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**P**esach is almost here. Start thinking: *chametz* (leaven). It is food prepared from five species of grains - wheat, barley, oats, spelt and rye - that has been allowed to leaven. Ashkenaic rabbis added: millet, corn, rice and legumes. Without going into the whole controversy about this additional Ashkenaic prohibition (which affects most of us), the larger question remains: At

what point do we, as traditional Conservative Jews, change and accept Sephardic tradition? After all, the argument goes, the Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly in Israel has issued a *teshuvah* (not binding but) permitting the eating and use of these grains in the State of Israel. The quandary: Does the ruling of the RA in Israel hold for us here in the U.S.? The reasons the RA in Israel gave for permitting those items to be used centered around the very nature of the prohibition at the time when it was first introduced; namely, that it was of questionable origin. Further, they argue, in the modern state of Israel, where a significant percentage of the population is Sephardic, obeying the extended prohibition would only tend to prevent Ashkenazim from eating in the homes of their Sephardic neighbors. So, the argument goes, in the State of Israel it is permitted to ignore the "additional" Ashkenazic restrictions. But what about us in

North America? Clearly, our culture does not have the same mix of Ashkenazim and Sephardim which was used as a very major reason for the Israeli ruling. So we are left with the original doubtful origin of this custom. What to do? Many of us would like to do away with this restriction,



**RABBI'S COLUMN**

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

based on our study of the origins of this practice. Yet, it seems to me that the strength of this practice in North America out-

weighs its abandonment. In observant households, rice, legumes, corn and millet are not to be found. Here, at least, is one example of holding onto a tradition because of the strength of its common practice, rather than abandoning it for the sake of purist of original motives and intentions.

Now, on to preparing for Pesach. Four steps:

1. The Search for Leaven (*chametz*): Done on the night before Pesach, to make sure (symbolically) that no *chametz* remains. We use a candle and a feather to scoop up some *chametz* that we have intentionally planted in the house. (Obviously, this is done AFTER the house has been cleaned!) Come to our Pot Party to *kasher* utensils and dishes!
2. The Nullification of Leaven (*chametz*): After the search, a paragraph found in most Haggadot is



## Tefillah Schedule

### Saturday Shabbat Services & Torah Study

Berkeley-Richmond  
Jewish Community Center  
1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley  
9:00 am - Torah Study  
9:45 am - Services  
11:00 am - Tot Shabbat & Family Program

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Next Month: May 20

## Torah Study & Drashot Schedule

### APRIL

- 1 *Shemini* • Diane Bernbaum  
Drash by: R. Stuart Kelman  
8 *Tazria* • Nitzhia Shaked  
Drash by: Masha Savitz  
15 *Metzora* • Stephen Tobias  
Drash by: Nathan Martin  
22 *Omer* • Nitzhia Shaked  
No Drash  
29 *Acharei Mot* • Michael Cohen  
Drash by: R. Stuart Kelman

### MAY

- 6 *Kedoshim* • Nitzhia Shaked  
Drash by: Eliana Polon, Bat Mitzvah  
13 *Emor* • Art Gould  
Drash by: Open  
20 *B'har* • Nitzhia Shaked  
Drash by: Carol Dorf  
27 *Bechukotai* • Open  
Drash by: Barbara Bibel

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Pauline Moreno

I want to thank everyone who attended our Annual Membership meeting in February. The meeting was informative, lively and celebratory (it was the Rabbi's Birthday!).

Some of the highlights: As his last official duty, Norman Rosenblatt gave the Treasurer's Report. Norman was on the Board for five years, filling three positions! He did a GREAT job, especially the last year when he carried the weight of both Treasurer and Finance. Thank you, Norman, for your perseverance.

Ben Heschen and Ellen Peskin presented the brand new Netivot Shalom Web site. (See article on page 6.)

We managed to adequately embarrass the Rabbi with a birthday crown, Happy Birthday banner and a cake with 78 flaming candles (we just weren't sure how many the occasion called for).

With the help of some Shabbat B'Yachad parents, Iris Greenbaum introduced the various programs she is working on. It was truly inspiring to hear how these programs have enabled so many families to have a greater experience in our community.

And of course we elected a new board. I want to congratulate all of them:

#### Two Year Terms:

|                  |                      |
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| Secretary        | Debbie Graudenz      |
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Thank you to the out-going Board members. Your contribution, energy and hard work are very much appreciated.

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\*\*Returning to the Board in a new position.



# BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Pauline Moreno

At the Annual Membership Meeting in February, Art Braufman illustrated the need for us to step up our efforts, and develop a more aggressive plan if we are going to succeed in purchasing our own building. At the February 27 Board meeting, Mike Irwin, Building Committee Chairperson, presented a proposal on hiring a Marketing/Fund Raising organization/consultant to assist us in strategizing, planning, and training for the next step in our building campaign.

The Board of Directors approved the Building Committee's proposal, with a 13-1-1 vote, and authorized the following:

- The Building Committee will immediately begin to interview qualified candidates/companies with experience in designing fund raising/marketing campaigns for non-profit organizations of our size and type.
- The selected candidate will develop a program which:
  - Clearly delineates the compelling case for a new building.
  - Presents the case to congregants
  - Encourages broad discussion by the congregation and tries to build up a consensus on how we should proceed.
  - Concludes with a congregational meeting to vote on whether or not we should proceed with a full building fund campaign.
- Expenditure of \$15,000 (maximum) from the Building Fund for this effort

This is a very exciting moment in the life of our congregation and I congratulate the Building Committee and the Board for taking this step. This next phase will need the full involvement of our members to succeed. Our love for this community and vision for the future are the forces that will drive us forward.

To keep every member of our community well-informed on the progress of this project, there will be monthly Building Committee updates in this newsletter, as well as up-to-date postings on our website. If you have any questions, please contact me directly, (510) 428-1048.





# RABBI'S COLUMN

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recited in which we say: if we didn't see it, it (*chametz*) doesn't exist.

3. Selling of Leaven (*chametz*): Since *chametz* is not to be in our possession, we sell it usually to the rabbi, who in turn sells it to a non-Jew. There is a special form used for this purpose (see below).

4. Burning of Leaven (*chametz*): The following morning, the scraps that we have collected are either burned or given to the birds.

Two other suggestions: Check out the Haggadah called: *A Different Night* (and accompanying Leader's Guide). It is, in my humble

opinion, the best text to use in preparation for your seder. It has clear instructions and lots of commentaries and can be used by first-timers as well as those who may be very familiar with the seder. A second suggestion: Prepare yourself as well as your house. While I have described the steps necessary to dispose of all the physical *chametz* in your possession, think about the spiritual *chametz* that you/we own. Spring is a nice time to rid ourselves of this part of our souls, and not to wait till next Rosh Hashanah!

I wish all of you, a *Chag sameach ve'kasher* (or *Chag kasher vesameach*): a joyous and kosher holiday. ☆

## SELLING OF LEAVEN (CHAMETZ)

Since we are forbidden from possessing *chametz* during Pesach, we sell it to a non-Jew in a transfer ceremony called *Mechirat Chametz* (selling of *chametz*). The rabbi collects all these authorizations and transfers them to a non-Jew who then sells them back once Pesach is over. Wait about an hour after Pesach to use your *chametz*. This form can be mailed back or simply signed and left in our office no later than Wednesday morning, April 19 at 8 am (after minyan). Often, Jews feel that *tzedakah* is an appropriate way to add to the significance of the performance of this mitzvah.

### APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Stuart Kelman to act on my behalf to sell all *chametz* possessed by me - knowingly or unknowingly - as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places where *chametz* owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesach, which this year begins with sundown of April 19, 2000 and runs through April 27, 2000.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2000.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

## SEDER SHARING

During Passover, it is a mitzvah to connect with family and friends, and to reach out to others.



The Netivot Shalom community is made up of a diverse group of people - families and singles, young and old, families with children and without, people from the east coast, mid-west, and even a few native Californians! Some of us left our families back east, while other people stayed in Berkeley when the family moved away.

If you would like to invite Netivot Shalom members to join you at your seder, or if you are interested in being part of a host seder, please contact Iris Greenbaum at 524-8548. (Iris will be out of town for Pesach beginning Friday, April 14 - so please don't wait until the last minute to contact her!)

## SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!

This year, we will try something different for our annual pre-Pesach fundraiser at Afikomen Bookstore. In order to make it easier for you to shop, Afikomen has gener-



ously offered to host TWO SUPER SHUL SHOPPING SUNDAYS. Shop at Afikomen on April 2 and/or April 9, send your receipts to Claudia Valas (c/o Netivot Shalom, 1841 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94703), and Afikomen will rebate a portion of your sales to Netivot Shalom. This is a painless way to help our shul, while enjoying Afikomen's expanded Pesach store. This year, in addition to their usual array of beautiful Seder plates, matzah covers, and Haggadot, Afikomen will be carrying more Pesach edibles, as well as the largest selection of Kosher for Pesach wines in the East Bay! So shop early (for the best selection) and often (for the largest donation to Netivot Shalom!)



# MAZON

## A Jewish Response to Hunger

**W**e begin our Passover seders with the words, "Let all who are hungry enter and eat." Again this year, MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, asks you to give meaning and life to those ancient words by letting one who is hungry enter and eat.

Despite an unprecedented economic boom, hunger remains a scandal in our country. Nearly 30 million Americans are hungry or at the very edge of hunger, unsure of where their next meal will come from. As we celebrate our freedom during Passover, we must remember those millions still enslaved by hunger and poverty. In a world with more than enough food to feed everyone, we can work toward a day when everyone has enough food.

In its first 14 years, MAZON has granted nearly \$20 million to help feed hungry people today and work for justice for them tomorrow. The dollars raised in our American Jewish community, in part through this annual Passover appeal, have transformed MAZON into one of the country's largest private funders of domestic anti-hunger programs.

Through MAZON, you can fulfill our ancient Jewish tradition of feeding the hungry. Not only are we obligated, we are also blessed, to use the freedom that we celebrate to free others who desperately need our help. A gift to MAZON of chai (\$18), or whatever you would spend to feed one extra person at your seder table, will bring food, help and hope to hungry people in our own country, in Israel, and around the world.

For information about MAZON, visit their website at [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org) or call (310) 442-0020, fax (310) 442-0030, or email [mazonmail@aol.com](mailto:mazonmail@aol.com).



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## HAGGADAH INSERT

To be inserted into the Haggadah and read at the point early in the seder when we say "Let all who are hungry enter and eat."

First we gained our freedom from slavery. Then we were blessed to receive the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. Tonight, we use that freedom and share those blessings with millions of people enslaved by hunger and poverty.

So that others may eat, we contribute to MAZON, A Jewish Response to Hunger, and we say together:

*Baruch eloheinu sheb'tuvo he'vianu v'zikanu l'mitzvat matan mazon.*

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By Ben Heschen & Ellen Peskin

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VISIT THE NEW CONGREGATION NETIVOT SHALOM WEB SITE AT  
WWW.NETIVOTSHALOM.ORG



The website now provides a wide range of information and services for members and the general public, and will continue to be expanded. In addition to basic information about our organizational structure, staff, and committees, and links to other Jewish community websites, there is a section for Netivot Shalom members only with Discussion Groups and Chat Rooms (password needed).

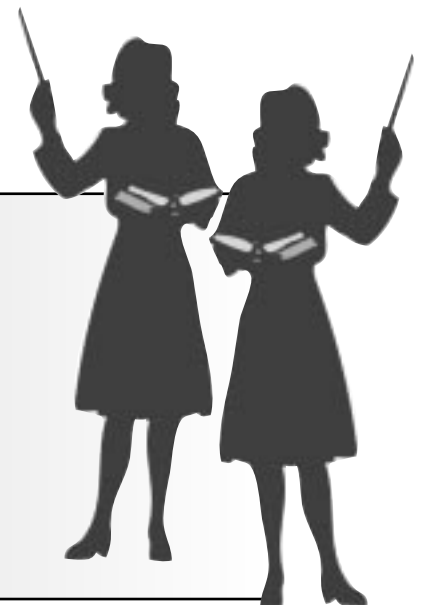
The front page will be updated daily with the Hebrew date, and weekly with the following information: Shabbat Candle lighting and Havdallah times, weekly Parashat, Haftorah, Psalms, and a Parashat summary from Rabbi Kelman's book *Learn Torah With....*

Other areas include: Calendar and Announcements; Youth & Adult Education information and class schedules; Volunteer Opportunities and Eitzleinu Activities; Netivot Shalom Rituals & Customs (Our Kashruth Policy, Bikkur Cholim, Chevra Kedisha, Gemilut Chasadim, Sponsoring a Kiddush, Preparing for B'nai Mitzvah); Drashot Archive, and more! Future areas to be developed include: Index of books and tapes in the Netivot Shalom Library, and online Adult Education courses. Many thanks to the CNS office staff, Rabbi Kelman, and all of the Committee Chairs who provided background and up-to-date information for the website.

The web site is designed for best viewing using Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or later, Netscape Navigator 4.1 or later, or AOL 4.0 or later. Your browser must be Java enabled. Please email questions, comments and suggestions to [website@netivotshalom.org](mailto:website@netivotshalom.org). 

## CALLING ALL DRASHOT

If you have given a *drash* in the past, please email it to [website@netivotshalom.org](mailto:website@netivotshalom.org) along with the date you gave the drash and your name so we can include it in our Archives.





# RITUAL COMMITTEE

By Jerry Derblich

The Ritual Committee held its first-ever retreat on January 16. This all day event was scheduled because of growing concern amongst many committee members that the committee was getting bogged down in responding to ongoing requests and periodic crises, and had lost part of its role as a leader for the congregation on issues of religious observance.

The retreat was planned by Jan Malvin and Peggy Sandel and facilitated by Peggy. They worked hard to create an atmosphere and process where members could brainstorm freely and look for new ways to enhance the committee's work.

Our discussion focused on the mission and scope of the committee. One outcome is that we are rewriting the ritual committee mission statement and will be including process and scope discussions in our regular meetings. We developed many new ideas and reaffirmed our commitment to take the initiative in addressing ongoing ritual issues that affect the congregation. Two temporary subcommittees were formed: The *Keva* subcommittee (chaired by Wendy Rosov) will focus on improving the quality of the services, from ensuring the ability and preparation of Torah readers to deciding on new tunes; the *Kavanah* subcommittee (chaired by Jerry Derblich) will focus on maintaining and further enhancing the meaning and spirit of the services.

Our community has experienced significant growth in the last few years which has presented new challenges to the community and to the ritual committee. We look forward to the ways in which these challenges will lead to even more meaningful services and activities for our membership and hope that you will give us feedback during these exciting times so that we can stay in touch with what our community wants and needs. Please feel free to contact Jerry Derblich ([ydldgetzl@aol.com](mailto:ydldgetzl@aol.com)) with any thoughts or suggestions you might have. ☆

# MIDRASHA

By Diane Bernbaum

Just picture it: A wonderful evening with people you enjoy being with. A great meal. Enticing music playing softly in the background. All in a gorgeous, 36 room historic home with lovely gardens. You walk in and are handed a map of the house with interesting details to look for in each room. You wander around, delighted with the surroundings, the food, the music and then settle down for the evening's program. Have I enticed you yet? Midrasha is trying a new fundraising idea, the evening described above, held at a glorious home in Orinda, on the evening of Sunday, May 7. Save the date (and save your money....this is a fundraiser after all.) Details will follow in next month's newsletter. And yes, this means we are not having a garage sale this year. You may feel free to give away your treasures to another worthy cause.

Would you like to know more about Midrasha? Everyone, especially 7th grade parents, is invited to come to our Parent Orientation for new families - Sunday, April 9 from 9:30-10:20 am, in the Sanctuary at Congregation Beth El. And as long as we are talking about dates, save Sunday, May 21 at 11:00 am for our graduation. It is a treat for everyone, whether or not you know anybody graduating. We look forward to seeing you at one of these events. ☆

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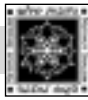
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# SOCIAL ACTION

By Mark Priven

Activities Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by the Social Action Committee & Upcoming Activities

**HOLIDAY PACKAGES:** We worked with CNS Etzleinu groups to collect Christmas gifts donated by our congregants for needy families in the East Bay.

**TU B'SHEVAT SHORELINE CLEANUP:** Our January shoreline clean-up was rained out, but will be rescheduled for the Spring/Summer.

**OUR SHABBAT GUESTS:** On the Shabbat morning of February 19, we welcomed about 15 recent emigres from the former Soviet Union to our services. The East Bay Jewish Family and Children's Services not only gave us the list of people to contact but also phoned each invitee to make sure they understood our invitation and felt welcome (thank you Irina Dugina). When our guests arrived, Claudia Valas led them in a discussion about Judaism, our shul, and the services (of course this discussion would not have been even thinkable without the nimble tongues of our translators, Leonid Plotkin and Miron Goldgiel). Our guests then joined the main Torah service and were able to follow both the service and the *Parashat* in Russian (thank you Ruth Durling and Alex Madonik). After the service they noshed at the kiddish (special thanks to Jonathan Wexler) and then spent some time discussing Torah with Rabbi Kelman. My favorite question was "If there's only one Torah, how come there are so many different groups of Jews that dis-

agree with each other?" All in all it was a meaningful event for me personally; but for a twist of fate I could easily be the stranger in this strange land. I hope to see our guests again soon, and I am thinking of other ways to reach out to their community. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

**IN MARCH:** We helped the CNS Rosh Chodesh group with a collection drive for the Women's Daytime Drop-In Clinic in Berkeley. This nonprofit organization addresses the needs of homeless women and children to ensure that they have a safe daytime refuge where they receive support, nourishing meals, and access to community resources to overcome homelessness and regain self-sufficiency.

**SUKKOT IN APRIL:** On April 30th, under the leadership of our captain, Eric Strimling, Netivot Shalom will be helping to fix up the home of an elderly or disabled person in financial need. We will be co-sponsoring the site with other local synagogues, and we need your financial support to make this work. Many thanks to those of you who are donating your time, money and energy to this project.

**EXTENDING KASHRUT:** Through Adult Education, we will develop a class that addresses the ethical issues that we face as consumers. Issues include purchasing goods made by slave/prison/child labor, the actions of companies during the Holocaust, eco-friendly (and unfriendly) corporations and more. This will be combined with a study of Jewish thought on the role of ethics in business.



## The Social Action Committee engages in Tikkun Olam specifically reaching out beyond our immediate members.

We have focused on the following areas:

1. Our Neighbors in the East Bay: Netivot Shalom is one kehilla within a larger community, and any problems within the East Bay are also our problems.
2. Jews Worldwide: United by our common faith and heritage, we seek to bring material assistance and yiddishkite to our brothers and sisters around the world.
3. Environment: We promote actions that flow from the recognition that ALL is Holy.
4. Education: We teach the value of Tikkun Olam through study and action.
5. Moral Issues: We participate in the discussion of major moral issues of our time such as the death penalty, human rights and discrimination.





## LITERACY

The Jewish Coalition for Literacy is looking for volunteers to tutor children in East Bay public elementary schools, pediatric clinics and after-school programs. This is our community's response to President Clinton's challenge to place one million volunteer tutors in America's classrooms. Training, placement and support for tutors is provided, and the time commitment can be for as little as one hour per week. If you are interested in helping out, please call Mark Priven at 559-8393.

## GUN VIOLENCE

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the first-ever comprehensive analysis of gun-related violence at public housing. It reveals that nearly one person is killed each day by gunfire in the nation's largest 100 public housing communities. To help address this problem, President Clinton will call upon Congress to pass stronger gun laws this year. The HUD report can be downloaded in PDF format at: [www.hud.gov/pressrel/crossfir.pdf](http://www.hud.gov/pressrel/crossfir.pdf)

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## MEMBERSHIP

By Naomi Horowitz

**D**o you have ideas of how we can better integrate our members into the Netivot Shalom community? Would you like to help welcome new members to the congregation? Please bring your energy and ideas to the first Membership Committee meeting of the year.

**Membership Committee Meeting • Sunday, April 9th, 4-6 pm • at CNS offices**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The following members joined during the months of January and February:

Matthew Gill • Miron Goldgeil and Nurgul Toktotonova & their child  
Miriam Goldgeil • Galia Gur and her children Zeev and Abi Gur • Larry Hanover

I apologize if I have omitted anyone from the list. Please let me know, and I'll make sure you are acknowledged next month.

Questions? Comments? Requests? Please call Naomi Horowitz at 663-3558.



## CUBA CONNECTION

By June & Bob Safran

**E**fforts are going at full tilt to take the American Jewish Ballet Company to Havana for the Holocaust program at the end of May in commemoration of the visit of the SS St. Louis in 1939. The company will also teach their curriculum of Torah through dance both to children and adult groups. At the time of writing, we were still \$8,000 short of our goal. With a little help from a lot of our friends, we will make this dream a reality. Instead of talking about it at length, I hope to make my point regarding the value of our efforts to develop the Jewish communities by quoting Reform Rabbi Michael Robinson (Santa Rosa, CA) describing his visit to Havana and Santa Clara in February. In an excerpt from his journal, he speaks about his Kabbalat Shabbat experience in Santa Clara:

"We greet each other as brothers and sisters--hand shakes, hugs and kisses. We wait for all of our group to gather, and David Tacher, the president of the congregation, leads the service. His son Alberto, who taught himself Hebrew, chants a few lines. The prayerbook published in Mexico City is in Spanish and Hebrew. Lo and behold there is a prayer by Henry Cohen ("Imagine a world without color...") from Gates of Prayer. When I tell them (after) that the author is present, they are thrilled. David has Henry autograph the page in his prayerbook. The singing in the service is with gusto. Many melodies Sephardic, some Conservative liturgy. Ruth leads the singing of Kiddush. David comments he never

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# APRIL 2000

# ADAR II / NISAN 5760

# saturday

sunday

monday

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9:00 am  
Torah Study  
with Diane Bernbaum

9:45 am  
Shabbat Services  
*Shemini*

11:00 am  
Family Program

Unless otherwise stated,  
all Saturday morning activities take place at  
the BRJCC (1414 Walnut Street)  
and all other activities take place at the  
CNS Offices  
(1841 Berkeley Way)

25 Adar II

2

3:00 pm  
Tiferet Meeting

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP,  
AFIKOMEN BOOKSTORE

3

7:30 pm  
Maimonides  
Class

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7:30 pm  
Talmud Shiur

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7:15 am  
Morning Minyan

7:30 pm  
Orientation for  
Grief & Growing  
Workshop w/  
Vicky Kelman

6

7:30 pm  
Adult Ed Program  
w/ Rabbi Yehuda  
Ferris

7


6:30 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat  
at the home of  
Ellen Peskin &  
Ben Heschen

8

Shabbat Honoring the  
Religious School Teachers

Kiddush sponsored by the  
Religious School Families

9:00 am Torah Study  
w/ Nitzhia Shaked

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| 7:30 pm<br>Adult Ed Program w/<br>Don Fischer  | 26 Adar II | 7:30 pm Beginning<br>Hebrew Class | 1 Nisan                   | Candle Lighting<br>Time: 6:20 pm<br> | 9:45 am Shabbat Services<br>Tazria<br>Drash by Masha Savitz<br>11:00 am<br>Shabbat B'Yachad |
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| 7:30 pm<br>Adult Ed Program w/<br>Don Fischer  | 26 Adar II | 7:30 pm<br>Talmud Shiur           | 7:15 am<br>Morning Minyan | 7:30 pm<br>Adult Ed Program<br>w/ Rabbi Michael<br>Benchlouch  | 6:30 pm<br>Kabbalat Shabbat<br>at the home of the<br>Bells                                  |
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| 4 Nisan  | 5 Nisan    | 6 Nisan                           | 7 Nisan                   | 8 Nisan  | 9 Nisan   |
| 1:00 pm<br>Young Judea Event   | 16         | 17                                | 18                        | 19   | 20  |
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| 23 18 Nisan<br>3:00 pm<br>Tiferet  | 24         | 25                                | 26                        | 27   | 28  |
| 30 25 Nisan<br>Sukkot in April -<br>Social Action program<br>4:00 pm<br>Yahrzeit Service for<br>Sandy Schneider at<br>BRJCC  | 24         | 25                                | 26                        | 27   | 28  |
| 9:00 am<br>Torah Study<br>w/ Michael Cohen<br>9:45 am<br>Shabbat Services<br>Acharei Mot<br>Drash by<br>Rabbi Stuart Kelman  | 17 Nisan   | 18 Nisan                          | 19 Nisan                  | 20 Nisan   | 21 Nisan  |
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# ADULT EDUCATION

By Jonathan Heinstein

The new Congregation Netivot Shalom website will provide an interactive format for the discussion of issues that I had previously thought to air in the newsletter. I want to thank Ben Heschen and Ellen Peskin for their hard work and good humor during the evolution of the site. I would also like to solicit ideas from the community at large concerning the content and format of the Adult Education section of the site. Please contact me at [jheinstein@hotmail.com](mailto:jheinstein@hotmail.com).

I was able to attend a session of Rabbi Kelman's class on *Keva* and *Kavannah*, fixed prayer and internal focus. The Rabbi provided a number of sources and perspectives for each of these stations of prayer. Of particular interest to me was the divergence of rabbinic opinion as to the nature of *Keva* in the *Amidah* expressed in a passage from *B Brachot 29b*. The Mishnaic concept of *'t'filato sh'gura b'feev'*, fluency through mastery of prayer, is not mentioned in their attempt to explicate *Keva*. The attributes specified are negative: prayer that resembles a burden, the absence of spontaneous supplication, lack of invention and a separation from nature. This from students of the gentlemen who codified the *Amidah*. If you haven't had a chance to avail yourself of the walking Kelman library on our liturgy...check it out. Tapes are available

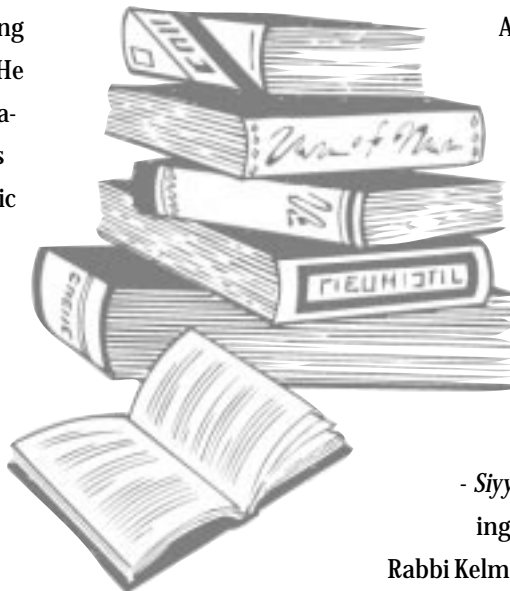
I would like to thank Tsipi Gabay and Rachel Heinstein for their program on the Sephardic and Moroccan traditions of Passover. Please join us for additional Passover programs in April. ☆

## APRIL PROGRAMS

All programs meet at the CNS office:

Sunday, April 2, 7:30 pm - Don Fischer will host an evening on the Passover Haggadah - giving an historical overview and exploring different translations of the Haggadah. He has recently studied and prepared a translation up to the meal, which has the merits of clarity, gender neutrality, and halachic instruction. Bring your own Haggadah(s) for comparison and study.

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 pm - An evening with Rabbi Yehuda Ferris of Berkeley Chabad. A renowned defense attorney in the heavenly court for every Jew and every person, Rabbi Ferris teaches the merit that we all aspire to. A Chassidic tale of Pesach filled with humor, surprising turns, and traditional Judaism refined by a teacher with acute sensibilities.



Thursday, April 13, 7:30 pm - An evening with Rabbi Michael Benchlouch of Anshey Sfard, San Francisco. Rabbi Benchlouch will teach the laws and customs surrounding Passover during the Second Temple. The pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the sacrifice, and the company in which it was eaten. Rabbi Benchlouch embodies the warmth and openness of traditional Moroccan Jewry.

Wednesday, April 19, 8:00 am - *Siyum Bechorim*, a study session commemorating the redemption of our firstborn in Egypt.

Rabbi Kelman will teach Ch.10 of the Mishnah tractate *Peshachim* in contrast with the traditions of the Haggadah. A chance to receive the rabbi's blessing on your way out of Egypt.



# ONGOING CLASSES & GROUPS

**TORAH STUDY, WITH NITZHIA SHAKED AND GUEST TEACHERS,** meets every Shabbat at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4 at the BRJCC. 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 CNS office.

**BOOK GROUP** focussing on contemporary Jewish life, sociology and history, with perhaps an occasional novel thrown in, meets at CNS offices. Childcare is provided. For more information, please contact Carol Dorf at 848-4701.

**B'NAI AVRAHAM V'SARAH, A CHAVURAH FOR JEWS BY CHOICE AND THEIR FAMILIES** meets bi-monthly at various members homes. For information, contact Carol Cunradi at 234-1003.

**JUDAISM REVEALED, A GROUP FOR JEWS AND THEIR NON-JEWISH PARTNERS,** meets monthly. For information, call Rose Levinson at 526-1322.

## TIFERET: A PROGRAM FOR INTERMARRIED FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Tiferet's goal is to provide education and support for intermarried families who wish to raise their children as Jews. There's no expectation that the non-Jewish partner who takes part in this project will convert. We're looking for couples with children under the age of 11. We will have discussion groups, which will meet approximately every three weeks. Childcare will be provided.

We'll complete these discussion groups at the end of May, and on the weekend of June 16, have a Shabbat retreat at Pt. Bonita in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Discussions and the retreat will include families from each of the seven participating synagogues. If you'd like further information, please contact Rose Levinson, Project Coordinator at [rosel@wellcom](mailto:rosel@wellcom) or at 526-1322.

## FREE CLASSICAL HEBREW LESSONS

with Ethelyn Simon. Call 530-7970 for additional information.

# CUBA CONNECTION


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heard a woman lead anything in the service before. The congregation is mostly of Turkish descent--three to four generations in Cuba. At end of service they serve a wonderful pasta dish David had prepared along with cake with gooey icing. It was a first for them--first time a group had come and worshipped with them. Virginia was thrilled to have two rabbis in her house--our visit was "a *benediccion de la cielo*" a blessing from heaven. We leave as we arrived with hugs and kisses. It is a miracle that this tiny community clings to Judaism. Their synagogue is now a restaurant, but it is in their souls that the eternal light burns."


There is much more to tell so stay tuned next month for an update on our friends in both Cuba and Israel. Meanwhile, encourage your friends to help us send the American Jewish Ballet Company to Havana in May. And, if you are free, come with us. ☆

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# YOUTH EDUCATION

By Wendy Rosov

## A PEEK INTO THE WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

*Kita Bet:* A few weeks ago, while doing an outdoor meditation, a few students noticed a sleeping bag and a set of shoes. The discussion that followed inspired a unit on homelessness. Since that time, we have run a blanket drive, interviewed a homeless member of our community, and discussed homelessness extensively. The students have learned that, as Jews, it is our obligation to help other people no matter who they are.

*Kita Gimmel:* Students are learning the history and traditions of the Havdallah service. They are learning to lead the service, and they are each creating their own Havdallah sets, including wine glasses, spice boxes and candies.

*Kita Dalet:* Students wrote an original Purim play which they presented to second and third grades on the Shabbat before Purim. The group is also learning about the different parts of the Torah service.

*Kita Hay/Vav:* Students are focusing on acquiring the necessary skills to lead the Shabbat morning Torah service and have been attending the main service to become more accustomed to that environment.



## AMITIM NEWS

This year's Amitim class has embarked upon an arts-based Spring curriculum. Beginning in mid-February, the Amitim class learned about the art of micrography with our own Religious School principal Masha Savitz. Each student chose a compelling piece of biblical text to illustrate using this art form. Come by the synagogue offices and see this amazing art on display! By the time this newsletter reaches your door, the Amitim group will have already started its work with Susan Moser, a specialist in bibliodrama and music. Susan is working with the group exploring texts through these various artistic media. Finally, Amitim students are engaged in their independent mitzvah projects in and around our community. Don't be surprised if you see them helping out with teaching in our Religious School, preparing dinners for the homeless, participating in an adult education course, etc. *Kol ha-kavod lahem!*

Reminder: The orientation for next year's Amitim class is scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 11, from 6:00-7:30 PM at the CNS offices. This is a mandatory meeting for all families with children entering the Amitim classes of 2000-2001. Amitim students must be in attendance, as we will be administering a Hebrew reading assessment at that time. A buffet dinner will be served. If you have not done so already, please RSVP to Wendy at 549-9447 extension 105.



## TEACHER SHABBAT APRIL 8, 2000

Please join us on Shabbat morning  
as we honor our Youth Education teachers.

Religious School, Amitim and other Youth Education instructors will join together to participate in and lead various parts of the service that morning. The kiddish will be sponsored by the parents in honor of all the hard work that our teachers do in our community. Please come out and show your support!

## YOUNG JUDEA

Young Judaea invites all 3rd - 5th graders to attend its exciting & fun Ofarim Club meetings in April. Come Sunday, April 9 for a Jewish identity activity and games. Celebrate Passover on Sunday, April 16 with a Chocolate Seder! Both meetings are from 1 - 3 pm at the CNS offices.

All high school students are invited...  
... to Spring Convention on the beautiful Oregon coast April 13 - 16. To RSVP, please call Young Judaea at (510) 549-0260 or David Nusbaum at (510) 664-1506.



# FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

By Iris Greenbaum, MSW  
Program Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 pm:  
The Israel Center will be facilitating a screening and discussion of the Israeli video (in English), Tekuma, which focuses upon the current the political, social, and economic realities in Israel. Please join us on at the synagogue office.

## SHABBAT B'YACHAD

Ever had questions about the Parashat Hashavuah? New insights await you at "Torah Story & Discussion for Preschoolers" every 1st & 3rd Shabbat in Room 12 near the main sanctuary. Parents are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the main sanctuary for the Torah procession followed by a parent-led Torah story & discussion in the child care room.

Davening with the youngest members of our congregation is one of the greatest pleasures! Join our family Shabbat service with songs, *tefillah*, Torah story & parade every 2nd & 4th Shabbat of the month in Room 14. Many special thanks to our service leaders, storytellers, and kiddush sponsors: Lee Bearson & Babbie Freiberg; Carol Dorf, Carla Ellern & Stan Dorn; Melissa Hillman; Judy Radousky; Rachel Seder, Cathy Shadd, and our special guest, Denise Moyes-Schnur.

Our Purim festivities included Purim activities and songs. Children delighted in the mitzvot of *mishloach manot*, and created their own *rashanim* to blot our Haman's name in our puppet show rendition of the story of Queen Esther. Many special thanks to all the families for assisting in our Purim celebration. Special thanks to: Cathy Shadd, Melissa Hillman, Lisa Siboney, Lisa Cohen Bennett, Karen Friedman and Judy Radousky, our master puppeteer.

New ideas for involving children in the Pesach seder was the focus of our discussion with Judy Massarano on "Creating a Child Friendly Seder". All SBY families were invited to join this special Family Preschool event.

SAVE THE DATE - Shabbat, June 10: Shavuot shul-wide celebration hosted by SBY families. Details to follow.

## ETZLEINU

Something quite special emerges when we come together in our neighborhoods. For example, most recently the Albany neighborhood gathered for *sheloshim* in memory of Betty Martinez's mother, Goldye Spilky, may her memory be for a blessing. Lee Feinstein led services, after which Betty sang in tribute to her mother "My Yiddische Mama," in Yiddish and English. Betty's singing was gentle, loving, and soulful. Betty described feeling very comforted within the circle of friends and Netivot Shalom members who gathered for the minyan.

The mitzvah of *gemilut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness, ensures that we reach out to offer our support, especially in times of need. Please consider ways you can offer your support to Netivot Shalom members in your neighborhood. Lee Feinstein, in her role as Gemilut Chasadim Chair, has coordinated the many details to enable us to respond quickly and compassionately when a member is in need of a minyan or meals. To help make phone calls and take care of *gemilut chasadim* needs in your neighborhood, please contact either Lee Feinstein (527-0464) or Iris Greenbaum (524-8548).

## KABBALAT SHABBAT

Sanctify the Sabbath by choice meals,  
by beautiful garments;  
delight your soul with pleasure and  
I will reward you for this pleasure.  
*Deuteronomy Raba 3.1*

Experience the joy of Kabbalat Shabbat! You are invited to join other members for Kabbalat Shabbat services and a kosher, vegetarian, pot-luck dinner with a host family.

April 7: Hosted by Ellen Peskin & Ben Heschen (Rockridge) RSVP 658-8024

April 14: Hosted by Shirah & Chauncey Bell (Alameda) RSVP 523-7709

April 28: Hosted by Julie Weissman (Berkeley) RSVP Julie 849-9505 or Iris 524-8548.

Thank you to Shirah, Chauncey, Nicolas, & Livia; Ellen Peskin & Ben Heschen; Julie Weissman; Alison Cohen & Jeremy for welcoming us to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat with you! ☆



# FROM THE OFFICE

**M**issing from our library: one volume of the Talmud! Surprising as it may seem, volume 6 of our Aramaic Talmud which contains the tractates of Yoma and Sukkah is missing. Check your bookshelves!!! It may be stashed away will all those extra kippot you have. No questions asked when you return it/them!

## AVAILABLE FOR SALE:

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### Book Reviewers

Many of our library volumes are sent to us for review purposes. Many of the reviews need only be a one paragraph description while some require a bit more. In order to keep these books coming to Netivot Shalom, please contact Rabbi Kelman at 549-9447 ext 103 if you can do some limited reviewing.

### Library Help

Do you have a few hours to volunteer in our library? We need volunteers to re-shelve books, keep track of books that are borrowed and process new books. If any of these "jobs" sound like they interest you, please contact Rabbi Kelman at 549-9447 ext 103.

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# IN GRATITUDE

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Vicky Kelman for her two sessions on "How to Give a Drash"

Robert Alter for his session on his new book, *The David Story*

Everyone who taught Hebrew:  
Judy Massarano, Peggy Sandel, Rachel Heinstein, Michael Cohen

Everyone in the congregation -- from Rabbi Kelman for the birthday party on February 13!

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# LIFECYCLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## YAHRTZEIT LIST: APRIL 9 - MAY 14

### MAZEL TOV

Howard Solevei and Belinda Wilder on their engagement

Ben Heschen on legally changing his name (from Dennis Donohue)

Rachael Brodie and Adam Weisberg on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Judith

Claudia and Ted Mermin on the birth of their daughter, Talia

Elissa and Alan Kittner on the birth of their daughter, Mira Bea

Gale Antokal on her exhibition: Past Accounts

REFUAH SHELAYMA  
Ilan Biederman, one of our teachers in our Religious School

### CONDOLENCES

Diane Lipton on the death of her father, Irving Zelman

Dan Siegel on the death of his mother, Joan

Tsippi Gabai on the death of her mother, Zohara Gabai

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|---------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 4/09/00 | Frances Skoler Gerson       | 4 Nisan  |
| 4/10/00 | Barbara Strauss             | 5 Nisan  |
| 4/10/00 | Molly S. Gewertz            | 5 Nisan  |
| 4/12/00 | Frances Keller              | 7 Nisan  |
| 4/13/00 | Sadie S. Kulakofsky         | 8 Nisan  |
| 4/14/00 | Jack Berger                 | 9 Nisan  |
| 4/15/00 | Morton Berger               | 10 Nisan |
| 4/16/00 | Charlotte Koltun            | 11 Nisan |
| 4/16/00 | Hyman Feinstein             | 11 Nisan |
| 4/17/00 | Jack I. Antokal             | 12 Nisan |
| 4/18/00 | Saul Sherman                | 13 Nisan |
| 4/19/00 | Jacob Gordon                | 14 Nisan |
| 4/19/00 | Mary Jane Dannenbaum        | 14 Nisan |
| 4/20/00 | Anna Marguerite Brenna      | 15 Nisan |
| 4/20/00 | Jens Grossman               | 15 Nisan |
| 4/20/00 | Penina Shragai              | 15 Nisan |
| 4/20/00 | Werner J. Heumann           | 15 Nisan |
| 4/22/00 | Sarah Gordon                | 17 Nisan |
| 4/23/00 | Joseph Richmond Levenson    | 18 Nisan |
| 4/23/00 | Rosemary Levenson           | 18 Nisan |
| 4/26/00 | Fred Marcus                 | 21 Nisan |
| 4/27/00 | Ethel Wilonsky              | 22 Nisan |
| 4/27/00 | Herman (Hy) Gold            | 22 Nisan |
| 4/27/00 | Max Jacobson                | 22 Nisan |
| 4/28/00 | Max Slavin                  | 23 Nisan |
| 4/29/00 | Marian Wagner               | 24 Nisan |
| 4/29/00 | Joseph Swidler              | 24 Nisan |
| 4/29/00 | Abraham Jacob Tolmach       | 24 Nisan |
| 4/29/00 | Abraham Martin Aloff        | 24 Nisan |
| 4/29/00 | Max Redel                   | 24 Nisan |
| 4/29/00 | Morton Quittel              | 24 Nisan |
| 4/29/00 | Rose Feige Kaplan           | 24 Nisan |
| 5/1/00  | Rafael ben Avraham v'Esther | 26 Nisan |
| 5/1/00  | Sandy Schneider             | 26 Nisan |
| 5/2/00  | Felix Spiegler              | 27 Nisan |
| 5/2/00  | Frieda Valfer               | 27 Nisan |
| 5/2/00  | Gisela Spiegler             | 27 Nisan |
| 5/2/00  | Hermann Valfer              | 27 Nisan |
| 5/2/00  | Maurice Strauss             | 27 Nisan |
| 5/9/00  | George Sternberg            | 4 Iyar   |

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| 5/11/00 | Anna Z. Phillipson | 6 Iyar |
| 5/11/00 | Lila Levine        | 7 Iyar |
| 5/13/00 | Gittel Rothblatt   | 8 Iyar |
| 5/14/00 | Celia Ruth Tolmach | 9 Iyar |
| 5/14/00 | Kurt Irwin         | 9 Iyar |

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