



NETIVOT SHALOM

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Dear Rabbi Kelman,

David and I would like to thank you for inviting us to celebrate our *aufruf* at Netivot Shalom. It is often not until one is gone that the realization of what is missed sets in. We are now in Australia and have begun to research the facets of the Jewish community here. Although there are many, the community is spread out in several different suburbs. There is a large Lubavich community here of fairly recent immigrants. In addition there are two large Orthodox k-12 schools. There are two types of synagogues here, Orthodox and "Liberal" (what we would call Reform). We attend the oldest synagogue in Sydney called the Great Synagogue which is currently a three block walk from our apartment. Beth Yisrael (it's Hebrew name) built in 1878 is a beautiful synagogue. It was restored in the early nineties and is a statement of grandeur and elegance. In spite of the aesthetic beauty and greatness of age, Shabbat is not the same here for me. I sit high in the balcony staring down at the ceremony below. I listen as the choir sings tunes unfamiliar, and when I do sing, I hear only the choir's unified voice resounding in the echoing pockets of the star studded ceiling. It is a beautiful synagogue, with grand formality and amazing accouterments ... but it is not my synagogue. This is where the point made early on in this note, the realization of what is missed, set in. It became abundantly clear to me that I missed the inclusive design of Netivot Shalom. The size or grandeur of the synagogue does not matter, it is the heart which one feels with, not the eyes. My heart is moved by the beauty of an entire congregation in song. My heart is moved when I can reach out to the torah scroll and touch my siddur to my lips. My tears flow as we stand together in jubilant prayer as the ark is closed. My heart is warmed as my friends stand at the *bima* in an *aliya*. For each heart it is different, but for my heart, it is these various components that are the makings of the Jewish community I long for.

My warmest thanks to you and everyone at Netivot Shalom who make it the *shechina*-filled place of worship that it is.

Happy Channukah and Shabbat Shalom.

Sincerely,
Chalyn Newman

motivated and engaged with their tradition. Over and over, the preponderance of rabbis and educators and teachers list a youth group or camp as the primary experience for their choice of career. Life-long friendships emerge as a part of the natural process of socialization and learning.

RABBI'S COLUMN

by Rabbi Stuart Kelman



This summer, as you know by now, we are fortunate to be able to offer the newest of Ramah Day Camps here in the East Bay. With the cooperation of all the Conservative synagogues in the East Bay, we will conduct this camp from a location in Tilden Park

(making it accessible to Alameda and Contra Costa Counties). Please consider three things: 1. Enrolling your child, 2. Spreading the word to friends and neighbors, and 3. Helping us to meet our start-up costs. For the first time in the East Bay, this camp will provide a balanced experience in which we integrate commitment to Judaism with an understanding that each child is a unique person, with many interests. All of the activities commonly associated with summer camping are combined with Limmud, (Jewish study), Tefilah (worship) and Hebrew to produce an environment in which Jewish values, self-esteem and skills are fostered.

We are extremely fortunate to have Dan Alter, well known to many of you for his many years of work in non-formal education, as director. Please call him at 549-9447, extension #1 for further information. We will be offering two sessions: June 26-July 21 and July 24-August 11.

Oh yes, before I forget. Many of you have had experiences at Ramah. Tell us about them. When did you attend? For how long? Which Ramah? One experience/lesson that stands out. E-mail your response to me by the first of February. And, above all, come take a look this summer at this unique experiment in Jewish living and learning. ☆

Rabbi's Column Part 2

Yes, Vicky and I are still overwhelmed by the wedding of our son Ari to Amie Dorman. I'm not sure who was right about the experience of joy, the *Besht* or Reb Nachman. No matter, it was a truly spectacular, joyous and moving experience for all of us. Naturally, pictures are available!

At just about the same time, 3,000 miles away, in Los Angeles, Camp Ramah in California was celebrating its 50th birthday. In the tribute book which was dedicated to a dear teacher, Dr. David Lieber, one page was devoted to couples who had met at camp. Sure enough, Vicky and I were listed (Ramah in the Poconos) along many others. When I thought about it a little more, it occurred to me that Ari and Amie had also met while participating in a camping experience - a Young Judea Year Course. So, please consider this an advertisement for Camp Ramah or Young Judea (not necessarily for *shidduchim*).

Over the many years that I have been involved in Jewish education, I've seen camp play a central and most powerful role in the development of one's Jewish identity. Over and over, I've seen children and teens return from an experience in non-formal education,

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday Shabbat Services & Torah Study

Torah Study – 9:00 am
 Services at 9:45 am
 BRJCC
 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley

Kabbalat Shabbat

First and third Shabbat of each month
 6:15 p.m. at 1841 Berkeley Way

Wednesday Morning Minyan

7:15 a.m.

Meditative Minyan

Third Shabbat of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat (Shabbat B'Yachad]

Second and Fourth Shabbat of each month at 11:00 a.m.

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MIDRASHA NEWS

What an incredible semester it has been. We have more than two hundred and seventy students. We had a wonderful parent/student study brunch. Gesharim, Etgar and Kesher have all had their first retreats, and they were all smashing successes. Our fundraising appeal has brought heartwarming response and donations continue to come pouring in. You have been very generous.

So, what's new? First, a faculty change. Rachel Cohen, long-time faculty member, is moving to Boston. Her spot will be taken by Susan Moser, newly arrived from Israel, where many of her friends are former Midrasha faculty members. The new semester starts on January 9. If you, or someone you know, hasn't been enrolled at Midrasha, this would be a great time to start. Classes this semester are as exciting as ever. They include: The Other Sex: Famous American Jewish Women, Poetry of the Golden Age, Stories of the Holocaust, Angel Wrestling, Where the Streets have Too Many Names: Jerusalem, In Ot(Her) Words: 20th Century Poetry By Jewish Women, The Revival of the Hebrew Language, *Tanach B'Ivrit*, 4 levels of Hebrew, Yiddish, The Palestinian Question, *Parshat Hashavuah*:

Answering Questions in the Torah, Sex, Jews, and Ethics, Sacred Acts: Life, Judaism, Drama and Movement, *Kesher Aleph* (Israeli History and Culture), *Kesher Bet*, The American Jewish Experience), Classical Hebrew Tests, Real Time: Behind the Israeli Headlines, My Daughter/Son the Activist: *Tikkun Olam Past and Present*, The secrets of the Jewish Calendar, Circle-Making: Creating and Renewing Jewish Ritual, Theology Through Film, Bibliodrama: Dramatic Encounters with the Families in the Biblical Text, Unleashing Your Creative Jewish Spirit, Creative Writing From Jewish Ritual, The Jewish Short Story, Jewish Music, Art As Expression, Dance Midrasha, plus *Etgar* (Jewish Identity) and *Gesharim* (Jewish Ethics in Action) Jealous? Wish you were 16? Wish they had this when you were a kid? Glad it's here for your kids??

In the new millennium we hope to start gearing up for our annual garage sale, which can really happen at any point because we use indoor space and don't need to wait for the rain to stop. If you have access to a couple thousand of feet of vacant commercial space that we can use for six weeks, in exchange for a great letter of appreciation and a tax deduction, please let us know. ☆



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ADULT EDUCATION

by Sanne DeWitt, and Barbara Wezelman

We look forward to three programs to be sponsored by the Adult Education Committee:

1. Professor Uri Alter will present readings from his new book, "The David Story," a translation of 1 and 2 Samuel, in January. The time and date will be announced.

2. Ken Cohen and participants in the recent "Unveiling Biblical Israel" trip to Israel and Jordan will describe and show pictures of their fascinating and extraordinary experience sometime in late January or early February.

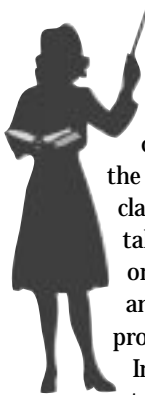
3. Nitzhia Shaked will continue to teach on Maimonides writings and philosophy. See below for more information

4. A class on chanting Torah, taught by Glen Massarano, will begin on March 1.



SPECIAL EVENTS

DOIN' 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 talk, 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 draft. Individual attention guaranteed. Class meets from 7:30 to 9 pm at the synagogue office.

IT'S BAAACK! HEBREW NIGHT II

Back by popular demand, this series generated a tremendous response when it was offered last year. Join us for six Wednesday evenings, beginning January 19, from 7:30 to 9 pm at the office. While details were still being finalized as of press time, we expect to offer the following levels:

- **Learn the Aleph Bet**
- **Siddur Hebrew - Elementary**
- **Siddur Hebrew - Intermediate/Advanced**
- **Conversational Hebrew**

While there is no charge to members (non-members pay \$50), these classes will have minimum enrollment requirements, so please help us out by pre-registering with Iris Greenbaum, at 549-9447. Iris will also be able to provide updated information about each class. In addition, childcare will be available on site at no charge if you reserve space 48 hours in advance with Iris.

LEARNER'S MINYAN

Cantor Pamela Rothmann Sawyer leads this introduction to the Shabbat morning service, on the fourth Saturday morning of each month, from 9 to 9:45 am at the BRJCC. The Learner's Minyan meets this month on January 22. No experience or Hebrew knowledge is necessary, just a desire to learn. Childcare is available and newcomers are welcome. For further information, please call Eric Strimling at 521-7084.

MORE ON MAIMONIDES

Nitzhia Shaked will continue to teach on Maimonides' writings and philosophy, with a focus on The Guide to the Perplexed, starting Monday, February 7th, from 7:30 to 9 PM at the synagogue office. The tuition for the 8 week course is \$55 for Netivot Shalom members, \$75 for non-members. This class is co-sponsored with Lehrhaus Judaica, and you may register either through Lehrhaus or at the first class.

VASHTI REVISITED: FEMINIST INTERPRETATION OF RABBINIC COMMENTARIES

Dr. Leora Lawton will join us in our library for a pre-Purim look at Vashti, on Sunday evening, March 5 at 7 pm. Vashti is vilified in rabbinic commentaries, while in recent years she has been glorified by feminists as being someone who fought against sexism. This seminar will look carefully at the text of Megillat Esther and the commentaries and find out whether she is more than just the victim or the crime. In doing so we will get to the core of misogynism and anti-semitism. Co-sponsored with Lehrhaus, this event will be free for CNS members.

ANYONE FOR A GOOD READ?

Carol Dorf would like to start a book group that would focus on contemporary Jewish life, sociology and history (from the 18th century to the present), with perhaps an occasional novel thrown in. The first two meeting dates have been set - Sunday evenings, January 30 and February 27, from 7 to 9 pm, at the synagogue office. Childcare will be provided. Please call Carol at 848-4701 for more information.

ETHICAL DILEMMAS FACING THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES

Asa Kasher, Professor of Ethics and Philosophy of Practice at Tel Aviv University, and the author of the code of ethics for the IDF, will lecture on Tuesday evening, February 22, at 7 pm at Beth El, 2301 Vine. Cosponsored with the Israel Center and Beth El, this event will be free for CNS members.

FAMILY STORIES AND GENEALOGY

While not sponsored by Netivot Shalom, our very own Lois Silverstein will be teaching a class through Lehrhaus and the BRJCC entitled "LDor VDor: First Steps in Finding Your Jewish Family History" on Sundays, February 6 through April 2, from 11 to 1. It will use both storytelling and genealogical research techniques to explore the family stories of class members and the larger patterns into which they fit in Jewish life. For more information about fees, registration, class content or location, contact Lois at 464-3051, or refer to the Lehrhaus catalog.

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.



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PROGRAM UPDATES

By Iris Greenbaum

ETZLEINU: IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

KABBALAT SHABBAT: Last month, I was welcomed to a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service at the home of Shirah & Chauncey Bell. Our small group of Netivot Shalom members & guests joined in the melodic *Kabbalat Shabbat* service, led by Shira and her son, Nicolas, followed by a delicious pot-luck dinner. The warmth and the intimacy of our small gathering filled me with a sense of joy and peace. Thank you to Shirah, Chauncey, Nicolas, and Livia for welcoming Netivot Shalom members to your home each month, on the second Friday for *Kabbalat Shabbat*. All members are invited to join. Please call Shirah Bell to RSVP at 523-7709.

The Ritual Committee and Etzleinu are coordinating *Kabbalat Shabbat* services and kosher, vegetarian pot-luck dinners in the neighborhoods. We have *siddurim*, song booklets, and ritual booklets for loan. I am available to help you coordinate the details. Please let me know if you wish to participate.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: This month we created and sent to each of you an Etzleinu membership guide, listing neighborhood groups and contacts. You are welcome to join the different neighborhood events. Please check all sources for news about upcoming events, such as the Shul e-mail, Shabbat announcements, newsletters, and flyers at Shul. Free to speak with your neighborhood contact person or with me about Etzleinu events.

MISHPACHA is our new group for adults and children who have experienced separation or divorce. Our first get-together will be a *Kabbalat Shabbat* vegetarian pot-luck on Friday, January 21 at the home of Alison Cohen & Jeremy. Please RSVP to Alison at: 594-8489.

LOOKING BACK: Latke parties and Chanukah festivities brought us together to celebrate in neighborhood homes. I thank each of you for your enthusiasm and participation. Special thanks to our host families: Chauncey and Shirah Bell; Juday Breakstone and Michael Fuss; Ben Donohue and Ellen Peskin; Carol Dorf; Josh and Noga Gressel; Janet Harris and Brad Rudolph; Mark and Sharon Priven; Rita Stein; Claudia Valas and Carl Buchin; and Julie Weissman. Special thanks to: Julie Weissman, Community Building Chair, for her creativity and humor in

planning for this event; Rom Rosenblum and Debby Graudenz for their musical expertise in creating our Hanukkah song tape; Claire Sherman for sharing her song, "New Verses for Dreidel"; Mark Priven, Social Action Chair, for our *Tzedakah* "Adopt a Family" program; Jerry Derblich from Afikomen, for our Hanukkah fun stuff; Bob from Grand Bakery for our tasty *sufganiot*; and Becky Moskowitz, for her assistance in organizing our Hanukkah kits.

Tikkun Olam: Thank you to all who participated in our *Tzedakah* project for families enrolled in the Alameda County Family Preservation Project. These families have been successful in overcoming extreme hardships. Our support has helped them to celebrate holidays filled with a sense of shared joy and hopefulness. Many thanks to Josh Gressel for originating this program.

SHABBAT B'YACHAD: Our youngest members and their families celebrated Chanukah with activities, songs, and yummy treats. We created our own Judah puppets to enact the Chanukah story, resounding with a clear, "No!" to King Antiochus' commands. We made our own dreidels and learned to identify the meaning of each Hebrew letter as we played the dreidel game. Thank you to all our participating families. Special thanks to: Melissa Hillman for baking Chanukah cookies which the children loved decorating & eating; Cathy Shadd and Lisa Bennett for assisting with planning activities. Special thanks to our Amitim assistants, Shaina Rappaport and Eliana Polon. Our bi-monthly family Shabbat services welcome all families with young children for *tefillah*, stories, Torah parade and *kiddush*. Special thanks to our service leaders: Lee Bearson and Babbie Freiberg; Jerry & Debby Issak-Shapiro; and Melissa Hillman; storytellers: Jory Gessow; Cathy Shadd; and Ted McClellan; and kiddush sponsors: Jory and Lisa Gessow in honor of their son, Sam; Stacey Simon in honor of Miriam's 1st birthday; Rachel and Eric Seder in honor of Ethan's first birthday; Cathy Shadd in honor of Anna Rosenfeld's 3rd birthday; and Mel and Lisa Siboney in honor of Lena's 2nd birthday.

Please check our Shul e-mail and weekly announcements for upcoming holiday celebrations for Tu' Beshevat. ☆

YOUTH EDUCATION

by Wendy Rosov, Judy Massarano, and Shari Rifas

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS!

Want to go to CAMP this summer?

Camperships from the Rosenheimer Fund are available for Netivot Shalom members planning to attend ANY JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMPS during Summer, 2000. And, this year, additional grant monies from that fund are available specifically for students to attend Camp Arazim. The Arazim camperships are in memory of Billy Weitzner, Z"l. Please contact Wendy Rosov at 549-9447, extension #05, for more information on any of the Rosenheimer Camperships.

Religious School News: First Annual Betzalel Fest!!

The first annual *Betzalel Fest* (named after the biblical artisan who designed and crafted the mishkan) will take place in the Religious School during the month of January. This festival of Jewish Arts and Culture will provide religious school students with the opportunity to enjoy song-fests with the talented Bay Area favorite Achi Ben-Shalom, dancing with Debbie Jagoda, scribal arts with Rabbi Kelman, mezzuzah-making with Jessica Cohen and other surprise guests. Parents are welcome to stop by during any of the sessions to see the happenings!!

Amitim: B'nai Mitzvah, 2000

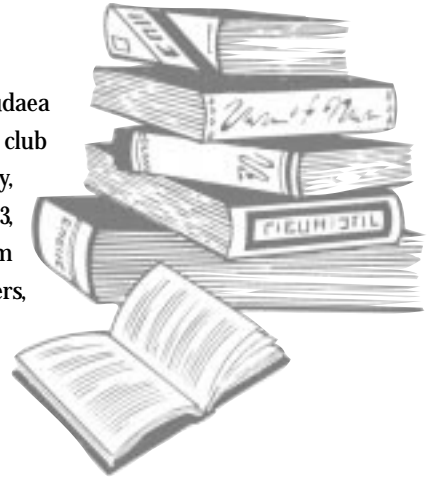
January will usher in our first two b'nai mitzvah of the new millennium: Gabe Scheffler and Jessica Grossmann. We hope you will join us for the beginning of this wonderful and exciting time!

Amitim Class 2001-2002...

Yes, it is almost that time to begin thinking about the b'nai mitzvah season of 2001-2002!!!! In February, families with children who will be turning thirteen during the 2001-2002 academic year will be receiving information about the process of signing up for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date. PLEASE WATCH YOUR MAIL DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND CHECK THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS!

Young Judaea

Netivot Shalom Young Judaea is pleased to announce club meetings on Sunday, January 9 and January 23, from 1 - 3 p.m. The Ofarim club involves 3 - 6 graders, Tsofim is for 7th and 8th graders, and 9 - 12 graders form the Bogrim group.



For more information on year-round or summer programs, please call (510) 549-0260.

FAMILY PRESCHOOL:

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. THERE IS STILL ROOM IN THIS CLASS, and YOU CAN JOIN EVEN IF YOU MISSED THE FIRST ONES! WE HAVE 6 MORE CLASSES AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU. THE NEXT CLASS IS JANUARY 9.

Where: 1841 Berkeley Way

When: one Sunday a month 10am - 12noon

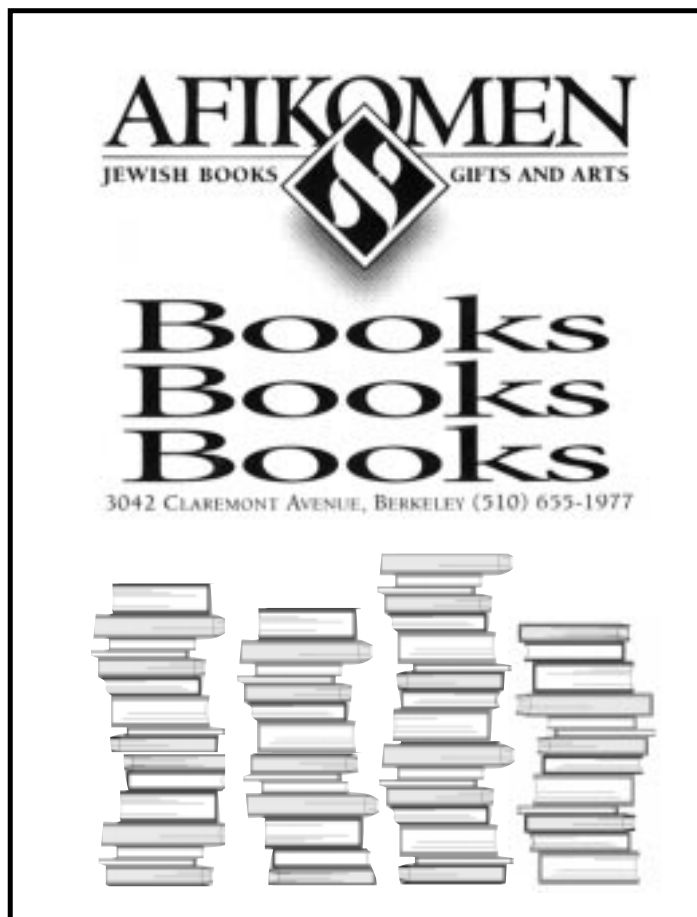
K/1 FAMILY SCHOOL

The next meeting is January 9, 1-3 p.m. at the shul offices. Families with first graders enrolled in religious school are expected to attend. Any kindergarten family that missed the December meeting is also welcome to attend. Please rsvp to the synagogue office, so we can plan appropriately. Reminder: Next kindergarten family school event, March 19, 2000, 1-3pm.



THANK YOU to Jerry Derblich of Afikomen for sponsoring a '**SHOP FOR CHANUKAH**' evening for members of Netivot Shalom. Jerry and the staff at Afikomen have been very helpful and generous to Congregation Netivot Shalom over the years.

We would also like to thank all of those congregants who purchased books during the "Shop for Chanukah" evening to supplement our library. Our library can never be to full. We encourage members and their friends to purchase books for our library. Jerry and the staff at Afikomen will be able to assist you. Also, when you think about buying a book for a child, consider getting one for our library as well. It's a mitzvah!



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.



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26 Kislev	27 Kislev	28 Kislev	29 Kislev	30 Kislev	1 Tevet	2 Tevet
9 10 am Family Pre-School/K1 1 pm First Grade Family School Young Judea Event	10 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED (MLK DAY)	11 7:30 pm Talmud Shiur 7:30 pm How to Give a Drash with Vicki Kelman	12 7:15 am Minyan 7:30 pm Hebrew Classes	13 7:15 am Minyan	14 Kabbalat Shabbat at the Bells Candle Lighting time: 4:55 pm	15 9:00 am Torah Study 9:30 am Meditative Minyan 9:45 am Shabbat Services Parasha BO Gabe Sheffler becomes a Bar Mitzvah NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
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For a schedule of this year's monthly meetings, topics, and locations,
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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

"Deeds of kindness weigh as much as all the commandments." - Talmud

Are you interested in helping out with our Social Action Committee?
Do you have ideas of ways that we can reach out and help our communities?

Contact Mark Priven (559-8393 or privwest@pacbell.net) and/or join us for a committee meeting on Tuesday 12/14 @7:30 in the shul offices.

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by Mark Priven

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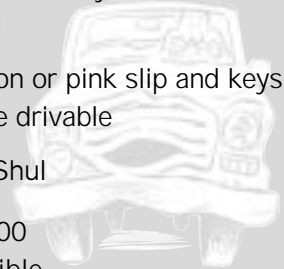
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- Jan. 15 Nitzhia Shaked
- Jan. 22 Michael Cohen
- Jan. 29 Nitzhia Shaked

FEBRUARY

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