



C O N G R E G A T I O N

NETIVOT SHALOM

SEPTEMBER 2000
ELUL 5760 - TISHRI 5761

INSIDE

Tefillah Schedule	p. 2
Jew vs. Jew Book Reading	p. 3
Sukkot	p. 4
High Holiday News	p. 5
Social Action Report	p. 6-7
Midrasha	p. 8
Kabbalat Shabbat	p.9
CALENDAR	p. 10 - 11
Adult Education	p. 12-13
Youth Education	p. 14
Camp Ramah	p. 15
Shabbat B'Yachad	p. 15
Announcements	p. 16 - 19

Strange title! No, it's not an plug for the Millionaire show (though I secretly dream that one of our members could win big - something akin to winning the lottery)! Rather, I have in mind something I've been meaning to write about for a long time. Transformation - individual and communal. It's actually not quite that simple. On the communal side, when we enter the JCC on Shabbat mornings, how is it the physical space becomes transformed into a sacred space (*makom kadosh*)? After all, it is simply an auditorium left over from an earlier incarnation as a Berkeley public school. Somehow, we are able to transform that room into a place where we can be a religious community and worship.

The mere fact that we have an ark (*aron hakodesh*), a table (*shulchan*), a Torah holder, a new Tallit holder, an eternal light (*ner tamid*), chairs, siddur holders and everything is aligned more or less towards the courtyard certainly transforms the location into a shul (actually, our, shul). And time, also is transformative - whether it is Shabbat or *chagim*, you know that something is different.

So these are some of the elements that contribute to the creation of this communal sacred space. But what about the individual? Us - you and me? How do we make the space around us sacred - almost as if we are standing in the presence of the Ruler of the Universe? For starters, some of us may dress differently on these occasions; perhaps more modestly than we might in another setting and time (more on this subject perhaps, on another occasion). We may also be able to place ourselves in a more contemplative state of mind. The rabbis of the Rabbinic period tried to help us focus and achieve our own per-

sonal level of *kavanah* (concentration) in at least two important parts of our *Shacharit* service: the *Shima* and the *Amidah*. We at Netivot Shalom, have been trying to concentrate and focus our breathing and our awareness on every word of the *Shima*. We've begun to pause and envelope ourselves while sitting, so that our words can soar and we can almost feel that we can connect with our God.



WHO'S BEHIND THE CLOSED DOOR?

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

As to the *Amidah*, the rabbis asked us to think of the *Amidah* as a time when we come in direct contact with the Ruler of the Universe. So

before we begin the *Amidah*, we take three steps forward, imitating the behavior that we would take if we were to be in the presence of human rulers. We then plant ourselves firmly, feeling the floor beneath our feet and the space immediately surrounding us. During the saying of the *Amidah*, there are times for bowing while still remaining planted in reality. In fact, the rabbis suggested that this was the time for praise, for requests and for thanking God. When each of us finishes the *Amidah*, we can then take three steps backwards, symbolically exiting from the presence of God. That's the choreography. Actually, it's a little more complicated. For those of you who want more information, let me know and I'll get you a more graphic demonstration!

Back to the door!! Actually, I would like to strongly suggest that during all our future Shabbatot together and the upcoming High Holydays, that each of us make a concerted effort to create two types of holy space: communal and personal. It takes even more effort than usual when we have to transform Northbrae Church into our sanctuary. Each of us has to begin to feel that the space belongs to us as a Jewish religious community. It becomes our sanctuary. But, and here is the (continued on page 5)



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

Sat. Sept. 16, 9:30-10:30am

Join Robert Lester, 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: October 21

Torah Study & Drashot Schedule

SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Shoftim**
Nitzhia Shaked
Drash: Noah Fine Nathel
(Bar Mitzvah)
- 9 **Ki Tetze**
Rabbi David Winston
Drash: Jenny Ring
- 16 **Ki Tavoh**
Nitzhia Shaked
Drash: R. Margie Jacobs
- 23 **Nitzavim-Vayelech**
R. Art Gould
Drash: Joshua Cataldo
(Bar Mitzvah)
- 30 **Rosh Hashanah**

CONGREGATION NETIVOT SHALOM

1841 Berkeley Way • Berkeley, California 94703

Tel: 510.549.9447 • Fax: 510.549.9448

www.netivotshalom.org • e-mail: administrator@netivotshalom.org

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00-6:00 P.M. • Friday 9:00-4:00 P.M.

RABBI & STAFF

Rabbi Stuart Kelman
549-9447 ext. 103
skelman@netivotshalom.org

Administration
Barbara Garber • 549.9447 ext. 101
Wendy Siu • 549.9447 ext. 102

Administrative Assistant
Michelle Wolfson • 549.9447 ext. 102

Rabbi Educator
Rabbi Margie Jacobs • 549-9447
ext. 104

Program Coordinator
Iris Greenbaum • 549-9447 ext. 110

Rabbinic Intern
Chai Levy • 549-9447 ext. 110

RESOURCES

Midrasha Director
Diane Bernbaum • 843.4667

Ramah Day Camp Director
Dan Alter • 549-9447 ext. 111

Yamim Loraim L'Yeladim Coordinator
Ruth Weisberg • 549-9447 ext. 105

Chevra Kadisha Coordinator
Heidi Wexler • 654.6933

Gemilut Chasadim Coordinator
Lee Feinstein • 527.0464

Drash Coordinator
Helen Schneider • 524.7867

Kiddish Coordinator
Ronna Kabatznick • 848.6812

Ritual Coordinator
Peggy Sandel • 843.9027

Yahrtzeit Coordinator
Andy Cassidy • 549-1407

Newsletter Editor
Ellen Peskin
newsletter@netivotshalom.org

Newsletter Designer
Cori Kesler
cori@keslercommunications.com

Web-Shomer
Ben Heschen
website@netivotshalom.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President
Pauline Moreno
428.1048(h) • 845.0829(w)

Vice President
Judy Breakstone • 527.1376

Secretary
Debby Graudenz • 525.1814

Treasurer
Barbara Wezelman • 525.0730

Past President
Ken Schnur • 526.6445

At Large
Jerry Isaac Shapiro • 215.2318
John Reynolds • 666.1314

Administration Chair
David Levine • 653.0679

Adult Education Chair
Jonathan Heinsteinstein • 548.5830

Community Building Chair
Open

Finance Chair
Rena Dorph • 987.9047

Fundraising Chair
Claudia Valas • 848.6536

House Chair
Jeff Rosenbloom • 653.7848

Membership Chair
Joanna Weinberg • 653-0679

Public Relations Chair
Open

Ritual Chair
Jerry Derblich • 843.5991

Social Action Chair
Mark Priven • 559-8393

Youth Education Chair
Andrea Altschuler • 649.9290

Copyright ©2000 by
Congregation Netivot Shalom



SAMUEL FREEDMAN

Jew vs. Jew:

The Struggle for the Soul of American Jewry

(excerpt appeared in the 8/13 New York Times Magazine)



Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.

BRJCC: 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley

Presented by Congregation Netivot Shalom

(510) 549-9447 www.netivotshalom.org

What is Jewish identity?

Who decides what is authentic Judaism?

What is the Jewish covenant with America?

Samuel Freedman, prize-winning NY Times reporter and Columbia University journalism professor, has written notable books about a high school, a black church, and a rightward shift "from Roosevelt to Reagan" in working class families.

Now he reports on religious and cultural tensions and quarrels that he thinks are tearing apart *klal Yisrael*, the community of Jews. Freedman thinks that trends since the 1950s – since the birth of Israel, the eclipse of anti-Semitism, and the American embrace of Jews generally – portend major rifts and realignments in the next generation as most of us become less Jewishly identified while some become more observant.

Foreseeing social floods and earthquakes, Freedman doesn't come "to shout *Gevalt!*" but to fulfill a particularly Jewish mission, the mission of bearing witness." Come and hear him.

Book-signing and refreshments to follow.

"This is the book that I have long wanted to read." Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg



HARVEST OF JOY

Netivot Shalom Second Annual
Sukkot Family Weekend in Tilden Park

Friday, October 13 - Sunday, October 15

“You shall live in booths for seven days. All citizens in Israel shall live in booths in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt“ Leviticus 23:42-43

COME EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF
NOMADIC VILLAGE LIFE:

We will build a community sukkah where we can gather for Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning services, vegetarian kosher meals, and Sukkot festivities.

Families and individuals are also welcome to build your own sukkah, where you can sleep, invite others in to visit, or simply rest and enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings of the Wildcat Canyon Campground.

There will be opportunities to learn about the history, halachah, and practices of Sukkot, and special activities for children.

We will create a community Sukkot Harvest Plate with the seven species of Eretz Israel to celebrate the autumn harvest, as our ancestors did long ago. Our Sukkot Harvest Plate also reminds us of our obligation to help feed the hungry and share our resources.

Suggested Donation for Camping: \$18/Family

For further information or to register, visit our website at netivotshalom.org or contact Iris Greenbaum at (510) 549-9447 x110 (day) or (510) 524-8548 (evening).

SUKKOT IS ALMOST HERE!

If you want to order a lulav and etrog
(so you can make a lulav shake!!!!)
call Afikomen at 655-1977.

If you need help in building a sukkah, talk to Jerry Derblich.



HIGH HOLIDAY NEWS AND OTHER RITUAL BLUES

By Josh Gressel

The Ritual Committee is busy with preparations for the High Holidays, which come in late September this year. As you read his article, they are less than one month away, and tickets and schedules should be reaching your mailboxes shortly. For those of you who have never sat on the Ritual Committee, you may not realize that the year is divided into two: High Holidays until Pesach, and Pesach until High Holidays. Preparations for the Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur season dominate the Ritual Committee for at least half a year, from as soon as

this year the holidays are again being organized by Deborah Lobel (her fourth year in charge) and Wendy Rosov (her second year). Last year, Deborah and Wendy tried out a new format on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, with concurrent Shacharit and Torah services in Haver Hall and the sanctuary. The same format will be in place this year. (You may remember we debated moving to a new location but decided to stay at Northbrae Church.) In addition, for the first time, we will be offering a family Kol Nidrei service led by Vicky Elman and Claire Sherman. The Youth Education Committee has been hard at work organizing our tremendously popular *Yamim oraim LYeladim* program. A new Youth Education site will be in operation this year, at nearby Epworth Church. Please watch your mailboxes for more information about this program.

In other Ritual Committee business, the committee looked at but decided against purchase of another Torah. While this smaller Torah,

over 100 years old, had beautiful calligraphy, the committee was unanimous in its opinion that it was not suitable for our purposes.

For several months, the committee has been grappling with defining the role of the non-Jew in the synagogue. This is a tremendously important and emotionally charged topic which has created many heated and useful discussions. As these discussions result in decisions, they will be shared with the congregation.

Lastly, after 2 1/2 years of hard work, Rachel Brott is stepping down as Ritual Coordinator. Rachel has been the person responsible for organizing the daveners and Torah readers for all of our Shabbat morning and holiday services. Many of us on the Ritual Committee think this post is second only to the rabbi in its importance to the congregation. While it is a paid position, it in no way adequately compensates the person for all the time necessary to do the job properly and much of the work is therefore volunteer (this is probably true for all paid positions within our synagogue). Unfortunately, because it is a paid position, high expectations are placed on the person without them having the support and credit we usually extend to those who strictly volunteer. Rachel brought many new and talented people in to the davening roles that make our participatory congregation what it is. Our services have flowed seamlessly during her tenure. We want to thank her for a job well done and wish good luck to her replacement, Peggy Sandel. *Yishaar Kochech.* ✧

RABBI'S COLUMN (continued from front page)

request: when we say the *Shema* and more importantly, the *Amidah*, each of us has to find a way to create our own enclosure, our own sanctuary, our own meeting place with God. It's hard: it requires energy and we may be tired; it requires our focusing (maybe even closing our eyes) and that's hard in an age of sound bites; it requires listening with that famous third ear to the music and concentrating on the words – and that's always a challenge. And it requires that we actively pursue our attempt to connect with the holy within us and the Holy which is beyond us.

So, if you come into the sanctuary (any sanctuary) at any time and you find that people are saying the *Shema*, pause where you are (standing or sitting) and say it with everyone else. If you come into the sanctuary (any sanctuary) at any time and you find that people are saying the *Amidah*, please stand where you are and do not try and find a seat because that would be disruptive to your fellow congregant who is trying to focus and concentrate energy on meeting God. Actually, the

Mishna tells us this in far more dramatic language: it says that even if a snake is wound around your heel, don't move (good advice, anyway!) so as not to disturb your neighbor.

So, if you see the congregation davening the *Amidah*, stand still, or even better, wait in the hall at the JCC or in the foyer at Northbrae Church until people sit down. When you then come in, feel free to daven the *Amidah* standing up – hopefully, people will figure out just what it is that you're doing, and respect you by not asking you to let them pass through.

This High Holyday season and, indeed, every Shabbat gives each of us an opportunity to create a real sacred space physically, communally, as well as personally, individually. May each of you have a sweet year and be blessed with health and joy – and the wonderful feeling of being able to connect, at least once, but hopefully more than once, during this new year of 5761. ✧



Social Action Report By Mark Priven

YOU ARE OFFICIALLY RELEASED FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ENGAGING IN TIKKUN OLAM

Traditionally, the entire month of Elul is a process of preparing for *Yamim Noraim* (High Holy Days). You know the drill:

Rip apart your ego by examining every personality fault you currently have or those that you could possibly have if you were trapped on a desert island with a group of strangers and had to vote one person off each week (would you form an alliance?).

After you have recovered from Step #1, try to recall every insensitive remark, unethical thought, and mean-spirited movement you've made in the past year. If you don't have enough material I hear you can go back a few years, but I've never had that problem.

At this point you should feel low. Really low. Having problems going to sleep at night, waking up in the morning or extreme weight gain/loss are all good signs. If you are not low enough, then you have not completed Steps #1 and #2 correctly. Repeat them.

Repent, repent, repent. Repent to others, to yourself, to God. Luckily for all of us God has 13 merciful attributes (Exodus 34:6-7), and I figure pretty much max them out on an annual basis.

For some reason I've always had big problems with the above process. It might be because - well - I have a hard enough time admitting I'm wrong about anything, so actually asking for forgiveness is just way too far out.

Anyway, I'm very excited because I just learned about a practice that is also done in Elul that actually sounds fun. It's called *hatarat nedarim*, and according to my sage and ancient sources (*The Jewish Holidays* by Michael Strassfeld), it involves the following:

According to *halachah*, any custom you do 3 or more times becomes a *neder* (solemn personal oath). Keeping this in mind, list all the things to which you are bound by oath or custom, such as spouse/partner, social image, religion, engaging in tikkun olam, etc.

Choose a *bet din*. Usually a *bet din* is a court of 3 people, but it looks like in a pinch (if you don't have 3 friends, for instance) you can choose just one person for *hatarat nedarim*. Zalman Schachter-Shalomi sug-

gests that the other person/people should be willing to answer honestly the questions: What do you see when you look at me? What did you see me do this year that I should regret? I'm not sure I want to hang around anyone who will answer those questions honestly, but luckily Zalman never exactly says you have to ask these questions. Phew.

3. After you list your *nedarim*, the *bet din* replies "*mutarim licha/lach*" (It is permitted to you). This releases you from all your oaths and responsibilities, including those involving tikkun olam.

4. You are now oathless and fancy-free. Do not worry about people holding cardboard signs at intersections, glass ceilings, the disappearing Amazon, starvation, spotted owls, or peace negotiations. At this point it would be totally inappropriate to join the Social Action committee. Do not join the Social Action committee.

5. Some time before *Neilah* you have to reel back in and decide which of your *nedarim* you will be bound by. At this point (warning: here comes the sales pitch), it IS appropriate to consider participating in the Social Action committee. OK, OK, you probably don't absolutely love the idea of going to meetings where there's just a lot of talk. Well DUH! It's not the Social Skills committee, it's Social ACTION. So, here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to list various activities that the Social Action committee will (with a little support) be doing this year, and if any of them interest you, give me a call. You don't have to go to every meeting. You don't have to be involved in every event. If you want, just pick one activity that you would like to work on, pick up the phone, and call me (559-8393). Alternatively, if there is something you would like to work on that is not listed below, just let me know.

Discussion of the Death Penalty (9/10 from 10 am - noon at the shul offices): This one's already organized, but I thought I'd give it another plug. More details are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

Yamim Noraim: Help with food barrels and Mazon donations.

Kabbalat Shabbat: Wouldn't it be nice to bring Kabbalat Shabbat services to local nursing homes?

(continued on page 7)



Social Action Report

continued from page 6)

ews as Global Citizens: This class will explore tangible ways that we can act as Jews to help heal the world in the face of what can often appear to be overwhelming global problems. We are cosponsoring the class with Lehrhaus Judaica, American Jewish World Service and other local synagogues. Classes will be on Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm starting 10/24 at the BRJCC.

ocal Church: We are looking at establishing an ongoing relationship with a local church with the aim of jointly engaging in tikkun olam.

Hanukkah: In conjunction with neighborhood Etzleinu Hanukkah celebrations last year, we helped organize purchasing Christmas gifts for families in need. We hope to do that again this year.

eligious School: Volunteer in the classroom to help organize a specific project related to Social Action.

December 25: Tired of Chinese food and movies? This year we hope to end volunteers into local non-profits to relieve some of the people who work there so that they can go deck some halls.

u BShvat: Last year our trail clean-up got rained out. We'll try again next year, or replace it with another eco-friendly event.

abibi Smibahur: OK, this doesn't actually exist. I just wanted to see if you would actually read this far down the list.

thical Consumerism: This class will explore, in a Jewish context, our obligations as consumers. Should our purchases be impacted by the working conditions under which products are manufactured, the actions of the seller during WWII, the impact of production on the environment or the current business practices of the producer?

ukkot in April: This year we were part of a team of congregations that helped to repair and paint the home of someone who really needed our help. The event was very successful, and we hope to build on that success next year.

Other Organizations: There are lots of other local Jewish organizations that are doing great things in the area of Social Action (Jewish children's and Family Services, Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay, COEJL, JCRC - to name a few). It would be great to have Netivot halom representatives involved with these organizations so that we can help out (possibly co-sponsor activities) and advertise. ☆

MORE CLICKS FOR A BETTER WORLD

By Mark Priven

A few months ago I wrote an article regarding the use of the internet and *tzedakah*. Shortly after the newsletter went out a congregant called me and mentioned that I hadn't included a local company called care2.com, which supports wildlife and environmental causes. So I took a little time to check it out (www.care2.com), and I have to say I am heartily impressed.

First of all, the site is just plain cute, and that counts for something in my book. More importantly, the site pulls together the best features of several internet sites. I'll call it one-stop clicking.

For example, if you click on one spot of the website, then advertisers will send money to the Wildlife Conservation Society (similar to the [hungersite](http://hungersite.org), endcancer.org and [peaceforall](http://peaceforall.org) websites). Much like [greatergood](http://greatergood.org) and [schoolpop](http://schoolpop.org), there is a mall area in which a percentage of revenue from shopping at the mall is donated to various worthy causes. You can also sign up to receive email alerts regarding pressing environmental issues (this reminds me of the Flash Action Network set up by Working Assets).

And that's not all. You also have the option of opening a free email account, sending eco-friendly greeting cards and joining a community of like-minded tree-huggers. In addition there's lots of wildlife information available on the care2.com website, much like you might expect to find at the Wildlife Conservation Society website. Put this all together and you have a very comprehensive site that is worth checking out (www.care2.com). ☆



MIDRASHA NEWS

By Diane Bernbaum

It's that time again, time to launch a new year at Midrasha. Our first day of school is Sunday, September 10.

Over the summer, the office seemed as busy as it does during the school year. One great part of the summer was hiring new teachers. Let me give you just a glimpse of some of the new faces you will see at Midrasha. Ilana Fleisher, with an A.B. in sociology from Brandeis is a student at the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. She has worked on the staff of The Teva Learning Center and at Camp Ramah, doing environmental education. Nathan Martin has degrees from Stanford and Johns Hopkins and is an environmental researcher who in 1999 completed a 5-month "thru-hike" of the 2,600 mile Pacific Crest trail. Ari Moss recently graduated from CAL, teaches at two other Midrashot and last year accompanied our Midrasha students to Washington DC on the *Panim El Panim* program. David Neufeld will graduate from CAL in December. This past summer he was one of 12 National Spielberg Fellows, trained in being drama instructors at Jewish summer camps. Shoshana Weiner, one of four Midrasha alumni

on this year's staff, has an A.B. from Harvard in Sociology, is an organic gardener and works as a youth mentor at the Berkeley Youth Alternatives Garden Patch. And Michelle Wolfson is a Ph.D. candidate in American Literature at CAL where she has taught for six years. And these are just the new staff! We are really lucky in the quality of people who choose to come teach for us.

Another one of my favorite summer tasks is to write out checks for *tzedakah*. Over the year, classes collect money and then as a group decide where to send it. During the 1999-2000 academic year Midrasha students collected just shy of \$800 and distributed it to Berkeley Emergency Food Project, Global Children's Organization, Habitat for Humanity, American Jewish World Service, Food Not Bombs and the Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless. It was with great *nachas* that I sent off the checks and explained to the organizations that collecting and distributing *tzedakah* are part of the values we are happy to help instill in our students. ☆

DINNER COMMITTEE

FRAN ALEXANDER

DALE BLOCH

LORI FERGUSON

LAURINE JAEGER

LOIS MARCUS

JOAN OMINSKY

ROZ PLSHNER

SUE ANN SCHIFF

KAREN ZELDIN



HILLEL 2000 CELEBRATION

Please join us as we
welcome our new Executive Director, Adam Weisberg,
renew Hillel's vision for a vibrant Jewish future at UC Berkeley, and
thank our supporters and friends.

Guest Speaker, Joseph Kohane
Executive Director, Hillel at The Ohio State University.

Sunday, September 24
Cocktails, 6 O'clock • Dinner, 7 O'clock
2736 Bancroft Way • Berkeley

Co-Sponsors
Congregation Netivot Shalom • Temple Beth El • Temple Sinai • Ahavat Yisrael

For information and reservations,
please call Hillel at (510) 845-7793, ext. 13.



MY JOURNEY OBSERVING KABBALAT SHABBAT

By Shirah Alice Bell

Sanctify the Sabbath by choice meals, by beautiful garments; delight our soul with pleasure and I will reward you for this very pleasure.

Deuteronomy rabba 31

How glorious! Just reading this passage makes my heart sing. And, goodness, these are commandments, no less. I am ordered to follow these rules? Am I dreaming?

But, after a hectic day of work, far from dear friends and family, I'm just not in the mood to get all dressed up, I have nowhere to go and I'm too tired to invite people in.

My husband, Chauncey, travels. I mean he travels: Scotland, Mexico, Germany, and all over the world for weeks at a time. When Chauncey has been out of town, often I have felt awkward about having people over. I find myself alone, he's gone, and I wish that I could just call someone up and invite myself and our children over to their home for Shabbat dinner.

One Friday, coincidentally, Chauncey was out of town and the kids were at school dances. I felt the urge to celebrate Shabbat the way I like to celebrate it, and the way we are intended to celebrate - with others. I took my courage in hand, called a couple that lives near our home, and asked if I could come over for Shabbat. I felt safe (if terribly daring) because I knew they observed Shabbat religiously. They graciously said yes, but warned me that they were usually so tired they had a brief dinner and then early to bed. Well, we had a terrific time, singing our way through the Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv service and talking a mile a minute over a yummy vegetarian dinner. Finally, at 10 pm, I reluctantly took my leave, filled with gratitude.

A few weeks later, going home from Shabbat morning services with Chauncey, we started to talk about first one couple and then another that we would like to get together with, but we just couldn't seem to find the time. I mused about inventing a tradition for getting together. Chauncey recalled a time when his parents had held a once-a-month Sunday morning potluck brunch, to which people came and brought friends. Over the years "The Sunday Brunch at the Bells" grew and grew. People came again and again, made new friends, networked, and had good times and bad together. "Let's do our version of that," we said. "What about a monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service and potluck dinner in our home?" We envisioned making an open invitation, having regular time when we could invite friends to celebrate Shabbat with us, and encouraging people from different venues to get to know each other. People could just call up and say, "We're coming this month." I talked to Rabbi Kelman, received the sanction of the Ritual Committee, and got instructions about how to do the service properly. Our 15 year old son, Nicolas, and I prepared to lead the service.

As our first Kabbalat Shabbat approached, I became increasingly apprehensive. Too few people would come, they wouldn't like the way Nicolas and I led the service, we wouldn't have enough food, and on and on. I had to keep reminding myself that this was not a popularity contest or a society event. It was a time for spiritual connection, and the Shechinah would certainly show up! I would be ready for her! I prepared the house with many candles, and extra food just in case, rehearsed the service, and prayed a lot for guidance and serenity. My prayers were answered! The evening was very moving. One guest said, "It was as if I entered into a hearth. It felt so warm, with people gathered together. Hearing the voices singing touched me in such a deep way; it was so uplifting, especially after a tiring week."

As the second monthly Kabbalat Shabbat came nigh, surprise, surprise, I started to worry. Would people remember, would they come again, would new people come, should I call and remind them, would I be pressuring people to do something they didn't want to do? I shared my concerns with Rabbi Kelman. He told me that in calling, reminding, and re-inviting people I was doing the right thing. He introduced me to the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim* bringing in of guests. The mitzvah is an active one, not just welcoming people who come to our door, but actively going out and bringing people into my home. His grounding in the mitzvah changed my whole experience of what I was doing. I found myself with renewed energy. I made phone calls and sent emails, and was helped in doing the mitzvah by people saying "yes" and coming to celebrate.

During the first Kabbalat Shabbat evening, we introduced our guests to a practice that we had been following in our family during Shabbat dinner, of expressing gratitude for the week that had just passed. Our new guests followed our lead, and we have found that the practice has created a growing intimacy among those who come. While we are eating dessert we share what we are grateful for during the previous week. A participant described the experience as: "allowing people to speak straight from the heart. A beautiful sense of closeness and caring emerges." Another guest remarked that earlier in the week she had started thinking about what she would say and it changed her whole outlook on the rest of the week.

I find myself deeply grateful for the opportunity of *hachnasat orchim* and for having connected with people I might otherwise have missed. As of writing this article, many more families in our synagogue are scheduling potluck Kabbalat Shabbatot. My prayer is that there is always a place for someone to go for Shabbat. A guest said "Thank you for the spiritual growth you inspire and for making me aware of the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim*. I will challenge myself to do more." One of the most delightful reports comes from a 2 year old who has been a regular guest. One Friday, he pronounced "It's Shabbat. Are we going to the Bells?" I am grateful for his gift. ☆

SEPTEMBER 2000

ELUL 5760 - TISHRI 5761

sunday

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

saturday

Unless otherwise stated, all Saturday morning activities take place at the BRJCC (1414 Walnut Street) and all other activities take place at the Netivot Shalom offices (1841 Berkeley Way).

3

4

5

7:30 pm
Talmud Shiur

6

7:15 am
Morning Minyan

7

1

Candle Lighting
Time: 7:21 pm

1 Elul



8

2

9:00 am
Torah Study with Nitzhia
Shaked on Shoftim

9:45 am
Shabbat Services
Kiddush sponsored by Lisa Fine & Howard
Nathel in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their
son, Noah Fine Nathel




11:00 am
Torah L'Yeladim for
preschoolers, BRJCC Rm. 12

2 Elul

9

9:00 am
Torah Study
with R. David Winston on
Ki Tetze

9:45 am
Shabbat Services
Kiddush sponsored by

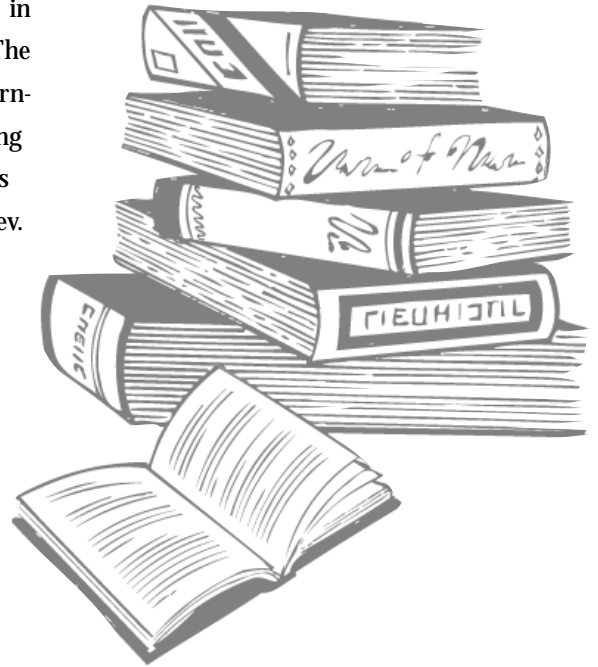
<p>3 Elul</p> <p>First Day of Midrasha 10:00am-12:30 pm DEATH PENALTY DISCUSSION 10:00 am 12:00 pm SHABBAT B'YACHAD PLANNING 12:30 to 5:30 pm Amim Ropes Course at Osher Marin JCC</p>	<p>4 Elul</p> <p>11</p> <p>4:00 to 6:00 pm First Day of Religious School</p>	<p>5 Elul</p> <p>12</p> <p>7:30 pm Talmud Shiur First Day of Amittim classes</p>	<p>6 Elul</p> <p>13</p> <p>7:15 am Morning Miynan 7:30 pm "Jew vs. Jew: The Struggle for the Soul of American Jewry" w/ Samuel Freedman, BRJCC</p>	<p>7 Elul</p> <p>14</p> <p>8 am at the shul office David Rohn Alper becomes a Bar Mitzvah</p>	<p>Time: 7:11 pm  8 Elul</p> <p>15</p> <p>6:30 pm Mishpacha Kabbalat Shabbat, Alison Cohen's home, Oakland</p>	<p>Shabbat B'Yachad for preschoolers, BRJCC Rm. 14 9 Elul</p> <p>16</p> <p>9:00 am Torah Study with Nitzhia Shaked on Ki Tovah 9:30 am Meditative Shacharit 9:45 am Shabbat Services Kiddush sponsored by Andrea Altshuler</p> <p>11:00 am Torah L'Yeladim for preschoolers, BRJCC Rm 12 16 Elul</p>
<p>10 Elul</p> <p>First Young Judea meeting of the year 7:00 pm Adult Ed Study Session w/ Rabbi Benchlouch</p>	<p>11 Elul</p> <p>18</p>	<p>12 Elul</p> <p>7:30 pm Talmud Shiur</p>	<p>13 Elul</p> <p>7:15 am Morning Miynan</p>	<p>14 Elul</p> <p>21</p>	<p>15 Elul</p> <p>Etzleinu Kabbalat Shabbat, Sally Martin's home, Albany</p>	<p>16 Elul</p> <p>23</p> <p>9:00 am Torah Study with R. Art Gould on Nitzavim-Vaelech 9:45 am Shabbat Services Kiddush sponsored by Joshua Michael Cataldo becomes a Bar Mitzvah Kiddush sponsored by Joah Schwartz & Nicholas Cataldo in honor fo the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua Michael Cataldo</p> <p>11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad 23 Elul</p>
<p>17 Elul</p> <p>24</p>	<p>18 Elul</p> <p>25</p>	<p>19 Elul</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Ed Study Session 7:30 pm Talmud Shiur</p>	<p>20 Elul</p> <p>7:15 am Morning Miynan</p>	<p>21 Elul</p> <p>28</p>	<p>22 Elul</p> <p>Candle Lighting time: 6:49 pm </p>	<p>23 Elul</p> <p>30</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah</p>
<p>24 Elul</p>	<p>25 Elul</p>	<p>26 Elul</p>	<p>27 Elul</p>	<p>28 Elul</p>	<p>29 Elul</p> <p>Candle Lighting time: 6:38 pm </p>	<p>1 Tishri</p>



ADULT EDUCATION

By Jonathan Heinstein

Chodesh Elul, a month long lead into judgment and the renewal of time, is an opportunity to examine our actions. *Lefashpesh*, is the preferred term in Hebrew, to scrutinize in detail, as an animal might scan its fur for parasites. The Sephardic tradition in Elul of rising for Selichot prayers in *ashmoret haboker* the morning watch before dawn, and the Ashkenazi tradition of sounding Shofar after morning prayers, both strive to elicit a deeper awakening. The classic text for study in the days leading up to Yom Kippur is the final chapter of the tractate *Yoma*. The Torah texts (Lev. 23/Num. 29) command us to afflict our being on the Day of Atonement, and Chapter 8 of *Yoma* learns out the details of this precept. Beyond the fast and the Rabbinic prohibitions (sex, types of footwear, bathing, oils), a lively dispute takes shape concerning the efficacy of our attempts to examine and change old behavior. This year, we will augment the Yom Kippur day study session with three programs on this fascinating chapter. Sunday September 17, 7:00 pm with Rabbi Benchlouch of Congregation Anshey S'fard of San Francisco and Tuesdays September 26 & October 3, 7 pm with guest teachers TBA. Please feel free to attend even one of these programs.



The Adult Education Committee, following the lead of Mark Priven and our Social Action Committee, will co-sponsor a discussion of the Death Penalty on Sunday September 10. See below for details. I would also like to second Mark's recommendation of Lehrhaus Judaica's fall course, Jews As Global Citizens, which we are also co-sponsoring.

Rivka Greenberg recently contacted me about opening a forum on Gender in Judaism. If we pray to a deity with either male or female attributes, are we praying to ourselves? We'll schedule an exploratory meeting after the holidays, but if you are interested (I am) please contact her at righreenb@med.wayne.edu. ☆

DEATH PENALTY FORUM

**Sunday, September 10, 10:00 am to noon
at 1841 Berkeley Way**

In 1992, after a 25-year pause when both the U.S. and California Supreme Court's declared the death penalty unconstitutional and many countries abolished it, California resumed executions. Eight prisoners have been executed here since 1992, and more than 500 prisoners are now on San Quentin's death row. Lawyers Mark Millman and Gary Sirbu, who represent defendants in capital cases, will teach and facilitate a discussion on death penalty law, practice, and ethics, including Jewish sources. Please join us. (Co-sponsored by the Social Action Committee and the Adult Education Committee.)



ONGOING CLASSES & GROUPS

TORAH STUDY, WITH NITZHIA SHAKED AND GUEST TEACHERS, meets every Shabbat at 9:00 am in Room 4 at the BRJCC. Child care also begins at 9 am.

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 Carol Dorf at 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.

Check out the
Netivot Shalom Website



www.netivotshalom.org

MILAFINEARTS

20TH CENTURY ISRAELI ART

1307 Solano Avenue

by appointment

Michelle J. Schwartz 510.845.0653

LOIS SILVERSTEIN, PH.D.

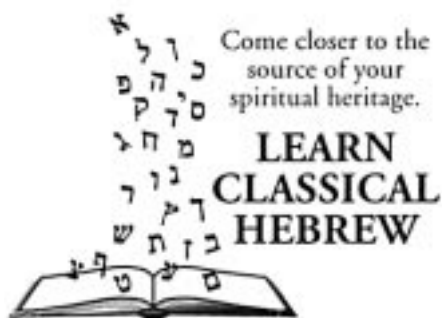
Registered Expressive Arts Therapist

CREATIVITY DEVELOPMENT

WRITING • SPEAKING • LIFE ISSUES

Tel: 510.464.3051

Fax: 510.704.9941



EKS Publishing Co.

Claudia Valas

1029A Solano Ave., Albany, CA 94706-1617
(510) 558-9200 • Fax: (510) 558-9255

AFIKOMEN
JEWISH BOOKS GIFTS AND ARTS



Books
Books
Books

3042 CLAREMONT AVENUE, BERKELEY (510) 655-1977



YOUTH EDUCATION

By Rabbi Margie Jacobs

It has been exciting for me to begin my position as Rabbi Educator at Netivot Shalom, and it was particularly wonderful to spend my first week of work at the Whizin Family Education Institute in Los Angeles with our Netivot Shalom team. Iris Greenbaum, Debbie Isaak-Shapiro, Judy Massarano, Carol Dorf and I spent a week learning from and with other Jewish educators, including Janet Harris and Vicky Kelman, about the best theory and practice in the growing field of Jewish Family Education, and thinking about how to apply our learning to the Netivot Shalom community. I am so appreciative of the community's support of our Whizin team.

Our discussions at Whizin reinforced my conviction that Jewish education, particularly for children, must occur in the context of Jewish practice within the community and within the family. Children will only develop a strong and lasting connection with Judaism if the learning that occurs in the classroom is reinforced and modeled in the home, the larger synagogue community, and summer camp settings. As we prepare for the High Holidays and for the new school year, I look forward to working with parents and with the whole Netivot Shalom community to expand the current family education within the synagogue. The Shabbat B'Yachad program that Iris Greenbaum has created with the parents of toddlers is very impressive and exciting. This Kol Nidrei, we are very fortunate to have Vicky Kelman leading a family program that is not to be missed – be sure

to register when you receive the synagogue High Holiday mailing. We pass on to the next generation not only information about our Jewish heritage, but also our own enthusiasm and love for Jewish living and learning. I encourage both parents and teachers to think not only about how to foster excitement about Judaism in the children that you educate, but also to ensure that your Jewish practice is meaningful for you.

As we look to the new year, please take note of a few important dates:

- **Sunday, September 10 Amitim begins with a group-building ropes course**
- **Monday, September 11 Religious school begins**
- **Tuesday, September 12 Amitim classes begin**
- **Sunday, September 17 First Young Judea meeting of the year**

I want to extend my deepest appreciation for all who have eased my transition from Philadelphia to Netivot Shalom. There have been many warm welcomes and helpful assistance, and I would particularly like to thank Andrea Altschuler, Wendy Rosov, Masha Savitz and Rabbi Kelman for their dedication and assistance. Several parents and other community member have called, either with specific input and concerns or just to say hello, and I look forward to hearing from and getting to know more of you as the new year begins. ☆

YOUNG JUDAEA

From all the staff at Young Judaea we hope everyone had a wonderful summer!!

Now it is time once again to start back up with our exciting Youth Group activities. The first club meeting will be on Sunday, September 17. Are you ready for Young Judea Maccabiah? We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces as well as new ones participating in all sorts of fun activities. Besides our bimonthly activities we also have weekend long conventions for the kids to meet other participants from our region. Please save the following dates - the kids just love attending Young Judaea conventions:

Ofarim/Tsofim (3rd - 8th Grades)
Convention - November 17-19, 2000
Convention - March 23-25, 2001

For more information on these or any other of our events please call
Young Judaea (510) 549-0260 or e-mail yjudaeaca1@aol.com.
Young Judaea is proudly sponsored by Hadassah.



CAMP RAMAH – WE DID IT!!!

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

Camp Ramah in the East Bay was, according to all indications, a HUGE success. Around 100 campers (and their parents) joined together for a summer of fun, prayer, learning, singing, swimming, sports, Hebrew, and friendship. We surveyed each of the families and every one was extremely positive about the camp. Naturally, there were suggestions about our future, but all-in-all, the camp was a resounding success.

Camp Ramah was incorporated independently this past year and is sponsored by the three East Bay Conservative shuls: Netivot Shalom, B'nai Shalom and Beth Abraham, each of whom committed to raising \$10,000 in order for us to operate this summer. I am delighted to report that we at Netivot Shalom have raised slightly more than our intended goal, and a tremendous thanks to all of you who have helped us fashion this new Conservative institution in the East Bay. This new board of directors was well represented by Carla Cassler, Rena Dorph, Gila Dorph and Golda Blum.

While I'm on the subject of thanks, I must say that our shul has been gracious about letting Camp Ramah function administratively in our building. Without the in-kind contribution of space, the camp

would never have existed.

Thanks also go to Dan Alter, the Director, who took an idea that had been germinating for a few years and turned it into a reality. Jonathan Emanuel and Sarah Gill were also instrumental in planning throughout the year. But I must say that the counseling and division heads were truly outstanding - and I think it only fair that I list each of them. They are: David Bracke, Yair Cohen, Shany Engel, Caitlin Fischer, Elana Jagoda, Elana Kelman, Sarah Lesser, Nathan Martin, Eitan Mizrachi, Jordana Price, Tracy Ross, Miriam Walter, and Gaby Alter.

Finally, I want to thank the parents who were willing to trust us by sending their children to an unproven and nonexistent institution. They knew, however, that the Ramah name and quality of programming plus our own reputation as a synagogue for quality Jewish education were guarantees that the summer would be wonderful. Camp Ramah is here to stay. During the next two years, it is our hope to stabilize both the program and the funding so that this Camp Ramah Day Camp will be the foundation, perhaps, for an overnight Camp Ramah here in Northern California!!



SHABBAT B'YACHAD NEWS

By Iris Greenbaum

We were delighted to introduce Rabbi Margie Jacobs to Shabbat B'Yachad parents at our recent planning brunch. We shared highlights from our first year together in Shabbat B'Yachad, and discussed ideas for the coming year. We reflected upon our success in bringing families with young children together to daven and joyfully celebrate Shabbat and holidays. Our parent-led services and Torah stories inspire *ruach* and encourage keen involvement, even for our youngest congregants. We look forward to celebrating *Yamim Noraim* together for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur family services. Further information will be made available in the *Yamim Noraim* information packets.

Our second year holds promise for our continued growth in bringing families together so we may deepen our congregation's communal life. Our experience in Shabbat B'Yachad has demonstrated the strong desire for families to actively participate in learning and communal observance. The entry of our Shabbat B'Yachad 'graduates' into the Religious School and day schools prompted discussion about creating a Shabbat family service for each grade level. The idea of expanding upon the Shabbat B'Yachad family davening into the Shabbat Religious School will be further explored by Rabbi Jacobs and the Youth Education Committee.





CALIFORNIA KOSHER
Amanda's Kitchen



Fresh, elegant
vegetarian & fish menus
with a personal touch

510.540.7537

e-mail: pinsk@uclink4.berkeley.edu



LISA M. HARBUS

THERAPEUTIC BODYWORK
SINCE 1985

2034 BLAKE STREET #10
BERKELEY, CA 94704

510 • 665 • 5670

CELIA CONCUS

EUGENE MILLSTEIN & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE
264 Arlington Avenue, Kensington CA 94707

(510) 527-0211 Fax: (510) 527-1442
cconcus@bigfoot.com

Bands  DJs

DJ - Band Combinations

B'nai Mitzvah - Weddings - Corporate

510-891-9980

Netivot Shalom references available!

Barbara G. Levy
REALTOR



Prudential

California Realty

1539 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709

Voice Mail 510 869-2786 Office 510 849-3711
Fax 510 548-5948 www.BerkeleyHome.com

An independently owned and operated member of The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.

*please call me
for information*

GRAPHIC DESIGN • MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS • WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

KESLER
creative communications



TEL 510 528 2465 • FAX 510 527 7182

WWW.KESLERCOMMUNICATIONS.COM

NEWSLETTERS ADS POSTCARDS INVITATIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS
BOOKLETS MENUS BROCHURES STATIONARY BUSINESSCARDS
MARKETINGPLANS WEBDESIGN PUBLICRELATION COPYWRITING



The Company You Keep



Judith Breakstone, CLU
Agent

New York Life Insurance Company
70 Washington Street, Suite 200
Oakland CA 94607
Bus. 510 268-3378
Fax 510 268-1537
License #0690944

**Registered Representative
for NYLIFE Securities Inc.**
70 Washington Street,
Suite 200
Oakland CA 94607
510 268-3300



IN GRATITUDE

THANK YOU



David Hirsh who has crafted a new tallit holder for our use at the JCC. David has spent more than a year creating this marvelous piece of work so that we can all respectfully and gently hang our tallitot.

achel Brott who has been our Ritual coordinator

arbara Bibel for her continuing contributions to our library

ADULT EDUCATION

andra Gore and Ronald Sires

BUILDING FUND

arah Y. Ruby

udi and Stan Taubman

Gail and Arne Wagner

Debby Graudenz and Rom Rosenblum

Margaret Dorfman and Wayne Pickus

Ginette and Elijah Polak

aren Friedman and David Marcus

onnie and Jonathan Heller

Joan Bradus and Dale Friedman

Nancy Gurian and Barry Kamil

Karel Koenig

Amy and Philip Mezey

Lillian and Fred Katzburg,

in honor of Milt and Marge Greenstein's

50th Wedding Anniversary

Simon Levine, *in honor of the Greensteins'*

50th Anniversary & Milt's 75th birthday

Fran and Brian Kaye, *in honor of*

Karen Bovarnick's 40th birthday

GENERAL FUND

Charlotte Grosman

Sarah Y. Ruby

Judi and Stan Taubman

Gail and Arne Wagner

Karen Friedman and David Marcus

Elissa and Alan Kittner

Joan Bradus and Dale Friedman

Jean Bass Bradman

Karel Koenig

Amy and Philip Mezey

Gerald Derblich

Sidney and Anna Dishal

Jean Bass Bradman, *in honor of*

the marriage of Paula Sonenberg and

Jesse Bradman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Alice Webber and Steven Tobias

Bernard Freedman, *in honor of the opening of Miriam Chaya's film at the SF Film Festival*

Nancy and Eugene Bardach, *in honor of the engagement of Rebecca Bardach and Eliot Goldstein*

Dina Beck, *in honor of the conversion and first birthday of her granddaughter, Devra Sholin Beck*

Danna Gillette-Pascal and Steven Pascal, *in honor of Daniel Pascal's first year birthday*

TORAH STUDY

Bernard Freedman

Basya Gale

Noriko Obinata

YOUTH EDUCATION

Wendy Rosov and Lisa Harbus

Karen Friedman and David Marcus, *in honor of Ezra's 8th birthday*

Jerry and Deborah Isaak-Shapiro, *in honor of Karen Bovarnick's special birthday*

Ernestina Carrillo and Lawrence Polon

We gratefully acknowledge that

Netivot Shalom
was able to award

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

this year thanks to the

MAX AND CECILIA
ROSENHEIMER
MEMORIAL FUND

DONATION CARD

I/We wish to make a donation. Enclosed is my/our check payable to:

Congregation Netivot Shalom
1841 Berkeley Way
Berkeley, CA 94703

Donor(s) Information:

NAME _____

STREET _____ CITY _____

Please honor the following person/event:

NAME _____

STREET _____ CITY _____

This donation is intended for the following:

ADULT EDUCATION

LIBRARY

BUILDING FUND

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

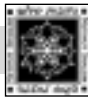
DINNERS FOR THE HOMELESS

TORAH STUDY

CUBA FUND

YOUTH EDUCATION

GENERAL FUND



LIFECYCLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LISA FINE & HOWARD NATHEL

invite the congregation to join them on
September 2, 2000, when their son

NOAH FINE NATHEL

WILL BE CALLED TO THE TORAH
AS A BAR MITZVAH

JOAN SCHWARTZ & NICHOLAS CATALDO

invite the congregation to join them on
September 23, 2000, when their son

JOSHUA MICHAEL CATALDO

WILL BE CALLED TO THE TORAH
AS A BAR MITZVAH

MAZEL TOV

Lisa Fink & Robert Milton
on the birth of

SASHA JOSEPH

(and to his sister Lena)

*Hope and Noah Alper
invite the congregation
to join them as their son*

David Rohn Alper

becomes a Bar Mitzvah

Thursday, September 14, 2000

at 8 in the morning

at the shul office



YAHRTZEIT LIST

SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

/1/00	Ethel Silverstein	1 Elul	9/15/99	Dora Goldschmidt	15 Elul
/2/00	Bertha Sutz	2 Elul	9/15/99	Isador Henry Schwartz	15 Elul
/4/00	Dr. Al Perlmutter	4 Elul	9/16/00	Laura London	16 Elul
/6/00	Edith Rachel Straus	6 Elul	9/16/99	Mendel Sieradzki	16 Elul
/6/00	Mark De Lemos	6 Elul	9/17/99	Benjamin Solomon Klatt	17 Elul
/6/00	Ruth Levine	6 Elul	9/17/99	Lottie Gidal	17 Elul
/7/00	Sarah Narosney Marks	7 Elul	9/17/00	Helmut Sam Isaak	17 Elul
/7/00	Sophie Slavin	7 Elul	9/17/00	Samuel Weitzner	17 Elul
/9/00	Isaac Milgrom	9 Elul	9/18/99	Bernice Epstein	18 Elul
/9/00	Patti Beth Kelman Mintz	9 Elul	9/18/00	Jacob Harry Kulakofsky	18 Elul
/10/00	Anna Friedman	10 Elul	9/19/00	Joel Knaster	19 Elul
/11/99	Dr. Philip Jaeger	11 Elul	9/20/99	Bertha Rosenstein	20 Elul
/11/99	Jacob Lawrence Cohen	11 Elul	9/21/00	Frank Jacobvitz	20 Elul
/11/99	Peter Fono	11 Elul	9/22/00	Chaim Tannenbaum	22 Elul
/12/00	Lena Franc	12 Elul	9/22/00	Jacob Rosenblatt	22 Elul
/12/99	Julius Lucoff	12 Elul	9/25/00	Rabbi Stephen Neil Levinson	25 Elul
/12/99	Max Louis Blachman	12 Elul	9/26/00	Erwin Jacobs	26 Elul
/13/99	Anna Redel	13 Elul	9/29/00	Hannah Aaron	29 Elul
/13/99	Ida Yaffee	13 Elul	9/30/00	Dr. Philip Jaeger	1 Tishri
/14/00	Ellen Rothmann	14 Elul	9/30/00	Jacob Lawrence Cohen	1 Tishri
/15/99	George Trow	15 Elul	9/30/00	Peter Fono	1 Tishri

TO ADD A NAME(S) TO THE YAHRTZEIT LIST, FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW & MAIL, E-MAIL OR FAX
(include only names of departed parents, spouses, siblings and children)

MAIL TO: Congregation Netivot Shalom • 1841 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94703

E-MAIL TO: ntvnt-office@eb.jfed.org FAX TO: 510.549.9448

NAME OF DECEASED: (ENGLISH NAME) _____ (HEBREW NAME - IF POSSIBLE) _____

DATE OF DEATH: (CIVIL DATE) _____ (HEBREW DATE - IF POSSIBLE) _____

YOUR NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED: _____

***'Td like to sell my house but-
It will create havoc I don't know what my home is worth ... I don't have a realtor I can trust.'***

LIFE JUST GOT SIMPLER.

Barbara and Dennis Hendrickson, working together since 1980 as THE HENDRICKSON COMPANY, bring you the best terms, in the least time, with the fewest disruptions.

Dennis—a former contractor, past president of The Board of Directors of the Berkeley Association of Realtors

Barbara—former school teacher, artist, marketing and design expert

*We assist you in
every aspect of property sales,
from arranging for gardeners,
to child care, to bringing in art.*

Take advantage of this great market.
Visit our website, then give us a call!

www.hendricksoncompany.com
510-559-1889





NON-PROFIT RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
BERKELEY CA
PERMIT NO. 106

Congregation Netivot Shalom
1841 Berkeley Way
Berkeley CA 94703

Issue Date: September, 2000
Frequency: Monthly
Issue Number: Vol. 19, No. 18

Change Service Requested

OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFER TZEDAKAH

to Congregation Netivot Shalom

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Shabbat Greeters

We need Shabbat Greeters to welcome people into our services on Saturday mornings. Volunteer to greet for one Shabbat. Call Allen Amuelson 527-1126.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Kiddish Sponsors

Celebrating a simcha? Commemorating a milestone? To sponsor a kiddish, call Ronna Kabatznick, 848-6812.

eScrip

Each time you shop at Safeway, Andronico's, Albertson's and many other stores in the Bay Area, a % of your purchases can be donated to CNS through eScrip. Registration forms for eScrip and Albertson's Community Partner Cards are free and available through the CNS office.

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Donate your old car, motorcycle, truck, or RV to CNS. For more information, call Claudia Valas at 558-9200.

Bequests

When drafting your will, please consider making a bequest to Congregation Netivot Shalom. Contact the office for more information.