other communities of faith to provide emergency shelter for unsheltered men in our community, at large this winter. We have signed up for two weeks for the month of December through March. The first week included the Christmas holiday. The second week is in March.

The program is administrated by the Coast Community Center, who screens candidates for shelter each afternoon at the Foursquare Church in Fort Bragg. The men cannot be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. They are taken to the Hospitality House where they shower and have dinner. They are then driven in a Mendocino County van to their shelter for the night. A representative from the Coast Community Center spends the night with the men. The men cannot leave their shelter until they are met by the van driver the following morning at 6:00 am to be driven back to the Hospitality House for breakfast. The men are required to put away their cots and bedding and do clean up as needed before they leave. Cots and bedding are brought to the churches or the shul at the beginning of the assigned week. Dog cages are transported, and in our case, were placed under the overhang of the roof in the back yard.

This was a very positive experience for MCJC. The organization by the Coast Community Center is impressive, as well as all the contact with their staff and volunteers. We provided shelter for 6-7 men for our assigned week, and all of them were excellent guests. One of the men recognized a dreidel left on the kitchen table after the Chanukah party as a Jewish toy. His grandmother was Jewish.

Many thanks to Lisa Weg and Pamela Duncan who took turns meeting the van in the very early morning and locked the shul after the men were picked up.



Peter Matlin

Surrounded by loving family, Peter Matlin passed away peacefully on Jan. 21, 2010 after an extended illness. He was 68 years old and had served the Mendocino Coast community for 42 years. A complete obituary can be found on the MCJC website.

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Missing A Jacket?

Left at Linda Leyva's back when we were sitting shiva in May - Black Diamond Polyester Jacket size M/M long sleeve; front zipper, zippered pockets. If its yours, call Linda or email @964-9312 lleyva@comcast.net & we'll arrange to get it to you. (rge)

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MCJC, Box 291, Little River, CA 95456.

Please specify if contribution is in memory/honor of someone, & please include name & mailing address. Thanks! (dm)

Using the Shul

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <u>Shushan Purim</u>	2	3 5:00p -Mussar Class	4 Board Meeting	5 Torah School 5:53p Candle lighting 6:00 - Tisch	6 <u>Parashat Ki Tisa</u> <u>Shabbat Parah</u> 10:30a – Shabbat Minyan
7	8	9	10 5:00p - Mussar Class	11	12 6:00p Candle lighting	13 <u>Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei</u> <u>Shabbat HaChodesh</u> 10:30a – Shabbat Minyan
14	15	16 <u>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</u>	17	18	19 Torah School 7:07p Candle lighting	20 <u>Parashat Vayikra</u> 10:30a – Shabbat Minyan
21 Deadline for Seder Hotline	22 3:00p Book Group	23 5:00p - Elders' Meeting	24 5:00p -Mussar Class	25	26 7:14p Candle lighting 6:00p – Kabbalat Shabbat - Greenberg	27 <u>Parashat Tzav</u> <u>Shabbat HaGadol</u> 10:30a – Shabbat Minyan
28 10:00a – Matzah Bake	29 <u>Ta'anit</u> <u>Bechorot</u> <u>First Seder</u> 7:17p Candle lighting	30 <u>Pesach I</u> Second Seder	31 <u>Pesach II</u>			