Nice Jewish Girls Gone Bad group from New York performs as a benefit for local synagogue

Napa Valley, California, summer 2009---Judd’s Hill winery announces a concert fundraiser on August 8, 2009---a performance by Nice Jewish Girls Gone Bad, a group of performers from New York City who will be performing only this one show at the winery. More at www.NiceJewishGirlsGoneBad.com. The event is a fundraiser for the Youth Education Program at Congregation Beth Sholom in Napa (www.cbsnapa.org).

The evening will include a VIP reception with a walk-around tasting tour of the Napa Valley including treats from Martini House (St. Helena), Angele (Napa) and La Toque (also in Napa), among others. Judd’s Hill wines will be available throughout the evening.

Tickets are $25 in advance, $35 at the door, $45 reserved seating. A $100 reserved seating ticket purchaser receives a bottle of Judd's Hill 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon and admission to a VIP reception with the cast after the show. For tickets, please call the winery at 707/ 255-2332. Doors will open at 6:30pm for food and wine enjoyment. Show will begin 7:30ish. The winery is located at 2332 Silverado Trail (between Hardman & Trancas in Napa, 94558), www.juddshill.com, 707/255-2332.

Nice Jewish Girls Gone Bad is a night of comedy, music and burlesque, “told by the gals who learned to smoke at Hebrew School, got drunk at their Bat Mitzvahs and would rather have more schtuppa than the chuppah,” as their website explains. “These chicks boldly dare to deconstruct years of tradition, expectations and guilt in a fast-paced vaudeville extravaganza, complete with kick lines and punch lines. This ain’t yo’ mama’s Fiddler. Nice Jewish Girls Gone Bad features a stellar line-up of comedians, musicians, spoken word artists and burlesque performers who have been featured on Comedy Central, HBO and MTV. This show has been wowing sold-out crowds all over the U.S.,” it explains. The Girls include Susannah Perlman, Ophira Eisenberg, Vanessa Hidary, Rena Zager Mindy Raf, Poppi Kramer, Julie Goldman Cynthia Levin, Shawn Pelofsky, Dana Eagle, Jessica Golden, Hilary Schwartz, Michelle Collins and Jessica Golden.

Beginning as garage winemakers, pioneering vintners, Art and Bunnie Finkelstein have been producing legendary wines in the Napa Valley since the 1970s. Now, along with their son, Judd and his wife Holly, they continue to hand-craft ultra-premium wines with the same passionate and intimate style that
an online video series, *Judd’s Enormous Wine Show*, http://www.juddsenormouswineshow.com/. The series was created by winemaker Judd Finkelstein and Rudy McClain (the director/writer/producer of the feature film *Merlove*).

Other events at Judd’s Hill this year will be the Lobster Luau Winefest on August 9, a Jewish Blessing of the Grapes ceremony at a date not yet set in October and the Hanukkah Hootenanny on December 13: details are always updated athttp://www.juddshill.com. Judd’s Hill is also participating in The Jewish Vintners Wine Trail on July 26, an afternoon of open houses at 8 wineries in the Napa Valley, ending with a supper at Judd’s Hill (details at www.jewishvintnerscelebration.org).

Another side of Judd’s Hill is MicroCrush (http://www.napamicrocrush.com), a custom winemaking service. Since 1992, MicroCrush has been making small lots, as little as one barrel, of hand-crafted customized wine for a range of clients, from vineyard owners to wine enthusiasts.

Judd’s Hill winery is open daily by appointment for tours and tasting. For more information, visit http://www.juddshill.com or call (707) 255-2332. Congregation Beth Sholom is the only Reform Jewish synagogue in Napa Valley; it’s located at 1455 Elm Street (94559). The synagogue traces its origins to the time during Word War II when Jewish families in Napa met in each other’s homes. The synagogue was formally founded in 1953. Today the Congregation is a busy Jewish community, with Sunday School and Hebrew School for children and a wide assortment of events and classes for all members. Services and special events are listed at www.cbsnapa.org. You do not have to be a member of the synagogue to attend services: all are welcome.