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I'm writing this column during Sukkot. As I mentioned in shul, my friends in Israel are greeting each other with the words: *chag sameach - im efshar*. Have a happy festival - if possible. This is the mood. By the time you read this column, events may have changed - we hope and pray for the better.

When I was on sabbatical in Israel in 1998, I was privileged to hear Professor Moshe Greenberg, the

world-renown Bible scholar at a conference at Bar Ilan University. On that occasion, he proposed a new Prayer for the State of Israel which might replace the one we currently use (which was written in 1948 by Rav Kook). I have translated it and offer it to you. It provided a large degree of comfort and understanding when I read it on the first two days of Sukkot. As always, your reactions are welcome.

A PRAYER FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL
Dr. Moshe Greenberg
[translated by Rabbi Stuart Kelman - 1998]
(Please do not duplicate and/or distribute)

We thank you Adonai our God for Your help which You placed in our hands in order to establish a state in the land you granted our ancestors, which was for us and all Your people, a portal of hope following the time when we were almost destroyed.

Our eyes depend on You for wisdom to succeed in our ways, and for power to sustain our state in righteousness, law and responsibility, for our

grandeur and for that of our brothers and sisters, so that we can be united with them to sanctify Your name in the world.

Open our hearts so that we can recognize the values of those who are different from us, regardless of whether they are the children of

the *brit* or not, and in their merit may we establish ways of life which are good in their eyes and create peace with our neighbors.



A NEW PRAYER FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

Give us wisdom to find paths to the hearts of our enemies, and cause their hearts to be whole with us. Prevent our hands and their's from murder and terror. Uproot from their hearts and our's thoughts of destruction and hatred.

- Inscribe for us in a scroll of independence:
- To be watchful for the development of the land for good to all its inhabitants;
 - To seek the actualization of the vision of justice and peace of our prophets;
 - To establish equality of social and civil rights to each and every citizen;
 - To promise freedom of religion, conscience, language, education, and culture to all the citizens of our land

May it be Your will to strengthen our hands to establish all that we have taken on ourselves, for the sake of the glory of Your name by which we are known, so that we may fulfill the words of Your prophet: "You, Israel are My prophets, in whom I shall glorify."





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

November 18, 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: December 16

Torah Study & Drashot Schedule

NOVEMBER

- 4 **Noach** • Jody Feld
Drash: Jacob Breslow (Bar Mitzvah)
- 11 **Lech Lecha** • Nitzhia Shaked
Drash: Rabbi Art Gould
- 18 **Vayera** • Rabbi Art Gould
Drash: Josh Gressel
- 25 **Chaye Sarah** • Nitzhia Shaked
Drash: Ethan Levy (Bar Mitzvah)

DECEMBER

- 2 **Toldot** • Open
Drash: R. Stuart Kelman
- 9 **Va-Yetze** • Nitzhia Shaked
Drash: Ari BenAvram (Bar Mitzvah)
- 16 **Va-Yishlach** • R. Stuart Kelman
Drash: Open
- 23 **Va-Yeshev** • Nitzhia Shaked
Drash: Leo Goldberg (Bar Mitzvah)
- 30 **Mi Ketz** • Open
Drash: Rachel Krantz (Bat Mitzvah)

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CALLING FOR BOARD AND COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is hard at work. If you are interested in serving on the Netivot Shalom Board, or working on a committee, or have suggestions of other synagogue members who would make great board members, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Lee Bearson, Mark Priven, Noga Gressel, Chuck Wunderlich, Joanna Weinberg, Dan Alter or Diane Bernbaum. Thank you.

PASSING THE BATON - NEWSLETTER TEAM NEEDED

In the spring of 1999, Cori Kesler began working with Turi Adams to bring the Netivot Shalom newsletter to a new level of design and clarity. Last year, Turi gave birth to her beautiful son Coleman, and early this year she generously passed on her editing responsibilities to Ellen Peskin. Since then, Ellen and Cori have been volunteering their efforts to produce the newsletter each month -- on the web and in hard copy. Now they are both ready to give birth to babies of their own - what is it about working on the newsletter?! Karen Friedman has graciously stepped forward to take over the editing responsibilities (a position she held in the early days of the newsletter).

We need someone who can take on the design responsibilities beginning with the January issue. We also need someone who can oversee the ads in the newsletter. Please contact the Netivot Shalom office or Karen Friedman (dmarcus@slip.net) if you are interested. We REALLY need people to carry on these responsibilities and to help take the newsletter through its next stage of development. Step right up!

NETIVOT SHALOM TURKEY DRIVE

Co-Sponsored by Netivot Shalom
Social Action Committee
Benefiting Alameda County
Community Food Bank

The Alameda County Community Food Bank is a major food provider to 266 social service agencies which feed over 96,000 individuals and families each month. During this holiday season, the Food Bank will be called upon to provide 3,500 turkeys which will be used primarily in soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters.

LAST YEAR, THE FOOD BANK DID NOT RECEIVE THE NEEDED NUMBER OF TURKEY DONATIONS, CREATING A MAJOR SHORTAGE AT A CRUCIAL TIME OF THE YEAR.

Netivot Shalom would like to make a difference this year by contributing as many turkeys as possible. Your donation will enable us to purchase turkeys which will be delivered to the Food Bank in time for the holiday season.

Your \$12.00 donation
will feed up to 15 people.

Your \$24.00 donation
will feed up to 30 people.

Your \$36.00 donation (double
CHAI) will feed up to 45 people.

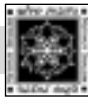
Since this is a very timely fund drive, we are asking you to send in your contributions as soon as possible so we can begin making our purchases.

Checks should be made payable to:
Netivot Shalom Turkey Drive

Please send your donation to:
Netivot Shalom Turkey Drive, Netivot Shalom
1841 Berkeley Way, • Berkeley, CA 94703



YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT.
(If we receive your donation after Thanksgiving, it will still be put to great use as the Food Bank has a very strong need for turkeys throughout the holiday season.)



MORE ON HIGH HOLIDAY RITUAL

By Josh Gressel, Ritual Committee

I know many of you would like to forget about the High Holidays and look forward to some down time after all the extra work and extra services from the past month. But because there's a lull, both within the Ritual Committee and in our religious lives, I wanted to take the chance to look at an aspect of the Rosh Hashanah Musaf service many of us don't know too much about.

It's Rosh Hashanah and the drash is over. Ask your average Moshe standing outside in the Northbrae parking lot if he wants to stay for the Musaf, and you'll likely get a grimace, which says, in effect: "I know I should, but it's just too darned long and I'm hungry and want to go home." The Musaf Amidah service for both days of Rosh Hashanah is significantly lengthened by the addition of the "Malchuyot, Zichronot, & Shofarot" benedictions. I, for one, have found them to be both inscrutable and interminable. How many of you have really read through them during the silent Amidah? I've never made it to the end -- my legs give out first and I simply can't grasp what the prayers are about or how they're organized. We're not alone in this. Ismar Elbogen, in *Jewish Liturgy: A Comprehensive History*, writes that:

In view of the great length of this prayer, it was impossible to impose it as an obligation upon the individual. R. Gamaliel ruled that the recitation of the prayer by the [shaliach tzibur] fulfills the individual worshiper's obligation; his opinion prevailed despite vigorous opposition. Accordingly, the custom in Babylonia was for the congregation to recite in the silent Amidah only the seven benedictions of the other Amidot of the New Year, and to hear the Kingship, Remembrance and Shofar verses from the [shaliah tzibur] But since, in the course of the Middle Ages, prayer came to be more and more diligently cultivated, the custom became entrenched that each individual recited the complete Amidah, in spite of the difficulty in obtaining a copy of such an extensive text in a time when prayer books were rare.

Besides their length, the *Malchuyot, Zichronot, & Shofarot* benedictions are unique to the Rosh Hashanah Musaf service: They appear at no other time during the year. According to my research, their appearance on Rosh Hashanah probably dates back 2,000 years, to before the destruction of the Second Temple. In fact, many of the prayers in our daily liturgy which we consider to be ancient (such as *Aleinu*) first appeared in the Rosh Hashanah Musaf service and were then drafted into other forms of service.

The *Malchuyot, Zichronot, & Shofarot* benedictions are a highly structured progression of prayers. Their organization is not evident graphically or otherwise in our *Machzor*, which I think is one of the reasons

many of us are so confused by them. They are located in the middle of the Musaf Amidah (the Amidah normally contains seven sections: *Malchuyot* is grafted onto the third section, and is then followed by *Zichronot, Shofarot* and the remaining four sections of the festival Amidah, for nine total sections). So in essence the *Malchuyot, Zichronot, & Shofarot* benedictions occur in the epicenter of the Musaf Amidah.

Each of the benedictions consists of ten verses, three of which are from the *Torah* (Five Books of Moses or Pentateuch), three from the *Ketuvim* (Writings), three from the *Nevi'im* (Prophets), and the final closing verse is from the Pentateuch. Each of these verses will relate directly to the theme of the benediction: either to God's sovereignty (*Malchuyot*), God's remembering (*Zichronot*), or God's redemption (*Shofarot*). No verses are included that threaten punishment. Each benediction ends with the blowing of the shofar, both as a punctuation between the three sections and a building toward its ultimate climax (*Shofarot*). Here is an organizational outline:

- I. *Malchuyot* (God Reigns): The verses in this section all deal with the ultimate sovereignty of God, and are introduced by the *Aleinu* prayer ("We rise in our duty to praise the Lord of all").
- II. *Zichronot* (God remembers): The verses in this section all deal with God remembering what each of us does. They are introduced by a prayer recounting God's justice.
- III. *Shofarot* (God reveals/redeems): The verses in this section all deal with God revealing Himself to His people and all mention the shofar. They are introduced by a passage describing the theophany at Mt. Sinai.

Hopefully the organization of these benedictions now makes a little more sense to you. And hopefully understanding the organization can facilitate a deeper experience of the direction these benedictions are leading us. To me, *Malchuyot* is preparing the groundwork by acknowledging our proper place in the universe: there is something far greater than us (God) to which we are subservient. *Zichronot* makes us understand that everything we do has meaning and consequences ("is remembered"), so all of our actions, thoughts and feelings throughout our life become a record of who we are. *Shofarot* seems to be where God takes a step toward us, revealing God's self to us, awakening us to God's Presence. We are prepared for this experience by the two preceding benedictions of *Malchuyot* and *Zichronot*. Then when we are awakened by the shofar blast, we too are standing at Sinai. ☆



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT

ON DEATH PENALTY FORUM

By Alex Madonik

The Social Action Committee hosted a discussion on the Death Penalty at the shul office on Sunday September 10th, 2000. Our guest speakers were Michael Millman, Executive Director of the California Appellate Project, and Gary Sirbu, a criminal law specialist who has represented capital defendants in both trial and appellate proceedings. Mr. Sirbu also serves on the SF-based Jewish Community Relations Council.

The program began with presentations by the speakers on the history and status of California's death penalty. There were no executions in California between 1967 and 1992, at first because of legal challenges to the death penalty culminating in the U.S. Supreme Court's 1972 decision in *Furman v. Georgia*. This decision invalidated all pending death sentences because existing laws failed to provide guidance to juries in choosing between life and death, resulting in the potentially arbitrary application of the death penalty. In response, many states drafted new death penalty statutes during the 1970s. Although California adopted a new statute in 1973, it was declared invalid in 1976. Another new statute was adopted in 1977. Since then, the scope of California's death penalty has been expanded by the 1978 Briggs Initiative and subsequent ballot propositions.

There have been eight executions in California under the new statutes, starting with Robert Harris in 1992. Currently, there are close to 600 people on Death Row in California, including 12 women. Juries have been imposing 30 to 40 death sentences each year.

In California, a capital case requires a finding of "special circumstances," and the District Attorney decides on a case-by-case basis whether to seek the death penalty. During the "guilt phase" of the trial, the jury determines whether the defendant is guilty of the special circumstances charged with the crime of murder. In a second "penalty phase", the same jury determines whether the sentence will be Death or Life Without Parole (the only alternatives allowed under California law when the defendant is convicted of murder with special circumstances). It is during this second phase that the defense can present "mitigating factors," such as evidence of mental impairments or abuse in childhood, while the prosecution can present "aggravating factors," such as other violent acts and felony convictions, or the impact of the crime on the victim's family. All death sentences are automatically appealed to the California Supreme Court, to provide a more uniform standard of review in these cases. Defendants also have the right to appeal to the federal courts through a petition for writ of habeas corpus, although Congress substantially limited this review under the 1996 Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act. The state appeal process cannot occur without counsel for the defendant, appointed

by the state, which has resulted in delays as long as five years between sentencing and the beginning of the appeal.

The speakers then focused on several perceived flaws in our system of capital punishment: 1) those condemned are invariably poor, and often receive substandard legal representation; 2) members of minority groups are four times more likely to be sentenced to death as whites for the same crimes; 3) between 1973 and 1995 approximately two-thirds of all death sentences were overturned on review, and in numerous cases the defendants have been proven to be entirely innocent of the crimes for which they were convicted. While the latter result might suggest that the existing legal safeguards are working, in fact, many of these inmates came within days or hours of execution and were saved only by the intervention of groups outside the legal profession, notably a journalism professor and his students at Northwestern University. In January 2000, these cases moved the Governor of Illinois, George Ryan, to impose a moratorium on executions in that state.

Mr. Sirbu detailed the case of a client whose death sentence has been reaffirmed despite evidence of his substantial intoxication at the time of the crime, rendering him unable to premeditate the killing, and his model behavior in prison.

To place our capital punishment system in perspective, the speakers noted that virtually all western democracies have abolished it. Former President Yeltsin of Russia pardoned all 716 death row inmates there in 1999, as a step towards membership in the European Union.

Talmudic sources also reveal great ambivalence regarding the death penalty, despite its prominent role in the Torah. In contrast to our courts, rabbinical courts would not condemn anyone to death without the testimony of at least two eyewitnesses, each of whom must have warned the accused not to commit the crime!

The Social Action Committee wants to thank Mr. Millman and Mr. Sirbu, as well as the small but passionate audience that joined us for this discussion. Please check out the Social Action Committee web page on the Netivot Website at www.netivotshalom.org for additional articles and links to news about the death penalty. You can also meet the leaders of the Death Penalty Moratorium movement in person (including Sister Helen Prejean, who tells her story in the book and film, "Dead Man Walking") at a conference in San Francisco, November 16 - 19, 2000, organized by Death Penalty Focus of California: 888-2-ABOLISH or www.ncadp.org/ctc.html.





BEWARE OF PEOPLE WEARING LEATHER EARS

By Mark Priven

You can't fool me. Chanukkah is just around the bend, and you and I both know that some time soon you're going to have one of those desperate shopping moments. You can't think of a single thing to get your favorite Aunt Selma, your gift standards are at an all-time low, and deep down panic is starting to creep in.

I know the feeling well. I can remember one particularly acute episode while I was in college. I was in the middle of an all-night bridge session, and I was thinking about my Mom's imminent birthday while wondering why I had just spent all my disposable cash on movies, ice cream and some substance that some president claims to have tried but never inhaled. My mind then drifted over to the TV where a very serious FBI-type was revealing "newly unclassified information" on various spy equipment. There was a picture of leather ears with little strings dangling from them, and the voice was telling me that with these "natural ear extensions, you can hear even the faintest whisper from up to a hundred feet away." In a flash of brilliance, I knew I had found the perfect gift. And for \$15!!

Now my Mom is not a spy, and I didn't think for a second that she would use these natural hearing aids for listening in on people's conversations. However, she is a classical music buff, and I could just imagine her sitting in the symphony hall and (thanks to her ear extensions pricked to full attention) being able to enjoy even the most subtle musical parts: the second oboes, third clarinets, etc. It was meant to be.

Curiously, the next day the leather ears still seemed like a good idea, and so it continued all the way to the Momster's birthday. Even as she opened the present I was convinced that I'd really done it this time. Sometimes reality really sucks. I remember her looking very puzzled at first, and I remember her trying to look sincere as she thanked me, and then I remember looking at her holding these two cheap strips of leather with strings dangling from them. And I thought, "that is definitely the stupidest gift I've ever seen." And for \$15!!

So here's where you can learn from my mistake. I'm really concerned about your dilemma with Aunt Selma. The way I see it, you have three options: a silk scarf, a donation in Selma's name to a worthy cause, or a ceramic gnome.

There's no question that scarves and gnomes are truly timeless gifts, and they convey deep emotions that mere words could never express. However, in case you should happen to be considering something a little different this year, our summer rabbinic intern, Chai Levy, identified three Israeli organizations that are engaging in *tikkun olam* and that could really use support. She purposely selected organizations that work in the following areas: Arab/Jewish relations, women, and the environment. The organizations, as well as contact information, are as follows:

1. Arab-Jewish Relations: *Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam* is a village in Israel established jointly by Jews and Palestinian Arabs of Israeli citizenship and engaged in educational work for peace, equality and understanding between the two peoples. One feature of this village is a bilingual, bi-cultural school that educates children from the area and works to establish this form of education as a viable model. They can be reached via their website (www.nswas.com) or by phone at (818) 325-8884.

2. Women: *Israel Women's Network* is a non-partisan organization of women, who, while representing a wide range of political opinions and religious outlooks, are united in their desire to improve the status of women in Israel. They provide Israeli women with educational and legal assistance. They can be contacted via their website (iwn.org) or by phone (011) 972-2-671-8885.

3. Environment: This doesn't get a lot of press in the U.S., but the state of the environment in Israel is pretty poor. *Adam Teva V'Din (Israel Union for Environmental Defense)* is working hard to educate people on the issues and to impact public policy. They can be reached at their website (www.iued.org). You can click on the lower left for the English version of the page).

And let me remind you that donating to charity is not only a gift to Selma, it's also a gift to yourself. Not only will you feel good about your purchase, but you'll also save yourself a whole lot of embarrassment. Believe me, I've had all the embarrassment that \$15 can buy. ✡



MIDRASHA

By Diane Bernbaum

Oh my goodness. This is the first time I am writing to you after Midrasha has actually started. What a beginning. To put things in perspective you should know that between 1994 and 1998 Midrasha had around 190 students. This was a huge gain compared to the 80 or so students that were in the school when I began working here 20 years ago. 190 seemed to be the number of students that we would always have. Then in the last two years we had what we thought was a population explosion as we inched up to 275. Surely we would grow no more. Well, our crystal ball was cloudy. By the third week of school this fall, we had 300 students and more are calling every day. It's hard to describe how wonderful the energy is. Since we are limited by space as to how many classes we can have, classes are quite large. Teachers and students alike are great sports by meeting in the social hall, entrance ways, the courtyard, and hallways. Everyone is pitching in to make things work.

So, you may ask, "How can I see Midrasha in action and how can I help this effervescent program?" Well, you can do both. If you'd like to get a flavor of Midrasha, join us on Sunday morning, November 19 for our annual study brunch. Students, parents, grandparents and members

of the community (that's you) can come at 9:30 am for food. Then about 45 minutes later each teacher teaches something different and intriguing and then repeats it, so that you can attend two classes. Not only that, during the brunch we have a silent auction, where you can get bargains and do a mitzvah at the same time. Such a deal! It's always a great morning. We look forward to seeing you there.

OK, so you can't come to the brunch, your children are either grown and out of the house or still on tricycles. But you want to feel a part of Midrasha. What can you do? Well, probably around the time you are reading this, we will be mailing you our annual fundraising appeal. As you can imagine, with more students than ever, our scholarship requests are higher than ever. Our photocopying bills are higher than ever. Our salaries for our great staff are higher than ever. Please help us fill in the financial gaps and when our request hits your mailbox, be generous. And please take a moment to read what we send. Our printer, Richard Engel at Solstice Press and our new graphic designer, Barbara Lande have been extremely generous and donated their services far, far below market value to put something in your hands you'll really enjoy reading. ☆



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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).

5 10:00 am Gender and Judaism	6 7:30 pm Maimonides Class with Nitzhia Shaked	7 7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group	8 7:15 am Morning Minyan 8:00 to 8:45 am Morning Study Group - Shulchan Aruch - Laws of Talit	1 7:15 am Morning Minyan 8:00 to 8:45 am Morning Study Group - Shulchan Aruch - Laws of Talit 7:30 pm Chavruta Hebrew 3 Heshvan	2 4 Heshvan	3 5 Heshvan Candle Lighting Time: 4:50 pm 	4 9 am Noach with Jody Feld Kiddush sponsored by Lorraine Gray & Jordan Breslow in honor of their son Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah 11:00 am Torah L'Yeladim for preschoolers, BRJCC Rm 12 6 Heshvan	11 9 am Lech Lecha with Nitzhia Shaked Kiddush sponsored by Claudia Valas and Carl Buchin
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<p>7 Heshvan</p> <p>12</p>	<p>8 Heshvan</p> <p>13</p> <p>7:30 pm A Poetic Celebration of Aging</p> <p>7:30 pm Maimonides Class with Nitzhia Shaked</p>	<p>9 Heshvan</p> <p>14</p> <p>7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group</p> <p>7:30 pm Class with R. Kelman, "How the Tanach Came to Be"</p>	<p>7:30 pm Chavruta Hebrew</p> <p>10 Heshvan</p> <p>15</p> <p>7:15 am Morning Minyan</p> <p>8:00 to 8:45 am Morning Study Group - Shulchan Aruch - Laws of Talit</p> <p>7:30 pm Chavruta Hebrew</p>	<p>11 Heshvan</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Candle Lighting Time: 4:43 pm</p> <p>12 Heshvan</p> <p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat, at the Bells' home Alameda, RSVP 510.523.7709</p> <p>Candle Lighting time: 4:38 pm</p>	<p>12:00 noon Shabbat B'Yachad Family Services BRJCC Rm 14</p> <p>13 Heshvan</p> <p>18</p> <p>Young Judea Convention, Aptus</p> <p>9 am Vayera with Rabbi Arthur Gould</p> <p>9:30 am Meditative Shacharit</p> <p>Kiddush sponsored by Deena Bookstein and Toby Gidal</p> <p>11:00 am Torah L'Yeladim for preschoolers, BRJCC Rm 12</p>
<p>14 Heshvan</p> <p>19</p> <p>9:30 am Midrasha Study Brunch</p> <p>10:00 am Class with Rabbi Kelman, "Dietary Laws"</p>	<p>15 Heshvan</p> <p>20</p> <p>7:30 pm Maimonides Class with Nitzhia Shaked</p>	<p>16 Heshvan</p> <p>21</p> <p>7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group</p> <p>7:30 pm David Horowitz, "A Little Too Close to God," BRJCC</p>	<p>17 Heshvan</p> <p>22</p> <p>7:15 am Morning Minyan</p> <p>8:00 to 8:45 am Morning Study Group - Shulchan Aruch - Laws of Talit</p> <p>7:30 pm Chavruta Hebrew</p>	<p>18 Heshvan</p> <p>23</p>	<p>19 Heshvan</p> <p>24</p> <p>Candle Lighting time: 4:38 pm</p>	<p>20 Heshvan</p> <p>25</p> <p>9 am Chaye Sarah with Nitzhia Shaked</p> <p>Kiddush sponsored by Leslie and Meir Levy in honor of their son Ethan becoming a Bar Mitzvah</p> <p>11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad Family Services BRJCC, Rm 14</p>
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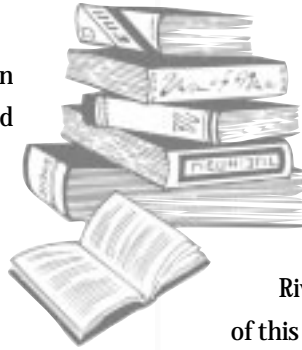
ADULT EDUCATION

By Jonathan Heinstein

The closing session on the canonization of Biblical text, "How the Tanach Came to Be," will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 pm in the shul offices.

Additional opportunities to learn with Rabbi Kelman will be his discussions of Conservative Judaism's stand on Kashrut and Revelation:

- Sunday, November 19, 10:00 am • "Dietary Laws" - some differences and approaches to the food we consume"
- Sunday, December 17, 10:00 am • "Torah Mi'Sinai" - what we believe and how we got to those conclusions.



After the resounding success of Sam Freedman's talk on his book *Jew vs. Jew*, in September, we are fortunate to have David Horowitz, editor of the Jerusalem Report, speaking on his new book *A Little Too Close to God*, at the BRJCC on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 pm.

"Gender and Judaism," a forum on the role of gender in our liturgy and tradition, will meet as a focus group on Sunday, November 5 at 10:00 am in the shul offices.

Rivka Greenberg and Judy Kunofsky have initiated the study of this fascinating and controversial topic. ☆

A POETIC CELEBRATION OF AGING

By Peter Strauss

It's one thing to talk matter-of-factly, descriptively, factually about what it's like to age. I'm sure many learned people have written eloquently on the subject of aging. Yet somehow, there is a huge gulf between reading such discourses and being in the presence of the most eloquent speakers of our generations - our poets. The poet becomes their subject. The poet doesn't speak about. The poet speaks from. When we listen to poetry, we're in the presence of someone who is at the same time creating and experiencing being. There is an immediacy to this experience of being in the presence of the poet because the poet demands that we be right there. The poet's craft is to immerse us in language so powerful that the words and images become for us as water is to a fish.

Please join us for an evening of poetry on Monday evening, November 13, at 7:30 pm. Listen to poetry, bring a favorite poem, or share your own. Create with us a poetic dialogue on the subject of aging. Please RSVP to Jean Bradman at 549-3231. ☆



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YOUNG JUDAEA

By Shari Rifus

Everyone at Young Judaea was very excited that the clubs began this year with a wonderful start. All the kids who attended had so much fun and our advisors (Jackie and Adam) said the kids were fantastic. We have a lot of fun activities planned for the rest of the year for your kids to enjoy. We hear there is going to be a big turnout at the fall convention and that the kids from Netivot Shalom are already practicing their cheer that they performed at the convention last year. Make sure you register early for the fall convention being held in Aptos on November 17-19, buses will be leaving from Berkeley for your convenience. For more information about Young Judaea as well as convention registration please call the Young Judaea regional office in Berkeley at 549-0260. ☆

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RAMAH DAY CAMP CORNER

By Dan Alter

The East Bay Conservative community's day camp is on its way towards its second season. Pre-registration begins this month, and brochures and applications will be out in December! Meanwhile, as the temperatures cool and winter approaches, here is *Pinat Zikaron*, to keep Ramah Day Campers warm with memories.

TRY SINGING THIS IN THE MORNING:

Mah Tov-it's the morning

Mah Tov-bless us this morning

Ohalecha-let us enter

Yaakov-our heritage

Mishknotecha- we are searching

Will you show us?

Yisrael- We are Yisrael!

Born to sing your praises in your holy, holy spaces

Mah Tov-bless the morning, *Mah Tov*

Mah Tov- *Ohalayich*,

Sarah Mishknotayich,

Rivkah, Rachel, vLeah

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Mah tov-bless the morning, *Mah Tov*!

First session parents ask your kids about: Pink Lemonade on the overnight (*alonim*) or Paddle boats (*shorashim*). Second session parents ask about crab soccer, or the Silent Lunch (*Maccabiah* events). ☆

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



IN GRATITUDE

ADULT EDUCATION

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Claude Fischer *for the donation of a computer.*

Wendy Siu *for the donation of a vacuum for the shul office.*

Deborah Yager *for the donation of a video recorder and tripod, and the donation of Costco items for the Religious School*

ETZLEINU:

BREAK THE FAST IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

All congregants were welcomed to join small neighborhood gatherings for a kosher, vegetarian, pot-luck meal following the end of Yom Kippur services. Todah Rabbah to our host families for participating in the mitzvah of *Hachnasat Orchim*: Diane & Edwin Bernbaum; Carol Dorf; Noga & Josh Gressel; Karel Koenig; Marilyn & Mort Markowitz; Joanna Weinberg & David Levine; and Michelle Wolfson.

To everyone who brought us meals after the birth of our son Joseph:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The meals were delicious and it was nice to see some of our neighbors.

Sincerely, Peter and Cyndi Spindell Berck

THANK YOU Jory Gessow for fixing our Torah holder

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LIFECYCLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, November 4, 2000,
Lorraine Gray &
Jordan Breslow
invite you join them as their son

JACOB BRESLOW

will become a Bar Mitzvah.

Saturday, November 25, 2000

Leslie, Meir,
Gabriel & Ethan Levy
invite you join them as

ETHAN LEVY

will become a Bar Mitzvah.

MAZEL TOV!

Kathryn and Leo Levenson on the birth of their daughter,
Emily Kathleen (Chava)

Rena Dorph on being honored as the *Kallat Hatorah*

Rena Dorph and Peter Wahrhaftig on their wedding

Wendy Rosov on being honored as the *Kallut Bereshet*

Deena Bookstein and David Berman on the birth of a
granddaughter

Judith and Daniel Bloom on the birth of twin grandchildren

Alison Cohen and Stephen Waterman on their wedding

Babette and Herb Maccoby on their 50th Wedding
Anniversary

Toby and George Gidal on the birth of a granddaughter

CONDOLENCES

Eugene Berg on the death of his grandmother.

The family of Egon Breiner, father of Tom
Breiner, who passed away Tuesday evening,
October 10, in Los Angeles.

The families of
Dr. Marvin Weinreb and
Dr. Edith Loewenstein
who both died in a plane crash on Saturday,
October 14, on a medical mission to Mexico.



YAHRZEIT LIST

NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 12

11/1/00	Leib Geliebter	3 Heshvan	11/26/00	Jerome Wolfe Sidel	28 Heshvan
11/1/00	Sylvia Toby Schlansky	3 Heshvan	11/26/00	Max Harris	28 Heshvan
11/2/00	A. Jerome Diener	4 Heshvan	11/26/00	Harry Safran	28 Heshvan
11/2/00	Kent R. Granzow	4 Heshvan	11/27/00	Karl Kraus	29 Heshvan
11/6/00	Alan E. Straus	8 Heshvan	11/28/00	Charles Mishkin	30 Heshvan
11/8/00	Ruth Strauss	10 Heshvan	11/28/00	Robert Glickler	30 Heshvan
11/9/00	Esther Lifschitz	11 Heshvan	11/28/00	Irving Goldman	1 Kislev
11/9/00	Flora Concus	11 Heshvan	11/28/00	Sadie Weinstein	1 Kislev
11/9/00	Harry Vogel	11 Heshvan	11/28/00	Briendel Schwartz	1 Kislev
11/9/00	Jeffery Kabatznick	11 Heshvan	11/29/00	Isaac Paris	2 Kislev
11/15/00	Fred M. Schuman	17 Heshvan	11/30/00	Pauline V. Friedman	3 Kislev
11/15/00	Marjorie Kaplan	17 Heshvan	12/1/00	Eric Phillip	4 Kislev
11/15/00	Rose Beck	17 Heshvan	12/1/00	Henry Brott	4 Kislev
11/17/00	George H. Kaplan	19 Heshvan	12/2/00	Pauline Kunofsky	5 Kislev
11/18/00	Ronya Tannenbaum	20 Heshvan	12/4/00	Gershon Shragai	7 Kislev
11/20/00	Esther Brott	22 Heshvan	12/4/00	Rita Hermann	7 Kislev
11/21/00	Clara Gelehrter Goodman	23 Heshvan	12/5/00	Martin J. Burger	8 Kislev
11/21/00	Max Levine	23 Heshvan	12/6/00	Harold L. Cohen	9 Kislev
11/21/00	Martin Bergman	23 Heshvan	12/7/00	Charles Aronstein	10 Kislev
11/22/00	Irving Hanover	24 Heshvan	12/7/00	Florrie Kohn	10 Kislev
11/22/00	Bessie Raphael	24 Heshvan	12/8/00	Evelyn Kaprow	11 Kislev
11/22/00	Sophie Bardach	24 Heshvan	12/8/00	Mitcheal Lansing	11 Kislev
11/22/00	Chaim Pripstein	24 Heshvan	12/9/00	Chaim Zilberman	12 Kislev
11/23/00	Emma Zussman Jaeger	25 Heshvan	12/9/00	Wulf Concus	12 Kislev
11/23/00	Jack Marcus	25 Heshvan	12/10/00	Chaim Victor Barki	13 Kislev
11/23/00	Lillian Gottlieb	25 Heshvan	12/10/00	Gwendolyn M. Fischer	13 Kislev
11/23/00	Sarah Davidson Kulakofsky	25 Heshvan	12/11/00	Marian Dale Scott	14 Kislev
11/24/00	Sally Louise Raimi Brose	26 Heshvan	12/11/00	Frances Smith	14 Kislev
11/25/00	Ralph Klatt	27 Heshvan	12/12/00	Rebecca Weiner	15 Kislev

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