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ne day last spring, I attended a ritual committee meeting, conducted an unveiling for our friend, Sandy Schneider, z'l; helped teach our Tiferet group (for intermarried couples) and joined in a fundraising event for our Midrasha (plus the usual 7 phone messages on

machine and 6 outgoing phone calls). Just a typical day - but with a few rather important reminders - at

PEOPLE

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

least for me. These reminders are about the people who make up the very fabric of Netivot Shalom.

Sandy was one of our founders. It's hard to believe that a whole year has passed. He, and his stories and humor and deeds and voice are sorely missed. But his legacy remains ever vibrant. In June, we observed the yahrzeit of another member, John Ginter, z'l. I thought about John as I stood at the cemetery for Sandy's unveiling. A few years have gone by since John died, but he, like Sandy, left his mark on those of us who knew him. Both Sandy and John reflected the kedushah (holiness) in every one of us. They were men of character - and they were characters! They were unselfish in their desire to give to others. Both of these men were very, very different - and yet each of them cared for all of us as individuals and for this community. So I felt the need to write about

them - and not only about them, but to be reminded that this congregation is made up of so many of you who have demonstrated that giving to the creation of this community, in fact, provides for the continual and organic growth and sustenance of our community. So, to these



men, I want to say thank you. I only regret that they can't be here for me to say face-toface: thank you. But for you who are here and vol-

unteer individually and collectively, thank you. And if I don't say it often enough (one of my admitted faults), I really do think of you often.

While I am on the subject of thank you's, a special one to Wendy Rosov and Masha Savitz who have provided wonderful professional leadership during this year of transition. Thank God we have so many Jewish professionals in our community who are willing to take on the responsibilities of educational direction in order to ensure the continued growth of our educational enterprise. Wendy and Masha filled in this year - and did so with remarkable skill. We wish them well. Wendy will be remaining here in Berkeley, finishing work on her doctorate and Masha leaves us to move to Los Angeles to become a rabbinic student of the University of Judaism. (along with David Kosak, who is also leaving for the UJ to study for the rabbinate). So, Masha, Wendy: thank continued on page 4



Tefillah Schedule

Saturday Shabbat Services & Torah Study

Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley 9:00 am - Torah Study 9:45 am - Shabbat Services 11:00 am - Shabbat B'Yachad/ Torah L'Yeladim

Wednesday Morning Minyan

1841 Berkeley Way, Berkeley 7:15 am

Meditative Shacharit

July 15

Join K'vod Wieder and others, on the third Shabat of the month, for a morning service opening the door to traditional Shabbat liturgy through meditation and chanting. This is a special opportunity to sink deeply into Shabbat prayer and silence before joining the rest of the community for the Torah service.

Next Month: August 19

Torah Study Schedule

JUNE June 3 Nitzhia Shaked June 10 Naomi Seidman June 17 Nitzhia Shaked June 24 Open **JULY** July 1 Nitzhia Shaked Michael Cohen July 8

Open

Open

Rabbi Jane Littman

July 15

July 22

July 29

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RAMAH DAY CAMP MAKES EAST BAY HISTORY WITH ITS LAUNCH THIS SUMMER By Dan Alter

UPDATE

It is very exciting to see this vision of the Bay Area's own Conservative Jewish camp coming to life! Ramah Day Camp has established its own Board of Directors and completed its application for non-profit status.

Congregations Netivot Shalom,
B'nai Shalom, and Temple Beth

Abraham are official "members"

of the organization, which means at least one board member of each synagogue sits on the board of Ramah Day

Camp. It is a true collaborative venture.

Hannah Lukianski, Sam Priven, Kazia Romain, Avi
Rosenblum; 3rd: Eileen Blum, Emily Pascal; 4th:
Mollie Budiansky, Jeremy Lyon, Joshua
Muhlfelder, Elias Stahl; 5th: Raquel
Avers, Max Blum, Sarah Breiner,
Joshua Isaak-Shapiro, Simone
Kertesz, Ethan Kimball, Noah
Schnur.

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recent contributions of Robert Alter and Carol Cosman, Ellen Brosbe, and Rabbi Glenn Karonsky, and to the hard work of board members Golda Blum, Rena Dorph, and Carla Cassler. As Netivot Shalom members know so well, Conservative Jewish life is a great labor of love, and Ramah Day Camp greatly appre-

Ray Todot, many thanks for the

ciates the all the support that the Netivot Shalom community is putting behind its children!

CAMPERS

Mazal Tov to our Netivot Shalom children who are enrolled in our pioneer summer:

Kindergarten: Dafna Bearson, Jacob Dorn, Jacob Martin; 1st: Elisheva Anisman, Lev Facher, Aaron Kahn, Avi Kertesz; 2nd: Rachel Finn,

World Premiere of

TIMBRELS AND TORAHS A NEW FILM CELEBRATING WOMEN'S WISDOM

opens at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival on Sunday, July 23, 10:30 am, at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco and will be shown again on Sunday July, 30, 11:00 am at the UC Theatre in Berkeley

This inspirational film produced and directed by local filmmakers Miriam Chaya and Academy Award nominated filmmaker Judith Montell introduces *Simchat Hochmah*, a new rite of passage which marks the transition from mid-life to the eldering years. With Debbie Friedman's music and many leading Jewish feminists, this is a groundmaking film not to be missed.

Advance tickets \$5.50 • at the door \$6.50 Jewish Film Festival Box office (925) 866-9559



RABBI'S COLUMN

(continued from front page)

you for continuing our fine tradition of Jewish educators. Shari Rifas, who over the past year has assumed the quasi-professional position of being responsible for our youth groups and Michelle Wolfson who has run our office recently also deserve our thanks for their extraordinary efforts during this year.

In June, we were pleased to welcome another individual to our community. Her name is Chai Levy and she is a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. She is joining us as a rabbinic intern and will be working with Iris and me along with many of our committee chairpeople both learning "the practical rabbi business" and doing programming and practicing some rabbinic skills. She will be teaching and developing new programs for our community. A graduate of the University of Virginia, she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and has spent two years in Israel at the Hebrew University and at Pardes. She has worked at Makor, an exciting new experiment in New York and led a Learner's Minyan at Ansche Chesed Congregation. She has served as an intern at UCSF/Mt. Zion Medical Center in SF and at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Service in NYC. Please join me in welcoming her this summer.



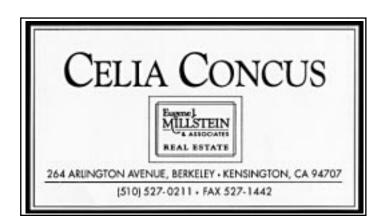




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OH NO, NOT THAT AGAIN!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT By Pauline Moreno

e need your help! Be a part of what makes Netivot Shalom happen! Without your help, it cannot happen! We are a participatory congregation. Participate!

Have you heard enough appeals for volunteers? Do you hear it so much that you don't really hear it anymore? I know what you mean. I also get tired of hearing it, (to say nothing of how I feel about saying it). It is so boring: Please help, Please be a part of it, Please join a committee, Please volunteer, Please give of your time..Enough already! Sometimes I wonder why we, (the ones that do volunteer) don't get it: That those of you who don't volunteer simply don't want to, don't plan to, and don't feel a need to. Why can't "we" just leave you alone?

So how does the lack of participation translate? Let me run down the list:

Membership Committee - zero volunteers/committee members

Administrative Committee - zero volunteers/committee members

Fund Raising - zero volunteers/committee members

Publicity - zero volunteers/committee members

Finance - zero volunteers/committee members

Community Building - zero volunteers/committee members or chair

Library help - zero volunteers/committee members

and more

The work of these committees is being done mostly by one person: the Committee Chair. That means that none of these committees are working the way they should.

* Membership cannot keep up with follow-up calls to individuals wanting to join the shul. Our new membership list is/will continue to suffer and soon we will see our numbers begin to slide.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE By George Gidal

e had been looking into the possible rental/purchase of the main Trinity Church building at the corner of Durant and Dana Streets. However, at our May 2 meeting, the Building Committee definitively decided not to further pursue this option at this time, due to what we felt were insurmountable structural, space and parking problems. We will continue to look at other building or site possibilities, as we identify them.

Our next two meetings will be devoted to interviewing potential fundraisers for a capital campaign. As we move closer to selecting a consultant, we will provide the congregation with more detail on the logistics and schedule for this campaign. If you have comments or suggestions, please contact Mike Irwin at Mirwin@sternmarketing.com .



- * Publicity cannot do more than put out the newsletter. The publicity chair cannot generate any kind of actual publicity for us. When Netivot Shalom has a story or information worthy of public interest, it goes without notice.
- * Holiday celebrations are at a minimal because Community Building has no time or energy to plan events.
- * Our paid office staff is overwhelmed with small jobs that could easily be taken over by volunteers, allowing them to dedicate time to much more productive areas, such as maintaining the Yahrtzeit list.
- * And Finance? With a budget of over \$500K and over 350 households to deal with, I don't need to tell you what it must be like for one person to manage this budget.

Please volunteer, the shul REALLY does need you. Call me directly at (510) 428-1048.



ADULT By Jonathan Heinstein EDUCATION

Shavuot, a number of us had the opportunity to study a few of the chapters of *Avot DRabbi Natan*. At the initiative of John Reynolds, we met at different homes, and discussed the oblique and often contradictory directions taken by this midrash on *Pirkei Avot*. It sheds light on the fundamental challenges of teaching and transmission in Judaism which underlie the *Pirkei Avot* homilies – study for the sake of good cheer and good company; learning for its own sake. In a world of schedules transposed on top of schedules, it is possible that the vehicle of *chavruta*, a small group of friends learning together, is the best way to beat the crunch. We all need to rescue a block of time for Jewish learning. The Rabbinic maxim urges us to make our Torah *kevah*, to fix a time for study.

This summer we will begin organizing a number of chavruta groups for the study of Hebrew. Each of us has in mind a Hebrew text that we would like to better understand. From the aleph-bet to the alarming stylistic brevity of Rashi, we continually encounter words, phrases and allusions that defeat us and diminish our capacity to participate in Judaism. The chavruta groups would be small, groups of two or three with roughly the same level of Hebrew. These groups could be formed in two ways: The participants may already be friends or acquaintances and have agreed upon a general course of study; others would come for consultation and evaluation with a teacher and be paired off with partners. Once a month, each chavruta would have an hour of study and review with a teacher. Additional tutorial/coaching would be done by *chavruta* participants from a more advanced level. In addition, programs to promote Hebrew culture and song would be planned once a month, with the added purpose of allowing the various groups to compare notes. This program will benefit from the help of Rabbi Kelman's summer intern. To succeed, and to promote both

the skills and nurturing environment essential to a participatory shul, we will need both organizational help and membership participation. Contact the Netivot Shalom office or email jhein-stein@hotmail.com.

I want to thank all of those who helped with the evening honoring Rabbi Finkelman, especially Esther Brass, Rabbi Kelman, Judy Massarano, and Iris Greenbaum.

Thanks also to the myriads who worked on the Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, especially Stephen Tobias, John Reynolds and Rena Fischer. The theme for this year's Tikkun Leyl Shavuot was the diversity and divisiveness in Jewry. Just as the map of the land of Israel has been drawn and re-drawn in our lifetime, so the fault lines that divide our people are volatile. The committee charged with planning the Tikkun attempted to frame our topic in a positive vein: the future of co-existence. However, I would like to direct our attention to a rich passage on this theme beginning on B Gittin 55b which runs contrary to our hopes for tolerance and healing. After the Mishnah opens with a description of three successive stages of potential legal remedy for Jews whose land had been confiscated in the war that ended the second Jewish Commonwealth, the Gemara parries with three variant Roman decrees regarding the murder of Jews at this time. The accommodation of legal options to a changing historical context serves as a backdrop for a discussion of Jewish culpability for the catastrophic war. The centerpiece of this passage is the defection of Raban Yochanan ben Zakai from the besieged city of Jerusalem in a coffin. A case of mistaken identity, a rooster and the handle on a carriage are the triggers that release successive outbursts of Jewish violence and unreason. Quite a cast of characters. Check it out. $\stackrel{\wedge}{\times}$



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.

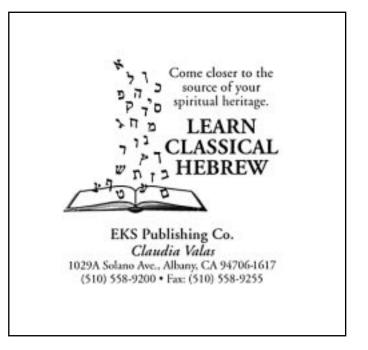
TALMUD STUDY, WITH RABBI KELMAN, meets every Tuesday evening from 7:30 - 9:00 pm, at the Netivot Shalom office.

BOOK GROUP meets monthly. Do you miss reading and talking about books? Do you want to read books about contemporary Jewish life? We are reading 19th and 20th century history, sociology and perhaps a novel or two. New members and input welcome. For information contact caroldorf@ifn.net.

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.

FREE CLASSICAL HEBREW LESSONS with Ethelyn Simon. Call 530-7970 for additional information.

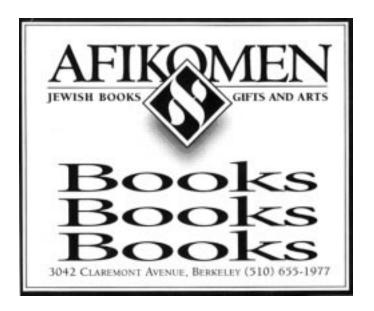


RESERVE NOW FOR A WEEK OF JEWISH LEARNING

Eminent Jewish scholar Rabbi Joseph Leibowitz, Ph.D., returns to the East Bay with two colleagues to teach a full week of Jewish learning, "Renewal of the Soul: Looking Toward the High Holy Days," Sunday, August 27-Friday, September 1 at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. This program is sponsored by the Yad Yaakov Foundation in cooperation with the Center for Jewish Living and Learning of the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay.

Whether you're a serious Torah scholar, have some basic knowledge of religious texts, or have always wanted to study Torah, this is a rare opportunity here in the East Bay to participate in the type of Torah study you usually find only in Israel. For the initiated as well as the uninitiated, this week of learning features a wide range of texts and subjects in class and lecture formats with English translations.

With morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, this program offers discounted registration fees for members of co-sponsoring synagogues. For a program brochure, please call 510-839-2900, ext. 233.





YOUTH EDUCATION

By Andrea Altschuler & Wendy Rosov

THANKS...

To all of the teachers, *madrichim* and parent volunteers involved in Youth Education this year (YNL, Family Preschool, Weekday and Shabbat Religious School, Amitim, Shabbat VChagim, BYachad, K/1 Family School and on and on...) we extend our deepest thanks for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to our community and to our children.

YOUTH EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR:

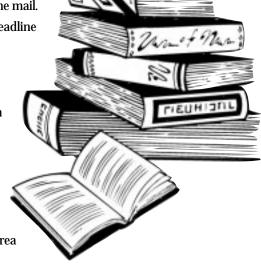
Registration materials for all Youth Education programs for the 2000-01 school year are in the mail. Please review these materials carefully and register for all of the programs of interest. The deadline for returning registration materials will be in early July. Please don't be late!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT FALL:

Amitim begins with a ropes course on Sunday, September 10, 2000., Religious School begins on Monday, September 11, 2000.

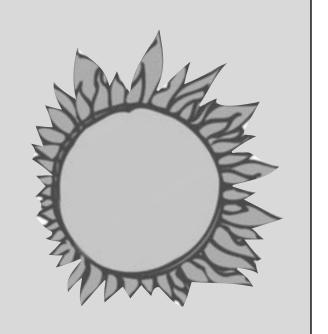
MUSIC TO OUR EARS....

We are looking for one or several congregants/families who may be interested in making a contribution to the Youth Education Department to make it possible for us to have a music teacher on site in our school on a regular basis. Interested parties should contact Andrea Altschuler, Youth Education Chair. All inquiries are completely confidential.



YOUNG JUDEA

Young Judaea extends its best wishes that you and your family are having a wonderful summer! Please make a note that our successful Ofarim (Grades 3 - 6) clubs will be resuming meetings in September. The first meeting will be Sunday, September 17, 1 - 3 pm, at the Netivot Shalom office. We look forward to seeing new faces along with our previous members! For more information, call the Young Judaea office at (510) 549-0260.





FAMILY & By Iris Greenbaum, MSW - Program Coordinator COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

SHABBAT B'YACHAD

Our Shavuot celebration brought together families with young children to share their love of Torah and Judaism with the entire Netivot Shalom community. SBY families participated in each aspect of Shavuot services, including leading services, reading from the Torah & Haftorah, and co-sponsoring the kiddish. The children led the Torah processional and led the congregation in singing *Ein Keloheinu*. At the conclusion of services, each child was presented with a certificate designed by Lydia Brose and calligraphed by Rabbi Kelman with the child's Hebrew name. Following a festive Shavuot luncheon, Vicky Kelman led a talk and discussion about "Using the G-word: Talking about God with Kids." It was a delight to honor our children, families, and community as part of our Shavuot celebration!

Special thanks to our parent coordinators: Cathy Shadd, Debbie Isaak-Shapiro, and Lisa Fink. Very special thanks to: Lydia Brose for designing the certificates; Wendy Rosov for her patience and wisdom; Vicky Kelman for leading us in an informative discussion; Denise Moyes-Schnur for leading us in Torah L'Yeladim - The Story of Ruth; Eva Heinstein, Ari Breakstone, Gilead Gressel, and Shaina Rappaport, for providing childcare; and to all the Shabbat B'Yachad parents for their enthusiastic participation.

And thank you to all of the families who contributed to the Shabbat B'Yachad Kiddish: Rebecca Landes, Lydia Brose, Bridget Wynne & Julia London, Claire & Edward Sherman-Anisman, Carla & Stan Dorn-Ellern, Nancy & Glenn Wolkenfeld-Facher, Peggy & Ory Sandel, Sharon & Mark Privin, Lisa Fink & Robert Milton, Julie Batz & Adam Stern and Debbie Lyla Tov.

MISHPACHA

Last year at our initial neighborhood meetings, some members described feeling vulnerable and lonely following separation or divorce--especially on Friday nights. The desire to share Kabbalat Shabbat with other members led to the creation of Mishpacha. Thanks to Alison Cohen and Mishpacha participants, families now gather together for a warm, festive Kabbalat Shabbat each month.

I was so moved when Alison shared a bedtime convesation she had with her son Jeremy. When she asked about his week, he confided that his favorite experience was the Mishpacha Kabbalat Shabbat at his home. He asked if they could welcome Mishpacha back again and again! Please contact Alison Cohen if you are interested in Mishpacha events: 594-8489.

ETZLEINU

Our small Kabbalat Shabbat gatherings are filled with song, prayer, great food, and genuine conversation. And somehow, deep within each of us, awakens a source of strength and renewal. Many thanks to our host families who joyfully welcome members into their homes to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat: Shirah, Chauncey, Nicolas, and Livia Bell; Ellen Peskin and Ben Heschen; Julie Weissman; Joanna Weinberg, David Levine and Ariella. Many thanks to our service leaders, who inspire us with their spirit and gift of song: Shirah and Nicolas Bell, Julie Batz and Jennie Bernesderfer, Heidi Wexler, Michelle Wolfson, and Gary Peskin.

All members are welcome to participate in our Etzleinu events including members from other neighborhoods. We hope to offer events within each neighborhood throughout the coming year, but we do need your help. Please let me know if you are willing to host an Etzleinu neighborhood gathering. Ideas that have special meaning are Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat afternoon learning, Havdallah, or holiday celebrations such as Hanukkah and Tu BShevat. I am available to help organize an Etzleinu event in your neighborhood. Think about how you want to participate. Your spirit and passion will inspire others to participate.

Please check weekly announcements and the Netivot Shalom website for information about Etzleinu events.

Summertime: Check weekly announcements for summer events. The Bells will be on vacation through the summer. They will begin hosting Kabbalat Shabbat again in October. I will be on vacation during the month of July. Have a great summer!

SIWAN / TAMMUZ

tuesday wednesday thursday monday

sunday

friday

Torah Study

with Nitzhia Shaked

Shabbat Services 9:45 am

Shelah Shaina Neshamah Rappaport BECOMES A BAT MITZVAH

Torah L'Yeladim 11:00 am

28 Sivan

Torah Study with Michael Cohen 9:00 am

9:45 am Shabbat Services Korah

ELLIOT CUZZILLO
BECOMES A BAR MITZVAH

7:15 am Morning Minyan JULY 2000 SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5760 7:30 pm Talmud Shiur

11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad	5 Tammuz	9:00 am Torah Study	9:30 am Meditative Shacharit	9:45 am Shabbat Services Hukkat-Balak	11:00 am Torah L'Yeladim 12 Tammuz	9:00 am Torah Study with Rabbi Jane Littman	9:45 am Shabbat Services Pinhas	11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad		19 Tammuz	9:00 am	9:45 am Shabbat Services	Mattot- Maser	26 Tammuz
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SUKKOT IN APRIL

SOCIAL ACTION REPORT By Mark Priven

ave you ever had the experience when, after doing a repetitive task for many hours, you close your eyes only to see the same repetitions over and over again? On kibbutz, I can remember having dreams of mountains of carrots streaming by me on conveyer belts. In high school, I saw armies of space invaders and pac-men racing around video screens. Well on Sunday night, April 30, all I could think about was paint: vast regions of dried up paint that needed to be scraped, huge jugs of primer, and of course oceans of fresh white paint to be rolled, brushed, and dabbed.

The cause of my unrelenting visions of paint was Sukkot in April, which (dreams aside) was a wonderful success. As a result of our efforts, one fine man in Berkeley has his house bolted to the foundation, a new furnace, a back porch (for the past many years his back door has been inaccessible), refinished doors and new shingles on the south side. Oh, and did I mention the fresh coat of paint?

Our site 'captain' was Eric Strimling, who is an outright gem and a member of Netivot Shalom to boot. He has done this for several years in a row, so he knew exactly how to handle the situation: he showed up with several people from his company (Winans Construction), and with assistance from Brad Rudolph, they did all the hard stuff. The common folk were organized by Gail Krowech and Ruth Konoff, who are also members of Netivot Shalom and are gems in their own right. We had many other volunteers there from Netivot Shalom, in addition to Hillel, the East Bay Jewish Federation, other local synagogues (whose names escape me), Berkeley High School and Home Depot.

I know this sounds trite, but this really was one of those events where you can have a good time, enjoy the company of nice people and do something very meaningful at the same time. There are many people to thank. First, it is clear that Eric has put far more hours into this project than just the day of the Sukkot in April. He met with the owner, prepared the house, worked on the house beforehand (the furnace had already been put in before April 30) and will do follow-up work afterwards. The fact that he puts in that amount of work, and continues to do it year after year, is very admirable.

I would also like to thank Gail and Ruth for volunteering to coordinate the volunteers even before any of us really understood what that would entail. Since this is our first year involved in Sukkot in April, we weren't really sure what we were getting into, and it takes a special kind of courage to step forward under those circumstances. Ilana Schatz at the Jewish Federation and the staff at Christmas in April also deserve high praise for their hard work and commitment. I would also like to thank the volunteers as well as those who gave money to make this event possible.

Lastly, I would especially like to thank the homeowner whose house we worked on. First, he gave us the opportunity to engage in Tikkun Olam, which is one of our obligations. Second, he showed us how to ask for and accept help graciously and with dignity. That is an important lesson for someone like me, who finds it much easier to give than to receive.

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MIDRASHA

By Diane Bernbaum

ur first annual Midrasha fete was such a lovely event and also a great success! We netted much more than we did with our very labor-intensive garage sale, and our backs felt much better and everyone had such a warm feeling. None of this would have been possible without the many people who donated their time and money.

Thanks especially to: Gail and Eric Buchbinder who gave their extraordinary home, paid for all and prepared some of the food, provided all the wine, rented the tables and chairs, decorated with flowers from their gorgeous gardens basically, underwrote most of the costs of the event. And to Jane Brenner, who donated her services to design the beautiful invitation and Richard Engel of Solstice Press, who printed it at cost. To Alan Finkelstein who shopped for and cooked all the hot food and supervised the Kashrut, all at way under his cost. To Michael Rose at SemiFreddi's who donated the bread and much of the dessert and to Denise Resnikoff, Claudia Valas, Leslie Valas, Josh Gressel, and Amanda Fischer who baked the rest. Thanks to folk singer Freyda Epstein and jazz pianist Larry Walter who provided such marvelous entertainment, again gratis. Thanks to Ednah Beth Friedman who addressed, stuffed and sealed all the invitations. Thanks to the Hudes Family who donated several bottles of delicious wine for our raffle and to Claire Max and Jonathan Arons whose ski cabin was a raffle prize as well. Thanks to Marianne Balin who stepped in as the defacto event chair and didn't rest until every detail was attended tothe entertainment, the invitation, the printed program, and everything else. Thanks to the women who spent the whole day in the kitchen, helping Gail Buchbinder cook and clean up: Jan Malvin, Marilee Stark, Marianne Balin, Ednah Beth Friedman, Jean Henderson and Desmid Lyon. Thanks to Annie Downs, Noah Friedman-Biglin, Suzy Klein, Alexis Weiss, Anna Martin, Miriam Lyon, Lily and Hana Goldschmidt, and Rachel Leibman who were our Midrasha servers. Thanks to the entire Buchbinder family who put their lives on hold,

cleaned house, helped with the catering, serving, sign posting and everything else. Thanks to Mary Firestone who made beautiful signs so we didn't get lost. Thanks to all those who sent in your contributions and came and to those who sent in contributions and did not come. The warmth in the house that evening is hard for me to put into words. I can't wait until next year.

The winding down of school lets me think about why I really love this job. I love it because I'm looking up at a picture above my desk of a former student's wedding. Ten of the smiling faces belong to young men and women who started their friendship at Midrasha. I love my job when students shyly ask if I'd like to see their prom pictures, and I discover that their date is a Midrasha classmate. I love my job when former students remember to send me birth announcements and invite me to their ufrufs and weddings. I love my job when I meet former students many years into their adulthood and they talk so lovingly of the courses they had at Midrasha. I love it when I walk past the Midrasha bulletin board in the hall and look at the picture of baby Gideon, whose parents Michael Galchinsky and Elke Davidson met as staff on a Kesher weekend. I love it when a student tells me that the course she took on current events when she was in eighth grade at Midrasha inspired her to work for her high school newspaper for four years, become its editor and go on to study journalism in college. I love it when I realize how many of our students participated in Sukkot in April. I love it when I realize how many of our former students have come back to teach for us. Believe me, it's thinking about all this that makes it not so hard to get out of bed when that alarm goes off at 6:00 am on a Sunday morning.

Midrasha will begin again on September 10. There will be an orientation, primarily for new students and parents, on August 31. I'll be around for most of the summer. Somebody has to hire the staff and get the registration materials in the mail! See you in September.



FUNDRAISING NEWS

By Claudia Valas

SIGN UP WITH eSCRIP!

This program has the potential to be our easiest, and most successful fundraiser, as more merchants agree to participate. Most of the major grocers now participate, including Andronico's, Safeway, Mollie Stones, Draegers, Whole Foods, and Piedmont Grocers. (Albertson's and Berkeley Bowl have separate programs. We have cards for Albertson's and paper scrip for Berkeley Bowl.) We also get a percentage of sales from Cody's Books, Eddie Bauer, Chevron, American Airlines, Sharper Image, and many other merchants. Enrolling in eSCRIP is easy, and you won't even notice that you are making a contribution to Netivot Shalom every time you shop! To enroll, get an enrollment form from the Netivot Shalom office, or electronically (go to our website, netivotshalom.org, click on 'Tzedakah' and go to 'Donations' and then the 'sign up for eScrip'link. You will find a printable form, as well as information about the program and a list of participating merchants). If you are already enrolled for another organization, you may choose to split the proceeds between two organizations.

As we near the end of the first year of our **VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM**, I am happy to report that we have raised over \$13,000! I would like to thank those who have donated vehicles this year:

Claudia Valas & Carl Buchin

Celia Concus

Margaret Rowland

Larry Pollin

Michael Cohen

Marissa Moss & Harvey Stahl

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SPONSORING A KIDDISH

By Ronna Kabatznick

So, You Want to Do a Kiddish...

SO you want to do a kiddish?
It's a very simple thing.
Some wine, maybe a little nosh
For celebrations save the posh.
Maybe herring from a jar, or
Nuts and fruit go very far, or
Cake, some juice, a bissle soda
Lately limits we've been going over.
Talk to Ronna, scale it back
Keep your finances in the black.
Getting used to might take a while;
Be the first to sponsor this style.

We need Kiddish Sponsors for July 29 and August 5, Sept 16, October 14, October 15 (Sukkot), October 21 and October 22 (Shemini Azeret), November 19. Please sign up - or co-sponsor with a friend or another family. It's a mitzvah that the congregation both needs and appreciates. Please call Ronna at (510) 848-6812 or email at ronnak@hooked.net.

Many people are intimidated by the cost and the amount of work involved in sponsoring a kiddish. Here are some guidelines for a simple kiddish (for approx. 100 people) developed by A Woman Called Sam to help make it both simple and cost effective:

- 1. Herring and Tossed Salad: You can buy herring at Costco and add sour cream get 6-7 jars of herring. It's great with challah. Serve with napkins and toothpicks, no plates necessary. You can also get 3-4 bags iceberg/carrot/cabbage mix and 2 of the fancy salad mix; 1 large jar dressing at Costco it's not expensive at all. Use small plates and forks. Flavored seltzer or juice or 8 large bottles of sodas.
- 2. Cake and Cookies: Cakes get cut into pick up size pieces you need approx. 250 pieces. For cakes, whatever the number of servings in a package, triple it because you will cut small pieces. Serve on paper plates instead of trays, it looks like a lot more than it is. Soda/juice, if wanted, or pitchers of ice water with lemon slices. Use 3 oz drinking cups.
- 3. Nuts, Fruits (dry and fresh) and maybe some small Candy (m&m's are great as are kisses, jelly beans, etc.):1 bag almonds, 1 bag raisins, 2-3 bags dry fruit, 10 oranges, 2-3 lbs grapes, (cut into SMALL bunches), raisins, kiwis, strawberries, etc. Soda water or juice
- 4. Any combination of the above as long as it is kept simple. No one should have to spend more than \$100 and you can do it for \$50!



IN GRATITUDE

THANK YOU

Milt Greenstein, for his continual loving care of our building and its accoutrements, and for always being on-call

Peggy Sandel, for representing us so well at the Scholar-in-Residence program of the BRJCC

The Civic Foundation, for major fiscal support of our programming

Brenda Goldstein, for continuing to calligraph our b'nai mitzvah certificates

Mark Priven for help with our recent ergonomic issues

Mechalkayl chayim b'chesed

Thank you to everyone who so graciously supported me and my family over these last months. To everyone who cooked, led and participated in minyanim, supported Josh and Naomi, generously donated in my Mother's memory and were there when we needed them, "thank you" just doesn't seem adequate. My Mom looked forward to the day when she would become a member of Netivot Shalom, because she sensed the love and support of this community, and the commitment people have for Judaism and for each other.

How right she was.

*B'shalom u'kavod*Debbie Isaak-Shapiro

OUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS WERE SWEETENED BY YOUR PARTICIPATION! TODAH RABBAH!

Purim Treats:

Julie Weissman & Iris Greenbaum braced themselves for major panic attacks in planning the delivery of 380 mishloach manot to NS members. Thanks to so many of you, we succeeded in bringing Purim treats to our entire membership! Special thanks to Hope Alper for the festive packaging and purchasing all the Purim treats; Peggy Sandel, the Hamantaschen Maven; Bob of Grand Bakery for the yummiest Hamantaschen! Special thanks to our assemblers: our vey own Amitim youth; Karen Friedman, Alice Weber, Ben Heschen, Ginnette Polack, Shoshana Meier, Norine Shima, Shari Rifas, the Priven family: Mark, Sharon, Sam & Miriam; Bridgette Wynne, Julia London & Avi.

Thanks to our deliverers: John Reynolds, Ginette Polak, Peter Berck, Debbielsaak-Shapiro, Ellen Wunderlich, Golda Blum, Milt Greenstein, Eugen Berg, Lee Feinstein, Dean Kertesz, Marcia Brooks, Laura Sheppard, Hope Alper, Art & Sheila Braufman, David Marcus, Shira Bell, Djedi Mateen, Karel Koenig, Nan & Peter Strauss, Melissa Mednick & Jeff Rosenbloom, Ben Heschen, Denah Bookstein, Awoman called Sam, Janet Schneider & Andy Kahn, Dina Beck, Peggy Sandel, Michelle Wolfson, Jerry Derblich, Jonathan Heinstein, Sahri Rifas, Carol Dorf, Denise Moyes-Schnur, and Noriko Obinatal

Purim Festivities Todah Rabbah: Our Prime Time Players elevated Purim festivities to a new level! Thank you Dean Kertesz, Heidi Wexler, Sherry Pearl-Jacobvitz, Mort Markowitz, Michelle Wolfson and Turi Adams, our Academy Awards nominated script-writer. Also thanks to the band organized by Pam Sawyer and featuring Peter Wahrhaftig, Gal Gressel, and Seth Rosenthal-you rocked the house!!!!

To our Pesach host families for welcoming Netivot Shalom quests to your seders:

Stan Dorn, Steve Koppman, Rose Levinson, Judy Radousky, Julie Weissman, and Michelle Wolfson.

To all our readers for Shir Hashirim on Pesach

A very special thank you to Lois Silverstien for her creation and production and performance of *Valia - the Story of a Woman of Courage*. This extraordinarily moving story of a woman freedom fighter and the fall of Danzig was performed at shul in commemoration of Yom Hashoah. It is our hope that Lois will be able to perform this again in the future. Thank you for your superb efforts.

To all of our Book of Ruth Readers on Shavuot

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MAZAL TOV

Celia & Paul Concus on the birth of a grandson, Jesse Jacob Lieberman, born to their children, Adrienne and Jeremy

Linda Blackman, for being honored at the San Francisco Women's Seder for her work with "Mother's Living Stories," which was the tzedakah that was singled out for support for those present at that event.

Ellen Peskin & Ben Heschen on their huppah

Susan Abrami on receiving her doctorate

Pauline Moreno & Deborah Lobel on welcoming Edgar into their home

Rachel Ranney & Ari Levine on their performance in Fiddler on the Roof at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre

Walter Frank on his 80th birthday

Esther Kelman on her 80th birthday

Andrea Gottlieb on being named salutatorian at Albany High School

Florence & John Lewis on the engagement of their daughter Meghan to Michael Farbiarz

Alison Jordan on the graduation of her son Chris from UCB

Nitzhia Shaked on the graduation of her son Dan from UCB

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Rena Dorph on being awarded a PhD and being selected as the recipient of the best dissertation award at UCB

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Ruth Saper & Rob Paris and their family - moving to Boston

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Lydia Brose on the death of her father, Morris (Moishe) Brose

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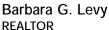


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6/9/00	George Joseph Ring	6 Sivan	7/2/00	Ruth Richman	29 Sivan
6/9/00	Israel Kunofsky	6 Sivan	7/8/00	Morton Bardach	5 Tammuz
6/10/00	Bessie Markowitz	7 Sivan	7/9/00	Bernard K. Ross	6 Tammuz
6/11/00	Max Samuel	8 Sivan	7/11/00	Garson Yaffee	8 Tammuz
6/12/00	Harry Phillipson	9 Sivan	7/12/00	Howard Barschi	9 Tammuz
6/13/00	Max L. Spiegel	10 Sivan	7/12/00	Henry Abraham Gozan, M.D.	9 Tammuz
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6/23/00	Barbara Marmer	20 Sivan	7/26/00	Regina Berrol	23 Tammuz
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