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At the beginning of the year, one frequently heard metaphor is that of a journey. We examine the current location on our life's journey: we look to both the past and to the future as we stand in the present, knowing that the very moment is over even as we consider it. Abraham (together with Sarah), journeyed forth from his (their) place of birth to a land that God promised to show them, willing to invest in a future predicated on a faith in God and a belief that a different way of life is necessary.

OUR COMMUNITY JOURNEY

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman



The preceding paragraphs come from a short booklet called *The Rabbinic Driving Manual*, written by Rabbi David J. Meyer (LA:Torah Aura Productions, 1997). It is a booklet designed to be used by parents and teens together at the stage of life when the teens are learning to drive. This passage speaks to our journeys - our past, present and future. Some of our journeys are time bound, short; others last a

lifetime. Does the checkers analogy work? Does the metaphor work for spiritual journeys as well as physical ones? Is there another one more appropriate?

A CHASIDIC PARABLE:

One day during the festival of Chanukah, Rabbi Nahum came into the House of Study at a time when he was not expected. He discovered his disciples playing checkers, as was the custom on these days. When they saw the rabbi, they were embarrassed and stopped playing. But he gave them a kindly nod and asked: Do you know the rules of the game of checkers? And when they did not reply, out of shyness, he himself gave the answer.

I shall tell you the rules of the game of checkers. The first one is that you must not make two moves at once. The second is that you may move only forward and not backward. And the third is that when you have reached the last row, you may move wherever you like.

In many ways, Rabbi Nahum was teaching about the journey through life. We start by taking one step at a time (never two moves at once). As we grow and change and learn, we still need direction and a forward move is always the best. In the final and climactic phase, we've achieved the ability to move as we wish.

There is a prayer to express our thoughts when we begin a journey. Called *tefillat haderech* (literally the prayer of the way), it reads as follows in Sim Shalom:

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, to guide us in peace, to sustain us in peace, to lead us to our destination in health and joy and peace, and to bring us home in peace. Save us from every enemy and disaster on the way, and from all calamities that threaten the world. Bless the work of our hands. May we find grace, love, and compassion in Your sight and in the sight of all who see us. Hear our supplication, for You listen to prayer and supplication. Praised are You, Adonai, who hears prayer.

In Reform liturgy it reads:

The Eternal One shall guard your coming and your going from this time forth and forever. God within and beyond me, Your presence pervades the world. Wherever I go, You are near to me. If I take us the wings of the morning, and dwell on the ocean's farthest shore, even there Your hand

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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

October 21, 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: November 18

Torah Study Schedule

OCTOBER

- 7 **Haazinu Shuva**
Rena Fisher
- 14 **Sucloth**
Nitzhia Shaked
- 21 **Shemini Atzeret**
Simon Firestone
- 28 **Bereshit**
Nitzhia Shaked

NOVEMBER

- 4 **Noach**
Jody Feld
- 11 **Lech Lecha**
Nitzhia Shaked
- 18 **Vayera**
Rabbi Art Gould
- 25 **Chaye Sarah**
Nitzhia Shaked

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"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



Harvest of Joy

*Netivot Shalom Second Annual
Sukkot Weekend
in Tilden Park*

Friday, October 13 ~ Sunday, October 15

Come experience a taste of nomadic village life:

Create a community sukkah where we can gather for Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning services, special activities for children, vegetarian kosher meals, and Sukkot festivities.

Come build your own sukkah, where you can sleep under the Tishri full moon and stars, invite others in to visit, or simply rest and enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings of Tilden Park.

Learn about the history, halachah, and practices of Sukkot.

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).



TAKING STOCK IN THE NEW YEAR

There is now a new way to contribute to our congregation! Stock donations can be used to pay for dues and donations to the building fund, as well as to provide support for other important programs. This can offer significant tax advantages to the donor. Many thanks to Mark Priven, for establishing our account and agreeing to be our coordinator for these donations. (Please note that you should not donate stock to pay for religious school fees since it would not provide you with the same tax advantages as paying for dues, or donating to the building fund or other programs.)

These are the steps to follow:

1. Fill out the form that appears on the next page. This form is also available from our office and our website. If you wish to donate towards more than one purpose, then the value of the stock donation will be allocated according to your designation. Unless you indicate otherwise, we will pay off any outstanding items owed in your priority categories first.

Example A: You owe \$1,380 for dues and \$300 for the building fund assessment. You've donated stock for which you will receive a total credit of \$1500 (see 6 below). If you put a #1 by the Dues line, and a #2 by the Building Fund line, then \$1,380 would be credited for dues, and \$120 would be credited towards your building fund assessment.

Example B: Same facts as above. If you put \$1,000 by the Dues line and Remainder by the Building Fund line, then \$1,000 would be credited for dues, \$300 for the building fund assessment, and \$200

as an additional donation to the building fund.

2. Fax or mail a copy of the attached form to your broker. Please ask your broker to notify Mark Priven at (510) 559-8393 when the transfer order is placed, verifying the date of the transfer and, if possible, the value per share.

If you have a stock certificate, mail the certificate directly to our broker, Maynard Lichterman (see attached form for address).
3. Fax or mail a copy of the attached form to Netivot Shalom [fax (510) 549-9448], attention Mark Priven.
4. Call our broker, Maynard Lichterman, at (510) 486-2414 to let him know of your donation. This is very important. If Mr. Lichterman does not know that a donation is coming, this could delay the processing of the transaction.
5. We will send you a letter acknowledging your donation. This should be kept for your tax records. You should consult with your tax advisor to determine the value of this contribution for tax purposes. Netivot Shalom will credit your account for the value of the stock on the date of transfer, based on its price at the close of market that day.
6. April 15: Treat yourself to a nice (kosher) dinner with the taxes you have saved by donating stock.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Mark Priven at 559-8393. ☆

SUKKOT HARVEST PLATE

AND THE SEVEN SPECIES

- 1) WHEAT is our most basic food. It can sustain life and is the symbol of hospitality and festivity.
 - 2) BARLEY is a plant that can grow even in bad soil and poor weather conditions. It reminds us to be strong even in difficult times.
 - 3) GRAPES symbolize joy and fruitfulness. As they grow in clusters, they remind us of the joy of celebrating together as a family and as a community.
 - 4) FIGS are one of the few fruits that can be harvested year-round. They remind us of the Torah, which we read all year long.
 - 5) POMEGRANATES are full of seeds, just as we would like to be full of good deeds.
 - 6) OLIVES are a rich and versatile food and the olive tree is strong. In Israel, there are olive trees one-thousand years old that still bear fruit.
 - 7) DATES are sweet as honey. Their fruit is soft, but the pit is hard. Dates remind us to be sweet, but strong.
- As we taste these fruits, let us remember to care for the earth and to share our food with those who are hungry.

REMINDER: Buy your lulav and etrog from Afikomen immediately!!!!!!



JEWS AS GLOBAL CITIZENS

Working for Social Change Beyond our Local Community

By Mark Priven

Did you ever feel like the problems of the world are just a tad overwhelming? Lets face it, there are a few doozies out there, and I know my personal response has at times been complete paralysis. At the same time, our Jewish tradition teaches us to help the needy, aid the stranger, and engage in other forms of *Tikkun Olam* (repair the world).

Beginning this month, there will be a class that addresses these issues. It is cosponsored by Netivot Shalom's Social Action Committee, other East Bay synagogues, Lehrhaus Judaica and the American Jewish World Service. The series will explore TANGIBLE ways in which we, as Jews in a non-Jewish world, can work for social change. Class topics include the following:

Global Citizenry: A New Ethic of Jewish Service

Poverty, Hunger and Disease: Alleviating Suffering in the Developing World

Responding to International Emergencies: from Refugee Crises to Physical Disasters

Partners in Creation: Judaism and the Environment

What Can We Do Now: Judaism in Action Around the World

The program costs \$40 per person (for Netivot Shalom members), and classes will be held from 7-9 pm at the BRJCC on October 24, November 7 & 28, December 5 & 19. For more information call Mark Priven at 559-8393 or Lynn Simon at Lehrhaus Judaica 845-6420 ext. 11. We hope to see you there.



MIDRASHA NEWS

By Diane Bernbaum

Although I'm writing this before Midrasha has even started, I know that by the time you read this, school will have gotten off to an amazing beginning. I have just spent two late evenings meeting with the faculty. What a dedicated, organized, creative, charismatic, knowledgeable, and astute group of young men and women. They love working with teens and are so psyched to begin teaching. At our last faculty meeting we came to a remarkable insight: We had three "generations" of Midrasha teachers sitting around the table. One of our faculty members, Nitzhia Shaked, was the prime inspiration for three of her students at Midrasha, Yossi Fendel, Haggai Resnikoff and Rachel Luft, to come back and teach at Midrasha. And Rachel in turn is the reason that her former student, Shoshana Weiner, has come back to join the faculty. And I am sure that someone this year will study with Shoshana and be inspired to come back ten years from now and will join the faculty as well. The chain of inspiration continues. So often a teacher doesn't know how their teaching has influenced their students, but when one sees one's students return to join the faculty, you

know you've done a great job.

Our MIDRASHA JOB BANK is ready for you! Do you need a babysitter? Would you love a teenager to help serve and clean up at your next party? Tired of cutting your own grass? Do you wish someone would explain your computer's mysteries? Need someone for filing in your office? Does your dog need walking? Do you wish you had someone to fold your laundry or vacuum your floors? Would your kids appreciate a teen to help them read Hebrew or figure out their math? Then you need a copy of the MIDRASHA JOB BANK. This is a list of our students who are available to do work. Call the Midrasha office, 843-4667, and leave me either your address or fax number and we will send you a copy.

All of the Midrasha faculty, and our Board of Directors, and I wish you a very, very wonderful and peaceful *Shana Tova*.





ETZLEINU IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

By Iris Greenbaum

I'd like to share with you ideas generated at the Etzleinu brainstorm prior to my summer hiatus.

Our discussion highlighted the potential of Etzleinu to deepen our connection to Jewish values and Jewish communal life. Who we are as a community goes beyond our participation in study and prayer. Who we are is reflected in how we relate to each other, guided by the wisdom of our traditions and the practice of *mitzvot*. We are each obliged to participate in *hachnassat orchim* (welcoming guests), *bikkur cholim*, comforting the bereaved, and *gemilut hassadim*. How we live is an expression of our Jewish values.

I hope in the coming year to develop a more solid organizational structure within the Etzleinu neighborhoods with the goal of facilitating and deepening our connection to each other and to Jewish spiritual practice.

Please call me if you are willing to:

- 1) Celebrate Break-the-Fast with other members in Etzleinu (kosher, vegetarian, pot-luck)
- 2) Invite members to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat or Havdallah
- 3) Cook a meal for an ill congregant
- 4) Call a few members for a shiva minyan
- 5) Join in a Shabbat afternoon Torah discussion
- 6) Welcome a member to your sukkah
- 7) Help organize a holiday celebration
- 8) Offer your own idea!

I look forward to working with each of you as we join together to live more Jewishly. ☆

Etzleinu Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast

Monday, October 9

Break the Fast with Netivot Shalom Neighbors
Small neighborhood gatherings following *Ne'ila* &
Ma'ariv services. Kosher, vegetarian pot-luck delights!

For more information,
call Iris at 549-9447 ext. 110

RITUAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Josh Gressel

Barring delays because of the High Holidays, you should be reading this article sometime between *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*. All of us on the Ritual Committee hope you are having a meaningful experience. You will hear repeatedly (and it is true) how many hundreds of volunteer hours go into making these services possible. But none of those hours will mean anything if we as a congregation are not able to use this special time for what it was intended: a time for cleansing and transformation. Ultimately, the work of the Ritual Committee is to facilitate a religious experience during religious services. That should be obvious, but it can get lost in the details of whos leading what service or how hard we're all working to make it happen. A synagogue is first and foremost a place to pray, and we hope you're able to do so.

High Holidays are a time when the synagogue welcomes many new members. We on the Ritual Committee are always on the lookout for new people to join in leading our services. If you have some fundamental skills in leading services, reading Torah, or chanting Haftorah, please don't wait for an invitation. Pick up the phone and contact our Ritual Coordinator, Peggy Sandel. We hope in the coming months to be starting a mentoring program, where veteran daveners will be paired with beginners to teach the skills necessary for leading the different parts of the service.

We are also looking for new members for our committee. Speaking personally, I can say that I dislike belonging to committees, never want to leave the house for a meeting, and yet never regret having come to a Ritual Committee meeting because it always feels like time well spent. If you would like to come and observe a meeting or two before committing, please contact chairperson Jerry Derblich.

And finally, a ritual quiz for the High Holidays:

Why is a ram's horn, rather than a cow's horn or that of another animal, used as a shofar?

According to *The Jewish Book of Why*, it's because the rams horn is used in commemoration of the (aborted) sacrifice of Isaac. Just before he was to be killed, a ram caught in a thicket was used as a substitute sacrifice. To honor the ram, Jews use a ram's horn at religious services. Horns of cows were rejected because these animals were associated with the worship of the Golden Calf.

Shana Tova ve Gmar Hatima Tova.





RABBI'S COLUMN (continued from front page)

will lead me. Your strong hand will hold me. (Psalm 139:9-10)

Now that I begin a new journey, I turn to You in confidence and trust, for You have always been a light to my path. May I go forth in health and safely reach my destination. May this journey not be in vain: let me return in contentment to my home and my dear ones. Then will my travels be truly blessed.

Do these two versions do the job? Do they ask the right questions and address the appropriate concerns? How are they the same – how do they differ?


So, here we are poised at the beginning of the year 5761. This journey

of ours requires us to pause and reflect -- to not only engage in this process as individuals, but as a community. I want to ask each of you to reflect on another journey. This time, not the individual spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical journey that we ourselves own, but that of our larger community - the spiritual, emotional, educational and physical journey of ours as a congregation in these last eleven years. The whole High Holyday season gives us a chance to reflect (and God knows, we need it). Maybe some of you who may be into creative poetry might try a hand at writing a different kind of *tefillat haderech*, a different prayer for the sojourner but this time for a community rather than an individual. I'd love to hear from you!!

Shana tova u metuka from the Kelmans!!



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saturday

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monday


sunday

1	Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day	2	Fast of Gedaliah	3	7:30 pm Class on "Kaparah" (atonement) 7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group	4	7:15 am Morning Minyan	5		6	Candle Lighting Time: 6:27 pm 	7	9 am Haazinu Shuva with Rena Fisher 9:45 am Shabbat Shuvah Services, Northbrae Kiddush sponsored by the Rosenheimer Family 11:00 am Torah L'Yeladim for preschoolers, Northbrae
2 Tishri	6:10 pm Erev Yom Kippur at Northbrae	3 Tishri	Yom Kippur at Northbrae Shul Office Closed	4 Tishri	7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group	5 Tishri	7:15 am Morning Minyan	6 Tishri		7 Tishri	Today - Sunday Harvest of Joy CNS 2nd Annual Sukkot Weekend in Tilden Park	8 Tishri	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Sukkot - First Day, BRJCC Kiddush sponsored by Judaism Revealed

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Succoth with Nitzhia Shaked

9:45 am
Sukkot - First Day, BRJCC
Kiddush sponsored
by Judaism Revealed

9 Tishri	10 Tishri	11 Tishri	12 Tishri	13 Tishri	14 Tishri	15 Tishri
15 Sukkot - 2nd Day at Shul Offices	16	17 7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group	18 7:15 am Morning Minyan	19 No Amitim Erev Chag	20 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat, at the Bells' home Alameda, RSVP 510.523.7709	21 9 am Shemini Atzeret with Simon Firestone 9:45 am Shemini Atzeret/Ytzkor, BRJCC 11:00 am Torah L'Yeladim for preschoolers, BRJCC Rm 12 7pm Simchat Torah, BRJCC NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
16 Tishri	17 Tishri	18 Tishri	19 Tishri	20 Tishri	21 Tishri	22 Tishri
22 9:45 am Simchat Torah, BRJCC	23	24 7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group 7:30 - 9 pm Class on Bible Canonization with Rabbi Kelman	25 7:15 am Morning Minyan 7 pm Registration and Orientation for Hebrew Classes Religious School Parent-Teacher Conferences	26 7:30 pm Adult Bar Mitzvah Class	27 Candle Lighting time: 6:07 p 	28 9 am Bereshit with Nitzhia Shaked 9:45 am Shabbat Services Kiddush sponsored by Rena Dorff & Peter Wahrhaftig in honor of their our ruf 11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad Family Services BRJCC, Room 14 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
23 Tishri	24 Tishri	25 Tishri	26 Tishri	27 Tishri	28 Tishri	29 Tishri
29 END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	30	31 7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group 7:30 - 9 pm Class on Bible Canonization with Rabbi Kelman				
30 Tishri	1 Heshvan	2 Heshvan	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).			



ADULT EDUCATION

GENDER AND JUDAISM

In keeping with Netivot Shalom's mission as a participatory and egalitarian congregation, Rivka Greenberg and Judy Kunofsky are proposing a forum on "Gender and Judaism." The first meeting, Sunday November 5, 10 am-12 pm at the Netivot Shalom offices, will take a focus group approach, endeavoring to identify the various topics and choose a starting point. Participants are encouraged to suggest sources and resources. Ken Stanton will facilitate. For more information, contact Rivka at righreenb@med.wayne.edu.

HEBREW

The Wednesday evening Hebrew Program will meet for 20 sessions, 7:30-9:30 pm at the Netivot Shalom offices, from October 25 through March 28. Rachel and Jonathan Heinstejn will teach for all sessions, with part-time help from other teachers, student tutors, speakers and administrative volunteers. In most cases we will pair the learners with a *chavruta* partner at the same level. The basic text for this year will be the Passover Haggadah. We have chosen six parts that exemplify the spirit of the Haggadah and together, tell the story.

1) *Arami Oved Avi*, the wandering (genocidal) Aramean and its explication. 2) *Avadim Hayenu*, we were slaves, and the reflection on the manner in which the story is told. 3) The four children. 4) Rabban Gamliel's maxim concerning the Paschal offering, matzah and marror and the explication which follows. 5) The ten plagues, Rabbi Yosi's fifty plagues and the review of the song *Dayenu*. 6) The Kiddush and (this year) Havdalah. The elementary level will focus on proficiency in reading, aided by the manual *Teach Yourself to Read Hebrew*. The intermediate level will study supplemental texts from Bialik's *Sefer HaAgada* and use the grammar textbook *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way*. The Advanced level will use a grammar text TBA and learn selections from the Mishnah of the Tractate *Pesachim*, especially chapter 10 with its focus on the

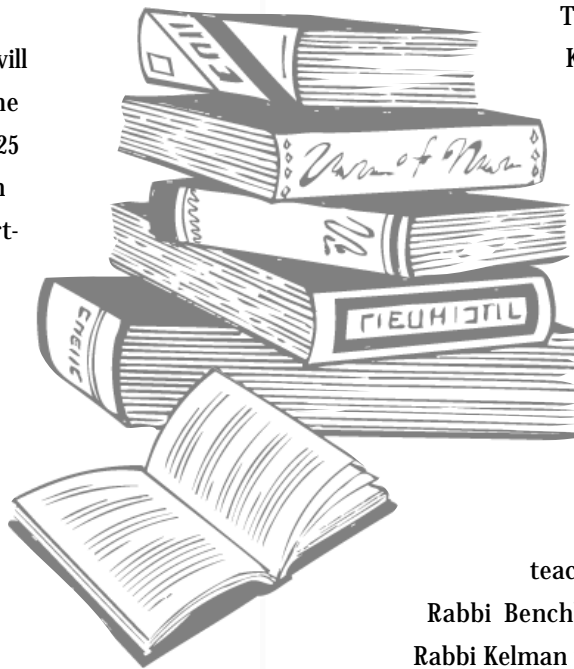
Seder. The process of building a community of learners is bound up inextricably with the participatory nature of our congregation. We see the program as a collaborative effort and encourage input regarding organization and supplemental texts. Part of our mission this year will be to develop a grant proposal based on the program. To this end we suggest that teachers and students keep a short journal of their insights. To register, look for our fliers, contact Jonathan at jheinstejn@hotmail.com or call Iris at 549-9447 ext. 110.

TALMUD STUDY GROUP

The Talmud class, until now taught by Rabbi Kelman, will continue on Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:00 pm at the Netivot Shalom offices. In the present format, the learners will alternately lead the study of the first chapter of the Tractate *Brachot*. This *chavruta* will be known as the Talmud Study Group, and is open to everyone. Occasionally, the group will propose the study of a *sugiyah*, a passage of particular interest. At present we have brought guest

teachers for chapter 8 of the Tractate *Yoma*, Rabbi Benchlouch and Haggai Resnikoff. On Oct. 3 Rabbi Kelman will teach the complex interaction of factors in the process of atonement. The group will host the *Yom Kippur* afternoon study session on this chapter.

Concurrently, Rabbi Kelman will teach HoJA OjaM NaHaZ HaZaM on five Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9pm, Oct. 24 through Nov. 21. This secret code for the course will display no hidden Bible message. Come and learn how the Bible (*Tanach*) came to be. Fact, fiction, documentary hypothesis, Canaanite script, canonization, the mem enclytic, variant texts and more. BYO Bible, preferably Hebrew-English. Free to Netivot Shalom members, \$50 to non-members. Look for the Rabbis upcoming talks- Where We Stand: Conservative Judaism.





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MAIMONIDES COURSE

Netivot Shalom is co-sponsoring the continuation of our study of Maimonides' writings in a course given by renowned scholar and teacher, Nitzhia Shaked. The course will cover the following topics from *The Guide of the Perplexed*:

- * Prophecy
- * Good and Evil (the Book of Job)
- * Human virtues and the improvement of human nature
- * *Ha'Adam ha'Shalom* (the complete human being)
- * The relationship between God and people

The course will run for eight sessions, beginning Monday, October 23 at 7:30 pm, and will meet at the offices of Congregation Netivot Shalom, 1841 Berkeley Way.

The cost for Netivot Shalom Members is \$55 for the semester. You may pre register at Lehrhaus Judaica on the Web at www.lehrhaus.org or call Lehrhaus at (510) 845-6420. You may also register at the door at the first session. If you have any questions, please call Sanne DeWitt at (510) 845-2098.



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YOUTH EDUCATION

By Rabbi Margie Jacobs

This is the season of *teshuva*. It is a time to look inside one's own heart and to do the difficult work of *teshuva*, repentance. But it is also a time *lashuv*, to return, to full participation in community. The mending of relationships that is central to the work of *teshuva* reflects the value that we as Jews place on on community, on being engaged in the lives of others. The importance of building community as we engage in Jewish learning was at the forefront of the activities that marked the beginning of the school year in September. In late August, Alison Cohen and I led a wonderful teacher orientation that emphasized not only policies and procedures and helpful teaching tips, but also encouraged the teachers and *madrichim* to view themselves as a group engaged in the common goal of educating Netivot Shalom's children. Thanks to Alison for sharing her skills and expertise, and to Andrea Altschuler for providing dinner.

One of the unique features of the Netivot Shalom Bnai Mitzvah Program is the communal focus. The *Amitim* students prepare to officially enter the Jewish community as a bar or bat mitzvah as a group. The group of students who learn trope, *tefillah*, and Torah together form a bond that is a central part of their Bnai mitzvah experience. Before beginning their studies this year, the *Amitim* students learned to work as a team and to trust each other by participating in a ropes course at the Marin JCC. Thanks to Denise Moyes-Schnurr and Deena Ganot for coordinating carpooling to the ropes course, and to the parents who provided transportation.

I am thrilled to welcome Ruth Weisberg, our *Yamim Noraim L'Yeladim* Coordinator. Thanks to Ruth for her enthusiastic, creative work on the *YNL* program. Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers who have helped to make the beginning of the school year a success, particularly to Shari Rifas, Norm Jacobson, and Andrea Altschuler for their work on registration, and to the Youth Education Committee for welcoming me to this community with a lovely kiddush on the first Shabbat of our religious school program. ☆

AWESOME DAYS FOR KIDS

By Ruth Weisberg,
Yamim Norim L'Yeladim Coordinator

It's been a great start to my life in Berkeley to be praying and working in the community of Netivot Shalom. Although I grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, I recently moved from Santa Cruz where I lived for the last 5 years.

Judaism has always been an important and inspirational part of my life. Some of this inspiration began as a baby chewing on my kiddush cup on Shabbat while sitting on my father's lap. This continued as I spent summers at midwestern Jewish camps and participated in Youth Group as a member and board member. I also spent time living in Israel as a high school student which changed my life. And throughout my life, singing and chanting all of the wonderful prayers and songs have been a constant source of light for me in our sometimes chaotic world. These experiences and many others led me to working in the Jewish Community so I can pass on our traditions to children.

It is hard to believe the sweet new year has begun. I would like to thank the entire community and staff of Netivot Shalom for supporting and working with me in coordinating *Yamim Norim L'Yeladim*. Because of your support, the two days of *Rosh Hashanah* were awesome for the children of our community. As we look deep within ourselves in preparation for *Yom Kippur*, we are faced with the challenge of helping the children find meaning in this holiday. One way to make this possible is to participate as a volunteer during *Yom Kippur* with the children. This is a way to bridge the gap between what is learned at synagogue and at home. If you are interested in volunteering in our *Yom Kippur* Children's Program, please give me a call at the Netivot Shalom office. I look forward to meeting more of you during the *chagim* and throughout the rest of year. ☆

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

For Students between the ages of 14-17

A new program is being offered by Endangered Spirit Jewish Outdoor Adventures who have been running Jewish outdoor adventure trips for the past three years. They have created a new camp called BYachad (together). The first program from Camp BYachad will be a 10 day adventure to Arizona December 24-January 2. They will be taking 24 students only. During the week, participants will have a rugged adventure in the desert with mountain biking, horseback riding, backcountry camping and skiing. On Shabbat, the group will be met by rabbis from each of the denominations for discussions and study. If you're interested, contact Rabbi Kelman at 549-9447 ext. 103



KEEPING THE CAMP FLAME BURNING

RAMAH DAY CAMP UPDATE

By Dan Alter

The summer is really, really over. For many children the reality has set in: there's a long school year ahead. Of course, school can be wonderful, and even when it is not fun, the learning there is essential. But for any of your kids who are missing the inspiration of camp, we are beginning a new feature: *Pinat Zikaron*, the camp memory corner. This October, try these with any Ramah Day Campers to bring back just a little of the thrill of the summer:

On erev Shabbat, try singing *Shalom Alechem* with the finger taps.

Shalom Alechem - taptaptap taptaptap (one finger)

Malachei Hashalom - taptaptap taptaptap

Malachei E-el-yo-o-o-o-o-o-o-on

Mi-melech - taptaptap taptaptap

Malachei Hamlachim - taptaptap taptaptap

Hakadosh Baruch Hu-u-u-u-u-u-u-u

Boachem Lshalom -taptaptap taptaptap (two fingers) etc.

Barchuni Lshalom - taptaptap taptaptap (three fingers) etc.

Tzetchem Lshalom - taptaptap taptaptap (four fingers) etc.

Shalom Alechem - clapclapclap clapclapclap (full hand) etc.

First session parents ask your kids: Who is *Giveret Milah*, and where does she live?

Second session parents say the words courtesy drop! (and ask for the story if you didn't get it yet).

Planning is already underway for next summer. Stay tuned for next summer's dates and brochure, to come out soon!



SHABBAT B'YACHAD & SHABBAT SHELANU

By Iris Greenbaum, Program Coordinator

Sweet new beginnings ushered in our *SBY* new year! Our *Rosh Hashanah* celebration was filled with joyful *tefillah*, songs, Torah stories, a Torah parade, the sounding of the shofar, and special holiday activities. Our new year wishes were sweetened by the taste of honey cake, apples dipped in honey, round hallah, and a birthday cake for the world! *Shanah Tova UMetukah!*

Our Yom Kippur family service will feature *tefillah*, Torah, and exploration of the concept of *teshuva* through stories and puppetry.

Todah Raddah to all families who sweetened our experience in *Haggim BYachad*. Special thanks to Judy Radosky, Lee Bearson & Babbie Freiberg, Tali & Elad Ziv, Lisa Fink, Cathy Shadd, and Denise Moyes-Schnur.

The experience of *Shabbat BYachad* inspired our newly graduated K-1 families to create *Shabbat Shelanu*, a family Shabbat service for K-1 families in both religious and day schools. The parent-led family service features *tefillah*, Torah story and discussion. The delight of Shabbat is enhanced when families join together to celebrate!

Come to our first *Shabbat Shelanu* on Shabbat, October 7. *Shabbat Shelanu* meets every 1st and 3rd Shabbat of the month in Room 14.

Special thanks to Judy Radosky, Debbie Isaac-Shapiro, Babbie Freiberg, Lee Bearson, and our Kindergarten teacher Debbie Jagoda, for helping to create *Shabbat Shelanu*.

A special get-together for parents and children to explore the Shabbat prayer service and create their own siddurim will be offered for *SBY* and K-1 families on Sunday, October 29.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Iris Greenbaum, Program Coordinator at 549-9447 ext. 110.



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Parents and school-aged children with moderate to severe developmental disabilities can learn about Judaism together in a monthly series especially for them. Taught by a developmental specialist, this monthly series features art projects based on Jewish holidays following the cycle of the Hebrew calendar, as well as additional activities based on the individual abilities of the students. Sponsored by the Center for Jewish Living and Learning of the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay, courses are offered once a month on Sundays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Jewish Community Services in Oakland. Cost per family is \$50. For a course schedule and more information, call (510) 839-2900, ext. 342



MAZEL TOV RABBI KELMAN!

By Iris Greenbaum

Rabbi Stuart Kelman, co-founder of the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE) was honored at the 25th anniversary celebration of CAJE at Hofstra University in Hempstead New York on Sunday, August 13. Rabbi Kelman was recognized for his vision and dedication in creating a learning community of rabbis, educators, and lay leaders committed to excellence in Jewish education. Over 2,300 Jewish educators from the United States and ten countries converged to study, learn, and celebrate Jewish learning and culture. CAJE, the largest Jewish education organization in North America, successfully brings together a diverse Jewish population encompassing Conservative, Reform, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, secular, and human-

ist thinkers for in-depth study of Jewish knowledge and exploration of the future of Jewish education. Evening programs highlighted the rich cultural diversity of our Jewish heritage and voice, brought to life by gifted singers and musicians encompassing the spectrum of Jewish music including 1800's Italian and Sephardic melodies, songs of the Israeli pioneers, modern American *nusach*, and of course, Debbie Friedman.

As a participant in this years CAJE, I was inspired by the intelligence, dedication, and creativity of the conference participants. I feel renewed in my own desire to touch upon the lives of others with wisdom and joy for Jewish learning. *Kol HaKavod* Rabbi Kelman!



OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sounds True Productions has just issued a multiple CD collection of music compiled by Randee Friedman which contains one song for each weekly parsha. It is a remarkable collection of songs by a variety of composers and performers. They go perfectly with Rabbi Kelmans neckties! So, if you happen to call our office and get put on hold, you'll hear a song that goes with each week's parasha.

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I want to give my warmest thanks and appreciation for our wonderful teachers who have led us during this past year. First of all, my gratitude goes to Nitzhia whose superb scholarship and dynamic teaching has inspired us at her biweekly presentations. I also want to extend my thanks to Rabbi Debora Ornstein, Rabbi Arthur Gould, Rabbi David Winston, Rabbi Jane Littman, Robert Alter, Diane Bernbaum, Jodi Feld, Michael Cohen, Yehuda Sherman, Naomi Seidmen, Lee Bearson, Esther Brass, Leora Lawton, Jerry Garfield, Stephan Tobias, Shachar Pinsker, Noriko Obinata, Mark Gruber, Charlie Lerrigo, Jonathan Heinstein, and Chai Levy. My thanks also go to the group for the marvelous discussions.

Please join us in this enriching endeavor.

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IN MEMORY OF GLADYS SESSLER

On July 10, our mother, Gladys Sessler, died at the age of 70 years. Her health had been fragile for the last decade. Nonetheless, we did not expect her to die now. Consequently her passing came as a shock to the family.

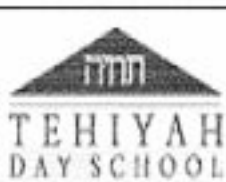
We were gratified in our time of need to have such active support by her beloved Congregation Netivot Shalom. It was generous and helpful for the synagogue and its congregation to provide everything from meals to Shiva services. Rabbi Kelman, despite being out of town, called us many times. Heidi Wexler called us immediately to offer the services of the Chevra Kadisha. Lee Feinstein showed up with food and made sure we were eating during our stay in Berkeley. The Braufmans provided us with dinner, many calls and led one of the Shiva services. This allowed the family to concentrate on each other and begin the grieving

process. On behalf of the Sessler family, we thank the members of Congregation Netivot Shalom for their love and support.

We are in the process of collecting remembrances of Gladys. We hope to process them into a pamphlet celebrating her life. We would be grateful for any comments that members of the congregation might be able to contribute. These might include comments that were made during the funeral or Shiva services, but we welcome any memories or thoughts.

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