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•Human rights activist **Rita Semel**, who is 94 and whose many credits include co-founding of the San Francisco Interfaith Council, was recently bat mitzvahed. After the rites, at Congregation Emanu-El, **George** and **Judy Marcus** hosted a dinner at Kokkari restaurant, reports **Michael Pappas**, who is executive director of the council. “I think she’s probably the only bat mitzvah candidate in history to take a swipe at a presidential candidate in her bat mitzvah speech,” says Pappas. She spoke in advocacy of accepting “people for who they are, no matter their religion, their race, their ethnicity or their political preference. But I have to admit I’ll still have trouble dealing with anyone who wants to vote for **Donald Trump**.”