



NETIVOT SHALOM

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Many of you asked for copies of the readings that I used on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I've collected them all and copies of the individual pieces are available from the office. The only thing I ask is that if you send a reading to someone else, or use it yourself, please make it clear who the author was. There is a rabbinical statement that says in essence: one who quotes someone in his or her name, brings redemption to the word. So much for my comment on plagiarism or Xeroxing! Also, I have asked all those who gave a *drash* on the High Holydays to send a copy of their words (if it was written out) and the handouts to the office so that copies can be made for those of you who wish to engage in further study.

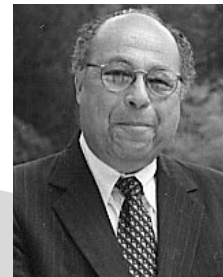
It's now the day after Simchat Torah, and I want to take a moment to reflect on the season that has just ended and a personal event which is about to take place in the life of the Kelman family. In my *drash* on Yom Kippur, I urged us all to find more frequent moments of joy (*simcha*) in our lives. I spoke of two approaches to life: that of the Baal Shem Tov and that of Reb Nachman of Bratslav. Each of them has particular advantages - but only in combination are we truly human.

Our tradition tells us that at the end of this rather large part of our calendar, the time period between the beginning of Elul till the end of Sukkot (Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah), is to be a time for rejoicing. The *chag* (festival) of Sukkot is itself called '*zman simchateinu*' - the season of our rejoicing. Only this *chag* has 'joy' associated with it. Neither Pesach nor Shavuot has *simcha* attached to the celebration. Pesach, I could understand - going out from slavery to freedom feels joyful, but it just doesn't seem to be an appropriate word to describe the feelings after the Exodus. But Shavuot? Here is when we received the Torah! What

greater joy could there be than receiving our inheritance from God? And yet the Torah reserved the word "*simcha*" just for Sukkot! It is interesting that nowhere in the Torah is the festival of Shavuot linked with the giving of the Torah. This connection seems to have been a much later one. Originally, it was purely a harvest festival, and while we should obviously be joyful, it wasn't the greatest of joy. But on Sukkot, the reason for joy, I believe, is

of us, but also through joyous celebration of *chagim*. Remember, the appropriate blessing for Sukkot is: *moadim lsimcha* - roughly translated as "festivals are for joy".

What a wonderful connection to the end of Yom Kippur when we read from the book of Jonah about his "joy", that God had provided a plant to shade him.



The joy was for God's protection and had little if anything to do with Jonah's actions. But this joy was transitory for Jonah. Now, it is we (and Jonah) who must make joy happen.

Remember the BESHT? Music has the power to create joy. So, by way of an advertisement: come learn *zmirot*

at the Kelman's home on Shabbat afternoon. Test the theory! Check the calendar for times and dates.

On a more personal level, on Thanksgiving, in New York, our son Ari will be married to Amie Dorman. For Vicky and me, our joy is overwhelming. For us this is truly a *simcha*. But as I looked at the wedding ceremony, and in particular at the *sheva barachot*, the seven blessings, that form the concluding part of the ceremony, it seems that one word above all others stands out: it is the word "*simcha*." It appears eleven times (not bad for seven sentences)! That's our wish for our children - that their lives be full of joy, of *simcha*. But as much as joy is God given, it's up to them (and us) to find ways to make joy a deep part of their daily lives. Sadness can be easily found. Joy is much harder to achieve. I believe that this is the reason the rabbis' insertion of *simcha* eleven times is really THE ultimate blessing we have to offer a *chatan* and *kallah*. ☆

RABBI'S COLUMN

by Rabbi Stuart Kelman

twofold: first is the fact that it is the beginning of the rainy season in the land of Israel. Rain then, as it is now, was the key to successful crops and commerce and quality of life. What better way to be serious about life than to anticipate the joy that is about to come - even before it does. Second, here we are - post Sukkot - standing at the end of what we hope will be a year of blessing. Certainly, after all the petitions, the *al het's*, the *ashamnu's*, the *selichot* - after fasting, wearing white, being in shul so long (!) - the seriousness of the season is balanced with joy, *simcha*. There is also a third message. This is the message of redemption. Not joy, *simcha* for the moment, but joy, *simcha* for a better world - a world which we help to create by what we do here on earth. Whether there is a world-to-come or not, we mortals will never know. What we do know is that this world is the one we need to work on. So Sukkot comes to tell us that our joy is in the recognition that redemption can be ours - not only through the serious efforts of each

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

PAULINE MORENO

Finally, November is here. I apologize for missing the deadline on October's newsletter; I was in the midst of a herniated disk in my back. As a result of which, I also missed Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. When I say I missed it, I mean it in every possible way. For the most part I was not present. When I was there, I was so uncomfortable that I could not participate. But like everything else, I learned something from it.

I got to be an outsider looking in. When I was there, I would walk around, then come back into either Haver Hall or the sanctuary. I was not sitting, so I would try to find a place to stand out of the way. Because I was in and out, I mostly did not have a *machzor*, and I never really knew where we were in the service. I felt left out, envi-

ous and alone. I longed for a moment when I would be in perfect sync with the room and the flow, as in past years. And at best I was very grateful to know that next year I would have it back.

In my *Kol Nidre* speech, which was delivered for me by Judy Breakstone at Northbrae and Ken Schnur, (thank you both), I said that I was proud to be the President of Netivot Shalom. I wrote that speech before I had experienced watching the service the way I did. In the aftermath, I must say, from where I stood, the feeling was amazing. I only could wish that I had felt well enough to be a part of it. But it was good for me to stand back and take in the service from afar. Because I had always been a part of it, I never realized what it would be like to just look at it.



IF YOUR PHONE DON'T RING, YOU KNOW IT'S ME

Some of you may have noticed a few changes when calling the Netivot Shalom office. The most obvious change for many frustrated "redial" pounders, is that you CAN now call the Netivot office. And, when you do, you'll notice the subtle tones of our synagogue administrator, Lorraine Rosenblatt, directing you on how to use our NEW PHONE SYSTEM. (Thanks, John Reynolds.) If you do not wish to linger over the dulcet voice of our able administrator, please note the changes in extensions listed on the masthead of this newsletter.

'Sanctify the Sabbath by choice meals, by beautiful garments; delight your soul with pleasure and I will reward you for this very pleasure'
-- Deuteronomy Rabba 31

**We invite you to join us for Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, November 12, 1999
Brief service at 6:30 followed by a potluck dinner.
(RSVP by Friday morning)
Bring food or wine that follows
Netivot Shalom's kashrut policy.
Chauncey, Shirah, Livia and Nicolas Bell
4 Nottingham Ct. Alameda 94502
510-523-7709 e-mail shirahbell@AOL.com
Call or e-mail us for directions.**

THANKS TO THE HIGH HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS:

Robin Keller, Mark Geliebter, Jamie Levin, Ben Donahue, Debbie and Jerry Issak-Shapiro, Marty Friedman, Scott Adams, Joy Lancaster, Andrew Cohen, George Klett, Elliott Fineman, Edna Bath Friedman, Ann Swidler, Claude Fischer, Ronna Kabatznick, Joni Miller, David Levine, Michelle Wolfson, Peter Berck, Shira Bell, Joanna Weinberg, Fan Quittel, Cahuncey Bell, Nicholas Bell, Janis Berger, Diane Lipton, Judy Lieberman, Jaime Levin, Ross, Chuck, and Ellen Wunderlich, Joan Bradus, Joan Schwartz, Perl Perlmutter, Sally Martin, Dean Kertesz, Phyllis Helfand, Bob Jacobvitz, Jeanne Reisman, Michele Rappaport, Richard Laden, Norine Shima, Leonid Plotkin, Florence Lewis, Joanna Harris, Howard Solovei, Belinda Wilder, Norma Kaufman, Michael Meltzer, Linda Blachman, Celia Concus, Peter Wahrhaftig, Lee Feinstein, Leslie Levy, Shari Rifas, Sanne and Hugh Dewitt, Rochelle Guinasso, Davida Cohen, Bab Safran, Steve Koppman

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Iris Greenbaum, MSW
Program Coordinator

ETZLEINU: IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Last spring, we began to explore our potential for coming together in small neighborhood groups to celebrate and participate in Jewish life and observance. Your enthusiasm and ideas have had a profound effect in bringing together congregants within the zip code areas of Berkeley, Oakland, Albany, Richmond, El Cerrito and Alameda for Shabbat and informal gatherings.

We now face the question of how to most effectively organize ourselves within the neighborhoods to implement your ideas in a way that is meaningful and inclusive of all who wish to participate. This seemingly monumental task becomes a reality with your participation. You, too, can invite others to joyfully welcome Shabbat on a Friday evening, or share in a Shabbat afternoon of conversation and relaxation! The spark and melodies of *Havdallah* become memorable when we are together. Please let me know how I can help you host a small gathering of congregant neighbors.

A few people are needed in each neighborhood to help in the planning of events and communicating with fellow congregants. In this way, we can best identify and respond to needs for *bikkur cholim* and *gemilut chassdim*. We are planning our first Etzleinu Coordinators meeting and welcome your participation.

Our administrative staff, under the supervision of Lorraine Rosenblatt and Michelle

Wolfson, are preparing a comprehensive membership directory listing all congregants alphabetically and by neighborhood groups. Thanks to Lorraine and Michelle for their tremendous effort to publish and distribute our directory.

COMING UP:

Festive lights, holiday songs and tasty treats will highlight our Hanukkah celebrations in the neighborhood!

We also ask you to remember those in need by participating in our *tzedakah* project: "Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays". Each neighborhood group will collect and wrap gifts for their "adopted" foster care families. One of our congregants has already volunteered to deliver the gifts personally to each of the participating foster families. Our success is dependent upon your participation! Please contact me if you are interested in hosting a Hanukkah neighborhood celebration.

THANKS AND FOND MEMORIES:

SHABBAT B'YACHAD

Our youngest congregants and their families welcomed the New Year with holiday songs, *tefillah*, stories, and apples dipped in honey. We learned from the lessons of Jonah ways we could be more helpful in the coming year. Many thanks to the families who created a joyful Shabbat, including: Sheila Jelen & Seth Himmelhoch; Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern; Carol Dorf; Melissa Hillman & Ted McGlenn; Sally Martin; Judy & Harry Radousky; John & Amy

Hessler; Tali & Elad Ziv; Bridgette Wynne & Julia London; Lee Bearson & Bobbie Freiberg.

BREAK-THE-FAST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

All congregants were welcome to participate. Five host families welcomed a total of 127 congregants in small gatherings. Special thanks to our hosts: Carla Cassler & Dean Kertes; Ruth & Burt Dorman; Karen Friedman & David Marcus; Marilyn & Mort Markowitz; and Joanna Weinberg & David Levine. Special thanks to Elissa Kittner who coordinated the dinner for the Berkeley 94704 & 05 neighbors.

SUKKOT IN TILDEN

The mitzvot of Sukkot inspired Ellen Peskin & Ben Donohue to invite the congregation to celebrate Sukot in Tilden Park. The peaceful, inspiring setting of Wildcat View in Tilden was home for our communal Sukkah for three days beginning Friday afternoon through Sunday night. Over the course of the Sukkot weekend, we welcomed forty-eight adults and twenty-three children. Many special thanks to Ellen and Ben, and to Joyce Wichner for helping to coordinate the children's activities!

SUKKAH-SHARING

Thank you to all who welcomed congregants to your Sukkot so the congregation could share in the *mitzvot* of Sukkot, including Melissa Mednick and Jeff Rosenbloom; Stephen Tobias and Alice Webber; Judy and Harry Radousky; Sherrin & Phillip Rosenthal; and Don and Jan Fischer. ☆

ADULT EDUCATION

by Barbara Wezelman

SPECIAL EVENTS

TEFILLAH AND THE SIDUR

Rabbi Kelman will once again lead us in an in-depth study of the prayers -- what they say, what they mean, and what they mean to us. A reading knowledge of Hebrew is required. Meets on five Sunday mornings, November at 9 am, and December 5 & 19, from 10 to 11:30 am at the synagogue office. Child care is available. For more information contact Rabbi Kelman at 549-9447.

LEARNER'S MINYAN

Cantor Pamela Rothmann Sawyer leads this learner's *minyan* on the last Shabbat morning of each month, from 9 to 9:45 am at the BRJCC. No experience or Hebrew knowledge is necessary, just a desire to learn the Shabbat service. Child care is available. The *minyan* begins October 30 and continues November 27. For further information, please call Eric at 521-7084.

HAFTORAH TROPE

For six Tuesday evenings, beginning November 2, Glenn Massarano will teach class members how to read and chant a standard Ashkenazi haftorah trope. Experience the fun of learning to decipher these intriguing markings. No musical ability is required - only the ability to read Hebrew. Classes meet from 7:30 to 9 PM at the office. This class has a minimum enrollment requirement, so please call Glenn at 644-0654 if you plan to enroll but can't make the first meeting.

SIFRUT

SCHEDULE CHANGE

This class has been cancelled due to a change in Ariel's schedule. We will try to reschedule this class in the winter or spring. Please call Barbara Wezelman at 525-0730 if you would be interested.

CELEBRATE JEWISH BOOK MONTH

On Saturday evening, November 6, help Rabbi Kelman celebrate the publication of his latest book, "Learn Torah With...5756". *Havdallah*, coffee, book reading and signing beginning at 7:30 PM in the synagogue library.



ONGOING CLASSES AND STUDY GROUPS

Torah Study, with Nitzhia Shaked and guest teachers, meets every Shabbat at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4 at the JCC. Child care also begins at 9 a.m.

Talmud Study, with Rabbi Kelman, meets every Tuesday evening from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., at the synagogue office.

B'nai Avraham v'Sarah, a *chavurah* for Jews by choice and their families, meets monthly at various members' homes. For information call Denise Moyes-Schnur at 526-6445.

Judaism Revealed, a group for Jews and their non-Jewish partners, meets monthly. For information call Rose Levinson at 526-1322.

COMING UP!

HOW TO GIVE A DRASH

Reserve the evenings of Tuesday January 11th and 25th for this hands on seminar with Vicky Kelman. The January 11 meeting will focus on topic selection, research techniques and resources. At the end of the class, those who wish to will be able to sign up to give the *drash* at a future Shabbat. During the next two weeks, class participants are encouraged to begin work on their *drash*, and to bring any questions or problems to the second meeting. On January 25th, Vicky will focus on answering questions, reviewing progress to date, and providing specific suggestions to help polish each *drash*. Individual attention guaranteed. Class meets from 7:30 to 9 PM at the synagogue office.

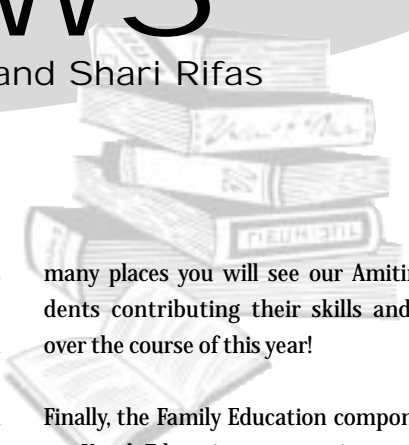
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YOUTH NEWS

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YOUTH EDUCATION UPDATE

Now that the *chagim* are behind us, and our Young Judea, Religious School, Amitim, Family Preschool and Midrasha programs are up and running, we can pause to reflect for a few moments on where we are. Thanks to the hard work, long hours, and unending dedication of our *Yamim Noraim LYeladim* coordinators Masha Savitz and Linda Karlin, Netivot Shalom enjoyed its largest YNL enrollment and widest array of programming since its inception. In spite of having to coordinate three locations, eight teachers, sixteen *Madrichim* (our new teen leadership program -- more on that below), nine *Amitim Ozrim*, and a host of parent volunteers, the program ran very smoothly. Our deepest thanks goes to Masha and Linda and their staff.

On the heels of YNL came the start of the Religious School year and the inauguration of our new Teen *Madrichim* (Guides)

Program. While we have always had teens working as teaching assistants in our school, this is the first year that we are offering a structured leadership development program for this group. Under the skillful and creative guidance of Masha Savitz, our Religious School Principal, the *Madrichim* will, in addition to their regular classroom duties, plan whole-school events, develop parallel educational programming for younger children during special synagogue events such as our Scholar-in-Residence weekends, and participate in in-service sessions designed on a youth development model.

Many of our current *Madrichim* are former Amitim students... which takes us to the next piece of news. As in years past, many of the students enrolled in our Amitim program participated as *Ozrim* (Helpers) in this year's YNL program. This is just one of the

many places you will see our Amitim students contributing their skills and ideas over the course of this year!

Finally, the Family Education component of our Youth Education program is up and running. Our Family Preschool program has already begun meeting under the exceptional guidance of Judy Massarano. Coming up soon will be the first session of our K/1 Family School Program which, in addition to regular Shabbat School, meets four times for special Sunday sessions during the course of the year. In addition, Debbie Isaak-Shapiro returns to start up a new Family Room group, a Netivot Shalom favorite in years past (not to mention the brain-child of our own Vicky Kelman!)

Feel free to call us with any questions, concerns, or ideas. We are always open to hearing from you. ☆

THE POWER OF RAMAH CAMPING, TESTED FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS, IS COMING TO THE EAST BAY!

Ramah Camp of the East Bay, for children entering grades k-5 will be held in two sessions: June 26 through July 21; and July 24 through August 11, 2000.

Based in the East Bay Regional Parks, transportation will be provided from Congregation B'nai Shalom, Temple Beth Abraham, and Congregation Netivot Shalom. The program will include sports, nature, arts and crafts, swimming, music and dance, daily *t'filot* (prayer), and inspired Jewish study. There will also be family programming and, above all, friendships and fun..

Ramah Day Camp will be directed by Dan Alter, MA, who brings seventeen years of experience working with Jewish young people, with a staff of committed and caring Jewish young adults and teachers.

A joint project of the Conservative Congregations of the East Bay, the camp will be under the religious and educational supervision of the National Ramah Commission. For an application or more information, call the synagogue office or send your name, address and phone along with the names and ages of your children to the Netivot Shalom office, attention Ramah Day Camp.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY PROGRAM

Join us with your preschooler for a fun and learning-filled, hands-on, two hour session each month, focused on the Jewish calendar. Learning time happens as families and as separate groups of adults and preschoolers. We'll share stories, bagels, customs and observances, and create functional arts and crafts related to each holiday we cover. Led by Judy Massarano

Where: Netivot Shalom offices

When: 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/12, 4/9, 5/7

Time: 10 - 12

Fee: \$295 per family for members, \$525 for non-members.

How do I register? Call the synagogue office.

K/1 FAMILY PROGRAM

Join us with your kindergartner or first grader for a program that meets four times this year (two times for each group), focusing on selected Jewish holidays. We will experience them through literature, drama, arts and crafts, and cooking, in a way that incorporates your young learner's emerging skills. Our "Family School" will include family time and adult learning time. Led by Judy Massarano

Where: Netivot Shalom offices

When: 11/21 (K) , 1/9 (Grade 1), 3/19 (K) , 5/21 (Grade 1)

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM

How do I register? This program is part of the K/1 Religious School experience at Netivot Shalom. If your child is NOT enrolled in our K/1 Religious School program, and you would still like to participate in the K/1 Family component of the program, you can do so for a fee of \$100 for members and \$180 for non-members. Contact Wendy at ext. 105, for more information.

FAMILY ROOM

Family Room is a community of five to eight families with children ages 5-11 (younger siblings are also welcome). Families gather for Jewish learning, fun, drama, music, and friendship. Meetings take place monthly in members' homes late on Sunday afternoons and include a potluck meal. Led by Debbie Isaak-Shapiro

Dates: 11/7,12/12,1/16, 2/6, 3/12, 4/9, 5/7 and 5/21.

Time: 4:00-6:30

Where: Members' homes

Fee: The fee for members is \$200 and for non-members, \$340.

How do I register? Call Wendy at ext. 105.

MIDRASHA

Once again, our population has EXPLODED. For years Midrasha had a steady number of about 190 students. Then last year we grew to 260. This year, our first day of class brought us even more than that. I am writing this ten days after the first day (and another ten before the second day, due to the vagaries of Jewish holidays) and we have 267 enrolled, with the phone continuing to ring with perspective students. Classes are filled to overflowing, but the students are happy and the teachers are happy, so who can ask for more. So, what do these wonderful teens do when they aren't at Midrasha? Well, many of them have signed up to be in our JOB BANK. If you are looking for students who baby sit, pet sit, tutor, do yard work, do moving and lifting, help at parties or in offices or on computers, give us a call at 843-4667 and we will send you a list of our students who would like to work.

You will soon be receiving our annual fundraising appeal.

When you get it, please think of those teens who enjoy continuing their Jewish education each Sunday morning. Many of them are here only with the help of scholarships, which this annual drive provides. Please be generous. Last year we raised over \$15,000. We are counting on another successful appeal to allow Midrasha to continue to run so smoothly.

YOUNG JUDAEA

Netivot Shalom is excited to announce its collaboration with Young Judaea (a Zionist youth movement sponsored by Hadassah). All 3rd through 12th graders are invited to join one of our three clubs: *Ofarim* for grades 3-6, *Tsofim* 7-8, and *Bogrim* 9-12. Clubs will meet in the synagogue office for the first time on Sunday, November 7th. Activities for the year will include social action, art projects, games, trips, and more! For more information please call the Young Judaea office (510) 549-0260.

Save the dates: Netivot Shalom Young Judaea's next local meeting will be on December 5. [Young Judaea will hold its Fall *Ofarim* and *Tsofim* Conventions for 3-8 graders Nov. 19-21, and a Winter *Bogrim* Convention for 9-12 graders Dec. 10-12. Contact Young Judaea for more information about these exciting convention opportunities.

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7 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Maimonides Workshop

Haydalah and Chanukah Shopping Extravaganza (Fundraiser) at Afikomen

28 Heshvan

29 Heshvan

30 Heshvan

1 Kislav

2 Kislav

3 Kislav

4 Kislav

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10:00 am Family Pre-School/K1

2 pm Bikkur Cholim Workshop

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7:30 pm Maimonides Workshop

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7:30 pm Torah Trope

7:30 pm Talmud Shiur

7:30 pm Amitim Dinner

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7:15 am Minyan

NO RELIGIOUS SHCOOL TODAY

4pm Parent/Teacher conferences

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9:00 am Torah Study

9:45 am Shabbat Services Parasha Vayetze

5 Kislav

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10:00 am Tefillah Workshop

1 pm Youth Ed Meeting

7 pm Youth Ed Meeting

7 pm Board Meeting

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9:00 am Torah Study

9:00 am Learner's Minyan

9:45 am Shabbat Services Parasha Vayishlah

11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad

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BY JUNE SAFRAN

CUBA NEWS

THE ART OF BEING A SISTER CONGREGATION

In the almost four years that we have had a sister-congregation relationship with Comunidad Hebrea Hatikva in Santiago de Cuba, many of our members have traveled to Cuba, taught there, and made lasting friendships. We have sent Rabbi Kelman three times, carried ritual objects, *Siddurim*, *Machzorim*, a *Megillat Esther*, *tefillin*, Jewish study books, medicines, clothing, school supplies, and even artist brushes. Yet, the most important thing we have brought, according to Zeina (now Nili) Behar, is our "spirit." Through all our visits, letters, emails, and gifts, we have demonstrated what it means to have a Jewish soul. Because they love what they experience, they are eager to explore our common roots, study our common heritage, and practice the ritual that has bound us together over the centuries. This has inspired almost half the active community to resettle in Israel. But our work is not done. They still need our support. When you go to Israel, please visit them even if you haven't met them. They will be happy to greet you as "relatives." Better yet, carry a Spanish/Hebrew *Siddur* for one of the households (\$30 per book), or send a *Siddur* through us.

Meanwhile, back in Cuba, the need for education and educators has increased. We must build on our success, and help the new leadership grow strong and able. Also, the problems of everyday life persist.

You are invited to help our December tour group become the "Millennium Shleppers."

- 1) Volunteer to help package medicines for the participants to carry.
- 2) Donate over-the-counter medicines and toiletries.
- 3) Donate money to pay for a community meal (\$70).
- 4) With a donation of \$300, cooking oil could be purchased for each family for Chanukah.
- 5) Send a new pair of shoes or new underwear.
- 6) Send lightweight ritual objects or Jewish wall decorations.
- 7) Provide Jewish books in Spanish for the library and extra copies for home use.
- 8) Buy ice cream and desert for a street party to solidify the relationship between the synagogue its non-Jewish neighbors (\$40).

LISTEN TO THE VOICES:

Andresito [16] will be in a religious school near Haifa, its name is "Yemin Ord." Robertico [17] will be there too. They will come home every two weeks. I hope they will get what I couldn't [Jewish education as a youth]. Andres Novoa Castiel

May these lines serve to send you greetings and to share our experiences from Yom Kippur. All the members of Hatikva were gathered. Many of us fasted for 25 hours, including children like David, who fasted for 20 hours. Aloma led the Yom Kippur service, assisted by Alejandro. Marcos performed the Shofar blast masterfully. Hugs from Eugenia.

Nili and I went to shul for Rosh Hashana. The blowing of the *Shofar* was something very touching. I think that *tekiah gedolah* was longer than one minute. Nili was called to open and close the ark after reading the Torah. The services are just in Hebrew, also the *Humashim* and *Siddurim*. It's not difficult (sometimes) to follow the services, and now we understand more than we did five months ago. Kisses *Imishpachah bBerkeley*, Eitan (in Israel)

Could you please bring a Spanish/Hebrew *Siddur* for my mother? It is very important. Andres (in Israel)

These letters tell you that our efforts have helped the Jews in Cuba regain their heritage so successfully that they can move into a new society and still feel it is important to participate in our tradition. I thank you for supporting this effort. Make income tax deductible donations to the synagogue's Cuba fund or directly to The Cuba-America Jewish Mission at 444-34th St., Oakland, CA 94609. Bring items to either location.

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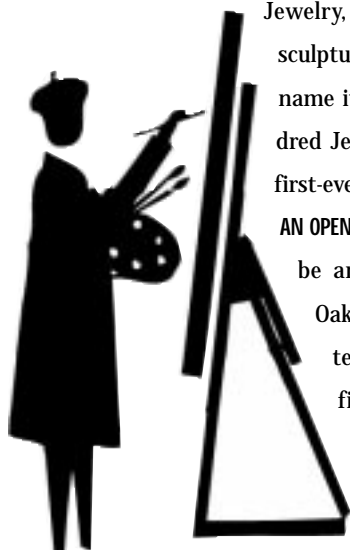
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- Nov.13 Michael Cohen
- Nov.20 Nitzhia Shaked
- Nov.27 Rabbi Arthur Gould

DECEMBER

- Dec. 4 Nitzhia Shaked
- Dec. 11 Open
- Dec. 18 Nitzhia Shaked
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