

# What Can Congregation B'nai B'rith Be For You?

## ***A Spiritual Home***

At CBB, people come to pray, in many different ways. Here you can find an all-Hebrew minyan, or inspirational worship in the Reform tradition, or a high-spirited singing service led by a rock band. An early morning meditation service. Or a simple gathering for readings and reflection. All are rooted in Jewish tradition, and all are committed to nourishing the human soul.

## ***A Center of Learning***

At CBB, every individual is challenged to engage with the sacred texts of our people, with the great Jewish minds of the past and also with the most powerful thinkers of the contemporary Jewish world. We prefer a good question to a good answer, and a lively and heated discussion to a roomful of agreement.

## ***A Moral Center***

At CBB, we take seriously the ancient Jewish mission to be a "light unto the nations." We take pride in our history of compassion for the poor, welcome for the stranger, and justice for the oppressed. And we live by the prophetic message that religion is empty unless it motivates us to work for a better and more just society.

## ***A Cultural Home***

At CBB we are carrying on a four-thousand year old celebration of life through music, ritual, food, art, dance and literature. We seek out and enjoy the treasures of the past and we are creating the Jewish culture of the future...including film, interactive computer applications, new rituals, drama, humor and more!

## ***A Compassionate Community***

At CBB, we care for each other. In our lives we all go through times of grief and times of joy. We believe that being surrounded by community makes grief more bearable and joy sweeter.

## ***A Place for Families***

At CBB, families are made stronger within the context of community. Couples can get training in communication skills and counselling in times of crisis. Families can find support and information for meeting the challenges of aging. With the help of our preschool (Beit HaYeladim) and our religious school, parents can raise their children with a strong Jewish identity and a solid ethical foundation.

## ***A Place for Friendship***

At CBB, a newcomer to Santa Barbara can meet the person who suddenly makes this place feel like home. Others come to Temple to see the people they knew as children. You can let your hair down here, and know you are among friends.

## ***A Place to Grow***

At CBB, we believe that every person has to keep growing, throughout their life, in order to stay fully alive. CBB is a place where each member, whether they are five years old, or ninety-five, knows that each time they come, they will be invited and encouraged to grow into a more complete human being and a more complete Jew.