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The Mission of The Karaite Jews of America (KJA), Congregation B'nai Israel, And The Karaite-Jewish Cultural Center

“Honoring our Heritage, Embracing our Future”

Congregation B'nai Israel, the only Karaite Jewish Synagogue in the United States, has been the permanent home for the community since 1994; it re-opened in August 2018 after a year-plus closure to modernize, renovate and expand its facility. The Synagogue is the spiritual, educational, and cultural home for the San Francisco Bay Area Karaite Jewish community, and for Karaite Jews living throughout the United States.

Our Mission Is To:

- Celebrate the legacy and preserve the religious and cultural traditions that represent our core identity by fostering community within an environment designed for meaningful worship under the auspices of a learned Rav, by delivering caring life cycle resources, and by offering inspiring social and educational activities to children and adults.
- Broaden our cultural and religious traditions by remaining relevant in an evolving world and cultivate the next generation of Karaite Jews to carry on our history and unique heritage through shared learning – from old to young and young to old.
- Inform and educate the larger Jewish world about our Karaite history, traditions, and current state of affairs through programs, publications and a strong internet presence, with the objective of fostering mutual respect and creating strong alliances in an ever more challenging world.

David Ovdia
President, Karaite Jews of America
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