

Congregation B'nai Israel

Welcome to Congregation B'nai Israel. We are so pleased that you've decided to join our extended "family". As we get to know you, we hope you will join us at the many activities our congregation has planned.

We offer virtual Friday night services and hybrid Saturday morning services every week. During the summer, the third Friday of the month begins with our now-famous "Sha-BarBQ," starting at 5:30 p.m. with Open Mic, potluck meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by services at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday mornings, we have Shabbat Services at 10:00 a.m. led by Rabbi White or lay leaders. Celebrations, B'nai Mitzvah and other additions will appear in the monthly schedule. It is wonderful to be a full-service synagogue for our community.

Rabbi David White is available to our members and our community. He leads one Friday evening and two Shabbat morning services a month. Rabbi can be reached by calling 707-592-4711; if he is not in, please leave a message and he will get back to you. Rabbi White is available for hospital or condolence visits, counseling, or to answer any of your questions.

We celebrate many of our holidays together. Our celebrations have included:

- Full services for the High Holy Doay/Days of Awe
- An applies, honey and champagne reception on Erev Rosh Hashanah
- A communal potluck "Break the Fast" following Yom Kippur
- A Sukkah in our courtyard where we have congregational activities between Sukkot and Simchat Torah
- Dancing around the sanctuary, carrying our Torahs on Simchat Torah
- A Chanukah Boutique
- A fun-filled Purim Carnival and gift sale
- A shared memorial service for Yom HaShoah
- Yom Ha'Atzmaut, an Israel Independence Day celebration with wonderful Israeli food
- An annual Second Night Passover Seder that resounds with joy and the spirit of our community

We have many adult education classes, which include a weekly class taught by Rabbi White, a Torah and Talmud class taught before Saturday Shabbat service, and a weekly adult Hebrew class. We also offer a book club, yoga class and a by-weekly Zoom Meet & Greet opportunity.

Our Synagogue Administrator, Sue Barush, can be reached by email at cbi.amarkal@gmail.com or by calling 707-642-6526. Please email the office for an in-person meeting.

We hope to see you soon!