



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

Netivot Shalom

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President's Letter By Debby Graudenz

What an exciting time to be part of this congregation! This is our tenth year with Netivot Shalom, and Rom and I have loved participating in the evolution of our shul. We were drawn in at first by the welcoming nature of those already here, and were excited by the level of knowledge, commitment and *kavanah* (devotion) that we saw and experienced. That hasn't changed; the only difference is that, now, we count ourselves among the "old-timers." We continue to enjoy the spirit of *nachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests,) the diversity of our members, and the many friendships that we've developed as part of this community.

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I am beginning my presidency as we read the book of Sh'mot. Like the Israelites who had to go through a process in order to be ready to create their nation and build the *beit hamikdash* (holy temple), we, too, are embarking on a process that includes building our *mishkan* (sanctuary). What we are doing is auspicious — we will build our home together, and ensure that it is complete in every way. We are beginning a capital campaign. We are working to create

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YES to University Ave. — A Home for Netivot Shalom!


I am very, very pleased to tell you that on January 28th, your Board of Directors voted to proceed with the purchase of 1316 University Ave. as a home for Netivot Shalom! If everything goes as expected, we will move into our new home in the middle of 2003. The building, when remodeled, will accommodate a larger sanctuary, social hall, library overlooking the sanctuary, offices, classrooms and a childcare room for Shabbat and holiday services.

Many thanks to everyone who has been working so diligently (for many years, in some cases) to make this happen: those who contributed to the Building Fund; researched possible sites; examined our potential to raise the money to finance a new home; developed preliminary plans for University Ave. so we can be inspired by its possibilities; talked it up; offered critical evaluations; and those who didn't get involved in the details, but prayed (or at least hoped) that we'd find a home.

The purchase of our new site will close in April. By then, we will raise the down-payment and put the finishing touches on the mortgage from CivicBank of Commerce that

will enable us to purchase the site. Soon we will be launching our capital campaign.

"What's a capital campaign?" you may be thinking. A capital campaign is a concentrated effort (in our case, from now through the fall) to ask each member of the congregation to pledge a gift to support our purchase of this new home and its remodeling. We know that individuals and families have different capacities to give, and we will be asking everyone to make the largest gift they possibly can. We will be asking for five-year pledges. That means you pledge what you will be able to give this year and for each of the next four years. When we are ready to begin asking members for support, you will be contacted by another Netivot Shalom member to discuss your commitment.

I have immense enthusiasm for this effort to acquire the site and build a home for our families, our congregation and our community. In this home, we can grow strong and vibrant, our spirits can soar and our mitzvot grow in number and strength. And we will leave a legacy to the next generation through which they can flourish as well. 



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the infrastructure that a shul of our size needs in order to run efficiently and successfully. There are many words to describe the process of change: exciting, scary, thrilling, hair-raising, exhilarating, exhausting, invigorating and surreal come to mind. All are valid feelings that accompany the process of change. One of the tasks that I envision for the Board of Directors and for myself is to be open to, listen to, and respect whatever feelings people want to express, and to address the issues and concerns that are raised.

It is important for all of us to remember that we are not a one-issue shul, nor will this be a one-issue Board. We will continue to pay attention to other matters, such as the education of our youth and adults, our social responsibilities — both local and global — and how we, as a community, care for one another.

It is our commitment to be a Board whose members are accessible. Board meetings are always open to members of the congregation. Ideally, the Executive Committee meets on the second Sunday

of the month and the Board meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. We make adjustments for holidays. The finalized schedule will appear in the April Newsletter. Please feel free to contact me if there are issues you would like to discuss.

I want to personally thank the members of the outgoing Board. It has been a pleasure serving with all of you this past year. I have been reminded that hard work mixed with laughter and friendship is enjoyable, and every month I learned something new from someone different.

I have always loved what are called “*shirei sochnut*,” the pioneering songs of the State of Israel’s early days. Their emphatic spirit, sense of adventure, and camaraderie — which go hand in hand with hard work — as well as their message of building and success sing to me now.

B’shalom,
Debby Graudenz
President

This Passover, let one who is hungry enter and eat.

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

A gift to **MAZON** of *chai* (\$18), or whatever you would spend to invite one extra person to your seder, will bring food, help and hope to poor and hungry people in our own country, in Israel and around the world.

As we celebrate our freedom during Passover, we must remember those millions still enslaved by hunger and poverty. In a world with more than enough food to feed everyone, we can work toward a day when everyone has enough food.

Through **MAZON**, you can fulfill our ancient Jewish tradition of feeding the hungry. As the poor are fulfilled, so too, will you be.

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TEFILAH SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

All services are held at the Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley

- Shabbat Services** 9:45 a.m.
- Torah Study** 9:00 a.m.
- Siddur Text Study**
- 1st Shabbat 9:45 a.m.
- Learner’s Minyan,**
- 2nd & 4th Shabbat 9:45 a.m.
- Meditative Minyan,**
- 3rd Shabbat 9:30 a.m.

For Children:

- Shabbat B’Yachad,**
 - 2nd & 4th Shabbat 11:00 a.m.
 - Torah L’Yeladim**
 - 1st & 3rd Shabbat 11:00 a.m.
 - Shabbat Shelanu,**
 - 1st & 3rd Shabbat 11:30 a.m.
- (while Religious School is in session)

WEEKDAY MINYANIM

All services are held at our offices, 1841 Berkeley Way, Berkeley

- Morning Minyan** 7:15 a.m.
- Wednesdays
- Rosh Chodesh Minyan**
- March 25 7:15-8:30 a.m.

TORAH STUDY & DRASH SCHEDULE

MARCH

- 3 **Study of Terumah** with Nitzhia Shaked drash by Dean Kertesz
- 10 **Study of Tetzaveh** with Art Gould drash by Stan Dorn
- 17 **Study of Ki Tissa** with Nitzhia Shaked drash by Nitzhia Shaked
- 24 **Study of Va-Yakhe** with Diane Bernbaum drash by Rabbi Kelman
- 31 **Study of Va-Yikra** with Nitzhia Shaked

From the Rabbi

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

On Monday, February 5, 2001, 12 Shevat 5761, Cantor Don Fischer passed away. He and Jan have been, and will continue to be, a central part of our shul. The following is a brief glimpse into the *neshama* of this remarkable man.

Cantor Don Fischer, HeChazan Daniel ben Tzvi v'Golda, z"l

(Excerpted from the eulogy delivered February 7, 2001, Northbrae Community Church)



Sweet singer of Israel. Our sweet singer who stood right over there, who *davenned*, and moved us to daven, to pray, with such *kavanah*, such deep meaning on so many occasions.

One in particular was Musaf for Yom Kippur. In the time of the Temple, on this most holy of days only, the *kohen gadol*, the High Priest, would enter the *kodesh hakodeshim*, the Holy of Holies in the Temple. There, the High Priest would pronounce the ineffable name, the name of God, and he would pray; first for himself, then for his family, and finally for the whole community. Upon leaving the Holy of Holies, he stood before the huge crowds gathered in the courtyard, and read a brief portion from our Torah. When he had finished his reading he added the following words: "*Yotar mima shekarati katuv kan.*" ("Far more than I have read to you is written here.") Don stood right over there on our most sacred day almost every year, and we who heard those words might well have thought, much like that *kohen* of old: "Far more than he has sung to us, lies now silent in his heart." There was so much more that our friend, my friend, my teacher had to give. There was much left unsung. He never hoarded his knowledge or his skills or his talents. He gave them freely, to us, to his family, to his colleagues, to his many communities. He gave and gave — and tried to make sure that everyone was taken care of. Just like that *kohen gadol*.

Yesterday, at the house, I gained a deeper appreciation for the love Don had for his family, Jan: he often confided in me that his biggest regret was not being able

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to share retirement years with you, that he would not get to care for you in ways that he had had planned. Rebecca, Rachel, Sheila: you told me of times together as a family, of joy, fun, of people always sharing meals with you. And Judy, his sister: you shared memories from way back and reminded us that Don was always busy. And how he loved the grandchildren! Even in these last few days, playing with them and joining them in the creative, fanciful play that all kids enjoy. He cared so deeply for them, that he left them letters to be read at their bat mitzvah.

Don was always busy with yet another project. Just yesterday, a letter came from UCLA saying that the results of research that Don had been involved in two or three years ago were about to be published. Also, a Passover Haggadah, fully transliterated so that all who came to a seder would feel comfortable, was in the works. And another one: his desire was to give an entire *drash* (sermon) totally in music. It would be his own, unique approach, combining his

twin loves of the best of the music with the best of the words.

Outside his family, medicine and music were Don's loves and passions. He loved medicine because he could save lives (and there are even some of you here today, whose lives he actually saved.) He loved music because he could touch people (and many of us here today have been the recipients of his Divine gifts.) Don was involved in *chazanut* — in preserving not only the melodies of traditionally trained *chazzanim*, but their true expression of spirituality. He was the recording secretary for the Northern California Board of Cantors, and a fully invested member of the Cantors Assembly of North America. Now, the voice of the Psalmist is heard: "*lo hametim yehalleluyah,*" ("The dead can not praise You, Oh God.") Don can no longer stand in front of his friends, family, colleagues and congregation and sing, weaving the deeper meaning of the words with the magic of the melodies.

It is eerie that our Torah reading this *Shabbat* is *Shirat HaYam*, the Song of the Sea, and *Shirat Devorah*, the Song of Deborah. This is usually an occasion for joy, but always tempered with the words of the midrash: "How can you rejoice," asks God, "when my creatures are drowning?" This *Shabbat Shirah*, this *Shabbat of Song*, one of our greatest voices has been taken from us. How are we to rejoice?

On some of my last visits with Don, we spoke of the next world. The idea that there might be something afterward comforted him. But most comforting to Don was knowing that his

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There will be weekday Rosh Chodesh morning minyanim every month. Please join us on **March 25th** at 9:00 a.m. in the shul offices.

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legacy will continue within each and every one of us. He has found a way to still be with us. Don's voice and his words ring out clearly in his friends, in his family, in his students, in his colleagues, in his congregation. His legacy will not reside in the ground — it resides in us.



I received word of Don's passing while I was teaching at a retreat in Connecticut. These retreats are opportunities for participants to explore the extraordinarily personal and meaningful ways our liturgy is able to touch our lives. I had felt torn at leaving our community and travelling off to Connecticut for the weekend, so I'd asked Jan to call me on my cell phone to keep me informed of Don's condition. She did. The phone rang Monday afternoon, just as we were studying and singing an extraordinarily powerful tune that Debbie Friedman had composed to the last two lines in Adon Olam: *"B'yado afkid ruchi, baet eshan vaera, vim ruchi geviyati, adonai li velo era."* Roughly translated: "In God's hands I will place my soul, when I sleep and when I awake; and if I shall die, Adonai is mine — I shall not fear." Jan called; Don had died. And while I was teaching these words and singing, I thought of Don and cried.

God's hands. What a metaphor! Don, you had us in the palm of your hands so many times with your very being and your music; now, you are in God's hands. At the beginning of this drash, I spoke of the *kohen gadol* who prayed first for himself, then for his family, and finally for the whole community. Now, my friend, it is our turn as a community to pray for you: "Adonai has given, Adonai has taken, may the name of Adonai be blessed."*

Netivot Shalom community events

COMMUNITY BUILDING REPORT

Sukkot in April— Rebuilding Together

This is a reminder that on the **29th of April**, we will be joining other East Bay synagogues and Jewish organizations to help fix up someone's home or the building of a non-profit agency. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time or money, call Mark Priven at 559-8393, or send a check made out to Netivot Shalom to our shul offices, and write "Sukkot in April" in the memo line. The money is used to pay for building/remodeling supplies. This is a great opportunity to build community, engage in *tikkun olam* and have a lot of fun at the same time. No prior skills are required, but all participants must be 14 years or older. Please join us.

COMMUNITY BUILDING REPORT

eScrip Revealed

Did you ever wonder what the "e" stands for in "eScrip"? Or why it isn't "eScript"? Or what the heck eScrip is and why are people always asking you to sign up for it? The truth is that eScrip could really help Netivot Shalom. Read on and all will be revealed.

First, the basics on how eScrip works. You register a credit or Safeway card with eScrip. Every time you use the card at a participating store, a percentage of the money you spend goes to Netivot Shalom. Now, here are the details:

1. Registration: Registering a credit card or Safeway card with eScrip takes less than five minutes. You can register by phone (800) 592-0942, internet (www.escripinc.com) or written application (available at our shul offices.) You will need to know Netivot Shalom's group ID# 128330637. You can even split your registration between two groups. So you could support a local school in addition to Netivot Shalom.
2. eScrip will automatically charge you \$10 per year for your account.
3. Go shopping! Netivot Shalom will receive a certain percentage of the money you spend on purchases made with your registered card at participating stores.

As for the "e" in "eScrip" — I have to confess I don't have any idea why it's there. It's misleading. It makes people think it's an "internet thing". The truth is you can register for and use eScrip without touching a computer.

As for the "t" that got dropped from "script". Well, a consultation with my trusty Webster's reveals that "scrip" is actually a word that (among other things) can mean "a certificate to be exchanged for goods, as at a store." This definition pretty much fits what the original scrip program was. This entailed purchasing "paper scrip" (basically coupons) which could then be used for shopping. We have these available for Berkeley Bowl, so if you shop there contact David Levine (653-0679) to find out more about how that program works.

Now that you're clear on what eScrip is (and isn't), let's talk money. How much can this really help Netivot Shalom? Currently, Netivot Shalom receives about \$65 per year for each eScrip participant. We expect this number to increase because more and more stores are being added to eScrip's program. This means that if just 200 of our over 350 members joined eScrip, we could raise over \$13,000 per year. If there is someone out there who does a lot of business travel, say on American Airlines, then the numbers could be a lot higher. Believe me, that is money we could really use to continue making Netivot Shalom the vibrant congregation that it is. So, if you haven't done so already, please consider joining eScrip. It's as easy as a phone call (800-592-0942).

Netivot Shalom **NEEDS** to fill the following Resource positions:

1. Administration
2. Gemilut Chasadim Coordinator
3. Kiddush Coordinator
4. Web Shomer
5. Yahrzeit Coordinator

What to Do When Pesach Falls on Saturday Night

The seven page Pesach Guide is now available in the office. Published by the Rabbinical Assembly, this is an extensive guide to observance when Pesach falls on a Saturday night, as it does this year. Along with sections on permitted foods, kashering utensils and taking medications, there is a step-by-step guide to take you from Thursday morning right up to your seder.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY offers on-line resources for the two upcoming holidays! The material ranges from the scholarly (lectures & essays) to the entertaining (recipes & postcards), and also includes activities for families and kids. We'll be adding new material to each site over the next few weeks.

The relevant addresses are:

Purim:

<http://learn.jtsa.edu/purim>

Passover:

<http://learn.jtsa.edu/passover>

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RITUAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Shalom, Shalom, Shalom!

By Josh Gressel, Chair

There are two levels of intended meaning in this article's headline. Let me begin with the *pshat*, or straightforward, meaning.

The first "shalom" is a farewell to Jerry Derblich, who is stepping down as Ritual Committee Chair after nearly three years at the helm. He took over for Peggy Sandel when she left for Israel, and then did a two-year stint of his own. He will be continuing as a regular committee member. The two things for which I will most remember and be grateful to Jerry in his stewardship are: (1) he ended meetings on time, and (2) I never once felt his ego get involved in anything that transpired.

The second "shalom" is a farewell to George Gidal, who has ended his membership on the Ritual Committee after 11 years. George is one of those modest pillars of our community who simply does the work he's asked without fanfare. The Ritual Committee has benefitted from the unparalleled longevity of his tenure. He held our "oral tradition," and answered the committee's frequent questions of "What did we decide back then, and why?" To both Jerry and George, a heartfelt thank-you on behalf of myself, the committee, and the congregation.

The third "shalom" is a welcome from me to you. This is my inaugural article as Ritual Chair. I think it is the first synagogue position I agreed to take on that I actually wanted to do (as opposed to being willing to do it because someone had to.) I hope I can follow in the able footsteps of the chairpersons who preceded me since my joining the committee: Jerry Derblich, Peggy Sandel, and Jane Rubin.

Now for the second level of meaning in the headline, the three-fold meaning of the word "shalom" itself: "hello," "goodbye," and "peace." How can the same word have such varied meanings?

The Beatles took note of the connection between the first two meanings in their song: "Hello, Goodbye" ("You say goodbye, and I say hello. Hello goodbye, hello goodbye, hello goodbye, hello goodbye.") Saying goodbye to the old and greeting the new are inextricably linked. Let's take a concrete example. Over the next several months, Ritual Committee members will need internally to say shalom/goodbye to Jerry before they internally can say shalom/hello to me. For a while, there will be dissonance as they notice the ways I'm not like Jerry. There may be a wistful nostalgia for the more familiar. But over time, the more they are able to let go of Jerry, the more I will become the new chairperson, in spirit as well as in name.

The Hebrew (and the Beatles) seem to suggest that we must completely let go of the old to embrace the new. This applies not only to chairpersons, but to relationships, jobs, habits and every moment-to-moment experience. Robert Rabbin, a JUBU (Jewish Buddhist) from New York, quoted in Lumiere & Lumiere-Wins' *The Awakening West*, says:

It often seems very difficult for us to let things go and meet each moment in a fresh way.... Give yourself in an open and trusting manner to whatever is right for you in the moment and then let it go. Then look to the next moment, and see what is right for that moment, and then let it go, and on and on and on. If we keep looking for the rightness or the suchness in each moment, why would we need to be attached to or hold onto anything?

Which brings me to the third and final meaning of "shalom": peace. This third meaning is as inextricably linked with the first two as they are with each other. For when we are able to genuinely say shalom to the old, and to fully say shalom to the new, we are blessed with shalom, peace. ✨

Our Cuban Connection

By June & Bob Safran

As you read this article, three Netivot Shalom members, Marcia Brookes and June and Bob Safran, will be in Cuba with a fact-finding mission to the Jewish community there. We are visiting Jews in several cities across the country in hopes of identifying what they need to improve their knowledge of Jewish ritual and culture, and to share what we can of our own Jewish skills and experience. We want to know what they need in order to keep themselves healthy enough to pursue their Jewish goals. In addition, we hope to make friends who, we hope, will continue in a relationship such as we have with our sister congregation, Comunidad Hebrea Hatikva de Santiago de Cuba.

Life is hard in Cuba. There is a shortage of almost everything. Even though most household needs are rationed, there isn't enough available to fill everyone's needs. People who receive money from friends and relatives in the U.S. fill some of those needs by purchasing in stores that deal in dollars. This is where they get cooking oil, dairy products or extra eggs beyond the three a month their ration book allows. On the lighter side, they have heard about our rolling blackouts and are truly amazed that they are sharing this experience with the "Golden Medina", that place which they believe holds their hearts desire of a beautiful and easy life.

We want to thank all of you who have donated medicines and ritual items. They will be greatly appreciated and soon used up. This means we must continue to collect donations and to send them with travelers who go at other times of the year. In fact, we talk to travelers each week who carry an average of fifteen pounds of humanitarian aid and mail.

Now, a little social page stuff...

The new Israelis are doing well. The young computer whizzes, Eduardo Bradman and Eitan Behar are both living like normal Israelis, moving ahead in home and career. Nili Behar is doing well as a University student. Andres Novoa, chemical researcher, is separated from his family for a month while he does research in Paris. Clara Behar, chemist at Ben Gurion University, is excited to be visiting her father in New York, her cousins in Florida, and all her friends in Santiago de Cuba whom she hasn't seen in two years. The Pilosof family visited last year for the first time in four years. Joel Zongzein became a grandfather again when his daughter-in-law gave birth to a little boy in Ashkelon and Ivexy Klevansky has left her work to mother her new baby boy who, at five months, is as big as an average one-year-old.

From Cuba, Alina Gelen of Havana has been sent to teach astrophysics in two universities in Spain. She (and June's winter coat) will be there for two months. Meanwhile, her papa,

Isaac, is "playing mother and father" to 9-year-old granddaughter Claudia, who is the apple of his eye. The Simcha Group (55+) has received new shoes for each member from Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in NYC. Last month, this group celebrated many birthdays with a day's outing to a public park. Eugenia Farin, president of Hatikva in Santiago writes that the community went to La Gran Piedra (a very high mountain) for a day's outing and picnic. They continue to study the parsha together after lunch each Shabbat and are also studying and preparing for Tu b'Shevat and our time together at Purim.

The bottom line is that, although life in Cuba continues in it's old mode of daily struggle to complete tasks using worn out appliances and utensils, without sufficient amounts of water, electricity, cooking gas, a decent variety of food, or public transportation, the spirits of our fellow Jews have grown more positive as they have learned about their heritage and interacted with those of us who travel to visit them. They have hope, faith, and a strong connection to their Jewish heritage. This exists thanks to people like you who have continued to support our work. *Hag Purim Sameach!* to all of you. As you twirl your groggers and stamp your feet at the name of Haman, think of us doing the same with people who, only a few short years ago, could only celebrate by making a party. Today, they read the Megillah, put on a shpiel and also have a party.

L'Chaim!

Etzleinu: In Our Neighborhood

PURIM Our Netivot Shalom Purim tradition is to send Mishloach Manot (gifts of food) to our entire congregation. We need your help to shop, assemble and deliver these tasty Purim treats to your Netivot Shalom neighbors.

Save the dates:

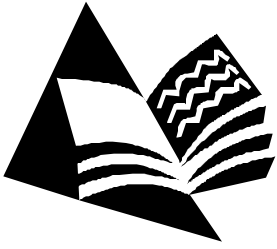
- 1) Assemble Mishloach Manot on **Thursday, March 1**, from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- 2) Deliver Mishloach Manot to Etzleinu neighbors on **Sunday, March 4**, all day!

Don't miss the fun!

Call Iris to volunteer: 549-9447 ext. 110.

A Mitzvah That Can Transform The Synagogue

A Review by Rabbi Jack Riemer



Recently, Rabbi Kelman published a booklet called *Chesed Shel Emet, The Truest Act of Kindness*. Rabbi Jack Riemer's review will be published in the next issue of *Jewish Book World*.

Chesed Shel Emet, The Truest Act of Kindness by Rabbi Stuart Kelman, EKS Publishing Co., Albany, Ca., © 2001, 56 pages, ISBN 0-939144-33-6

This just might be one of the most important books published this year. It is a slim volume, with a modest number of pages, published by a not very prominent publishing house—and yet I think it has enormous potential significance. For it just might transform the modern synagogue from a superficial place where people come a couple of times a year for the High Holydays or for *b'nai mitzvah* and weddings, into a place of real importance in the lives of its members. And it just might transform modern Judaism from being merely a collection of customs and foods and ethnic loyalties into, literally, a matter of life and death.

Congregation Netivot Shalom of Berkeley, California, is not one of the largest or one of the most prestigious congregations in the country. But it is a congregation that has on more than one occasion been willing to confront some of the real challenges that face contemporary Jews, and to do so with the help of the tradition.

One such challenge is: What do the tradition and the synagogue have to offer people in their time of bereavement? We say that the synagogue is a family, but in most cases that is more of a slogan to use in

membership campaigns than a reality in time of need. Burial arrangements in most cases nowadays are the domain of large, impersonal funeral chapels. In recent years, more and more of these chapels have conglomerated and merged until there are essentially two great chains left. And the individual who comes to them in their time of loss or even before—in what they euphemistically call 'pre need'—finds himself intimidated by the tone that these 'grief counselors' set when they negotiate what they politely call 'the final arrangements'. Most Jews don't even know that there was once a society of volunteers in every Jewish community—the only society in the Jewish tradition that bore the noble name of 'the Holy Brotherhood'—that took care of these arrangements, as a mitzvah and not as a commercial matter. I am sure that when the leaders of Netivot Shalom put out a call for volunteers who would be willing to learn how to carry out the last act of kindness that we can do for those who die, most people probably recoiled at the idea. Who would not be squeamish and reluctant at the idea of washing and dressing and preparing bodies? And who knows anything about this arcane tradition? And so, for the first few years they apprenticed themselves to the Holy Brotherhood of the Orthodox synagogue nearby, and then, only when they felt confident enough, did they agree to do this mitzvah of caring for the dead on their own. And now, having learned how to do it, they have put together this guide so that other synagogues, who have the courage, and the openness to try it, may learn from their experience.

I am convinced that having a Chevra Kadisha that does *taharah* has the power to transform a synagogue spiritually. No one will ever have to preach to those who join this group about reverence for life, or about the equality of all human beings, or about holiness. They will have

experienced these values in their work. No one will ever have to tell the mourners in such a congregation that the synagogue is a caring community. They will have experienced it first hand. And no one will have to tell the members of this group that the doing of a mitzvah is not necessarily easy, but that it is immensely rewarding.

Rabbi Kelman is an educator, and so he takes the neophytes through the procedures that are involved in doing *taharah* step by step. First, he lists all of the materials and equipment that they will need. Then he provides the texts that they need to recite in Hebrew, in transliteration and in translation. And then he provides not only a glossary but a sample report sheet and a sample supply form as well as a bibliography. And all the while, he conveys, on every page, the sense of solemnity and sacredness that should accompany every part of the task.

I would urge every Conservative and Reform synagogue to purchase at least one copy of this guide and to consider the creation of such a sacred society. And let me offer this suggestion for where to find volunteers around whom to get a Chevra Kadisha started. Most people are understandably uneasy about handling bodies—but doctors and nurses aren't. And so they are good people to begin with when you are looking for people who could be candidates for membership in a Chevra. Once you have a couple of these on board, you can gather others who will join them. And you will be on the way to making your synagogue a serious and a sacred place.

Rabbi Jack Riemer is the co editor of *So That Your Values Live On*, published by Jewish Lights, Woodstock, Vt. and the Chair of the National Rabbinic Network, a support system for rabbis across the denominational lines.

Older Adults: A Personal Journey Into Eldering

By Jean Bradman

When I was young, a long, long time ago, I didn't know I would eventually grow old. Of course I knew my grandparents were old. And my parents almost so. And I knew I was expected to grow up. But I didn't know that growing up also meant eventually growing old. I remember my grandmother saying, in Yiddish of course, "Jeanala, bring me a glass of water. It's too hard to get up." I couldn't imagine that ever happening to me.

By the time I was five I was aware that old people spoke English 'differently' and concluded that this way of talking developed as people aged and became more wrinkly. One day, while out with my mother, we stopped for a small purchase at the grocery store in a neighborhood very different from our own. There was a very old lady ahead of us. When she asked for what she wanted, in clear English syllables, sounding exactly like my mother, I couldn't believe it. I got so excited! I jumped up and down and tugged at my mother's coat. "Mommy, mommy, she's old and she is wrinkled and she talks just the way the we do!"

Well, I got old, and I also got wrinkled, and I still talk "just the way we do." However, where to talk and whom to talk with about certain subjects has troubled me. A few years ago, my doctor felt some medical tests were necessary in order to determine whether a particular condition existed. Did I want to have those tests? If I did have them, and they were positive, was I prepared to go ahead with whatever medical procedures might be necessary? If not, why bother with the tests? Did I really want to know?

I did not wish to discuss this with my family. It seemed too early to cause them anxiety, and first I needed to clarify my own thoughts in the matter. A couple of good friends said, "Oh, of course, you have to go ahead with the tests," but they weren't able to discuss the issues objectively, in the round. I tried raising the subject after a meeting of my stock club group. There was instant hostility and anger. One woman looked as if she would like to hit

me. I thought another, who was sitting across the table, would throw something at me. Clearly an error. Wrong forum.

In thinking about this incident, and also other matters around the issue of aging, I realized I didn't know of any safe and comfortable settings where such topics could be freely discussed. Questions such as: Where should I live? Where should I be buried? How do I really feel about the change of status which comes after retirement? Should I dye my hair? Should I wear purple? And most importantly, how can I give back to my community, family and friends some of what I have received from them over the years.

With these thoughts in mind, I approached Rabbi Kelman. He concurred that there was a need for such a discussion group, so we developed a small group. We got together at my house in May, 2000 and talked openly about particular concerns that each of us had. At first there was a dichotomy within the group: did we want to be only a discussion group, or did we want to be a social group as well?

Gradually, as we have become more cohesive, these divisions have disappeared. We talk about serious subjects and have a good time. We read poetry and explore feelings and have a good time. One couple shared their wedding anniversary celebration with us. We are an evolving, exciting group open to new ideas while totally clear about where we are in the continuum of life.

This is not a closed group. If you are a member of Netivot Shalom, you are with us. If we have a particular program that is of interest to you, you are free to attend. These are not meetings, but get-togethers. Perhaps you have concerns about an older parent and would like to talk about possible solutions. It might be helpful to gather information from those of us who have been in a similar situation, in addition to talking with an expert.

We get together on the second Monday of each month, from 7:00-9:30 pm. Locations vary. If you plan to attend, RSVP to me at 549-3231. That's so we can determine how much nosherei we need!

THANK YOU TO:

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- Debby Graudenz, Pauline Moreno, Diana Wood, David Levine and Jan Malvin for helping in the office
- Norman Rosenblatt for his help with our computers
- Barbara Bibel for gifts of books for our library
- Lee Feinstein for her continued assistance with everything!!

MAZAL TOV TO:

- Erica Fono on her engagement to Morry Katz
- Grant Edelstone on his engagement to Shannon Frank
- Cori & David Kesler on the birth of Joseph Isaac Kesler
- Cathy Shadd & Dov Rosenfeld on the adoption of Ziva Josephine Rosenfeld

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Unless otherwise stated, all Saturday morning activities take place at the BRJCC (1414 Walnut St.) and all other activities take place at the Netivot Shalom offices (1841 Berkeley Way). The deadline for material to be included in the Calendar is the first of the month preceding the event.


<p>All Day: 4 deliver Mishloach Manot 10:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad Purim Celebration, at the BRJCC 10:00 am Keshet Family School Purim program, at the shul offices 1:00-3:00 pm Author Wendy Mogel, speaking on Jewish parenting 7:00 pm Ritual Comm. Mtg. 9 ADAR</p>	<p>5 7:30 pm Maimonides Course 10 ADAR</p>	<p>6 7:30 pm Talmud Study Group 11 ADAR</p>	<p>7 7:15 am Morning Minyan NO CHAVRUTA HEBREW 7:30 pm Shloshim in memory of Don Fischer 12 ADAR</p>
<p>11 10:00 am Seymore Kessler, "Levinas on One Foot" 11:00 am K-1 Shabbat Shelanu Planning Brunch 16 ADAR</p>	<p>12 7:00 pm Older Adults Discussion Group, at Jean's house 7:30 pm Maimonides Course 17 ADAR</p>	<p>13 7:30 pm Talmud Study Group 18 ADAR</p>	<p>14 7:15 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm Rabbi Kelman discusses the Moss Hagadah 19 ADAR</p>
<p>18 10:00 am Seymore Kessler, "Levinas on One Foot" 10:00 am Pesach program led by Judy Massarano, at the BRJCC 10:30 am Youth Education Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting 23 ADAR</p>	<p>19 7:30 pm Maimonides Course 24 ADAR</p>	<p>20 7:30 pm Talmud Study Group 25 ADAR</p>	<p>21 7:15 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm Sephardic Seder 26 ADAR</p>
<p>25 9:00 am Rosh Chodesh Service 5:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Group's Annual pre-Pesach Seder at the home of Toby Gidal 7:00 pm Board of Directors Mtg. Young Judeaa's Ofi Tsofi Convention 1 NISAN</p>	<p>26 7:30 pm Maimonides Course 2 NISAN</p>	<p>27 7:30 pm Talmud Study Group 3 NISAN</p>	<p>28 7:15 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm Music of the Haggadah 4 NISAN</p>
<p>april 1 7:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting 8 NISAN</p>	<p>april 2 7:30 pm Maimonides Course 9 NISAN</p>	<p>april 3 7:30 pm Talmud Study Group 10 NISAN</p>	<p>april 4 7:15 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm Chavruta Hebrew 11 NISAN</p>

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>3:00-7:00 pm Assemble Mishloach Manot</p> <p>7:00-10:00 pm Annual Chevra Kadisha meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6 ADAR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5:47 pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7 ADAR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shabbat Zachor</p> <p>9:00 am Torah Study of TERUMAH with Nitzhia Shaked 9:45 am Shabbat Services; drash by Dean Kertesz 11:00 am Torah L'Yeladim, room 12 11:30 am Shabbat Shelanu, room 14 7-8:30 pm New Member Havdalah, at the home of Joanna Weinberg & David Levine, 400 Oakvale Ave., Berkeley</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 ADAR</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO AMITIM</p> <p>7:00 pm Megillah Reading at the BRJCC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ta'anit Esther</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">13 ADAR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>9:00 am Megillah Reading at shul offices 5:54 pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purim</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14 ADAR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shushan Purim</p> <p>9:00 am Torah Study of TETZAVEH with Art Gould 9:45 am Learners' Minyan, room 14 9:45 am Shabbat Services; drash by Stan Dorn 11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad, room 14</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15 ADAR</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>7:30 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20 ADAR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6:00 pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21 ADAR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shabbat Parah</p> <p>9:00 am Torah Study of KI TISSA with Nitzhia Shaked 9:30 am Meditative Shacharit, room 14 9:45 am Shabbat Services; drash by Nitzhia Shaked Kiddush sponsored by the Rosh Chodesh Group 11:00 am Torah L'Yeladim, room 12 11:30 am Shabbat Shelanu, room 14</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22 ADAR</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">april 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ta'anit Bechorim</p> <p>7:15 am Morning minyan and siyyum for first born</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12 NISAN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">april 6</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6:19 pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13 NISAN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">april 7</p> <p>9:00 am ZAV (No Torah Study) 9:45 am Shabbat Services; drash by Rabbi Kelman 11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad, room 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Erev Pesach</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14 NISAN</p>

In case you haven't responded yet...

All Parents of Current Fifth Graders!

NOW is the time to let us know that you will need a date for your child's bar or bat mitzvah.

Please contact Rabbi Jacobs at the shul office (549-9447, ext. 104, or

email ntv-

edu@eb.jfed.org)

regarding your request.

Netivot Shalom's policy is to have each child's bat or

bar mitzvah fall as close to her or his Hebrew birthday as possible.

February-March is the time when all the birth dates are considered, and

the most appropriate dates are assigned. If we

receive notice after

March that your child will

need a date, it may be difficult to arrange dates

appropriately. Thanks for

your cooperation.

Please join us for a Shabbat Shelanu Planning Brunch on March 11th, 11:00 a.m., at the shul offices.

ADULT EDUCATION

Levinas On One Foot

These lectures are dedicated to the memory of Don Fischer.

Emmanuel Levinas' is arguably the most important Jewish philosopher of the 20th century. His impact on the direction of Western philosophical thinking has been profound, redirecting attention from the quest for truth to the necessity of ethics. Levinas' thought runs contrary to a cultural climate dominated by a passion for selfhood, self-actualization and a flight from duty. His basic teachings address equally all branches of contemporary Judaism.

Seymour Kessler will introduce some of the basic ideas of Levinas' thought and its implications for current Jewish life and behavior. The first lecture will focus on the philosophical writings and the innovative concepts Levinas advances to redirect ethical thinking. This will serve as the basis for understanding his more Jewish writings, which will be considered in the second lecture. Recommended reading: *Difficult Freedom* (John Hopkins Univ. Press), the essays 'Ethics and Spirit', 'A Religion for Adults', 'Loving Torah More Than God', 'Judaism and the Present'. Please join us **Sunday, March 11 & 18**, 10:00 a.m. at the shul offices.

ADULT EDUCATION

3 Pesach Evenings

The Wednesday evening Chavruta Hebrew program presents three evenings of study and celebration in its weekly time-slot at 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 14: The Story

Rabbi Stuart Kelman will explore the themes and symbols of the Hagadah using slides and a collector's copy of the Moss Hagadah. This magnificent edition opens a number of doors to explication and appreciation of the text.

MARCH 21: The Seder

Rachel Heinstejn and Tsipi Gabai will host an evening of melodies, folklore, *halacha* and Moroccan cuisine. Come celebrate a Sephardic Seder in the company of these two charming ladies.

MARCH 28: The Music

Julie Batz and friends will perform and teach songs from a variety of musical traditions. You are invited to bring a song to share (25 copies with Hebrew/transliteration/English). *This evening will be in memory of Don Fischer, who led the featured Passover program last year when he presented his new translation of the Hagadah.*

ADULT EDUCATION

Torah Scholars Needed!!

By Sanne DeWitt
Torah Study Coordinator

Our Torah Study Shiur is in a state of crisis. Our regular teacher, Nitzhia Shaked, teaches the Parashat HaShavuah on a bi-weekly schedule and our tradition has been to have guest teachers teach on the alternate weeks. So far we have no guest teachers to teach the April or May open slots and so we will have to cancel the Torah study sessions not taught by Nitzhia. I appeal to all of you Torah scholars to accept the responsibility and joy of teaching one of the parashot.

The following slots are available:

April 7, Zav

April 21, Shemini

May 5, Achare Mot-Kedoshim

May 19, B'Har-B'chu-kotai.

Please call me at 845-2098 or reach me via e-mail at hdewitt@earthlink.net if you have the time and knowledge to teach on one or more of these dates.

Midrasha News

Recently a friend cornered me at shul and asked, "We got Midrasha's annual fundraising appeal in the mail. If you can't let your faculty get any bigger because you are hampered by lack of space, but your student body (and consequently tuition income) keeps growing, why do you need to fundraise?" What a great question! My answer?

To begin with, an increased student body brings with it not only increased tuition, but also an increased demand for financial aid. This year families requested almost \$16,000 in aid. Although the synagogues and the CJLL share part of the burden of meeting this with us, much of it falls on Midrasha's shoulders. Next, having 300 students (as opposed to the 80 or so when I started this job) necessitates much more office help. We have a half-time person who deals primarily with bookkeeping and a second part-time person who helps with secretarial tasks, readying class schedules, organizing the silent auction, preparing mailings and all the myriad tasks that come up. Also, we are finally adequately compensating our teachers and administrative staff. We realize that there are many other places our talented staff would like to be other than teaching at 9:30 a.m. on a Sunday and we need to keep our salaries competitive to be able to attract the best faculty possible.

I think Midrasha has finally made it to the point where we are able to make decisions that are educationally correct without having always to think about the bottom line. For example, we have three art classes and two cooking classes this semester, all of which require money nearly every week. I can tell the teachers that they can buy adequate supplies without having to run back to the checkbook and hold my breath before I reimburse them. People come in and rave about the student art work on my office walls and never ask the cost of the high quality pens and paper. This semester we hired a new teacher because classes were so crowded first semester. The classrooms were all filled, but we've put her (and her 30 students) in the social hall. The decision to hire her was based on what was best for the students, not just on what it would cost.

It costs \$637 per year to educate each student at Midrasha. Tuition is \$355. The synagogues contribute \$150 and the CJLL of the Jewish Federation another \$40. You do the math. That leaves a considerable shortfall that we need to raise through our annual fundraising appeal, our fall silent auction and our spring fete. The entire community continues to be very generous. We think we run a great, nationally respected institution and we couldn't do it without your support. For this we are extremely grateful.

Shabbat B'Yachad

Save the dates:

The festive spirit of Purim inspires our youngest members with joyful anticipation! Come hear the story of Queen Esther at our Purim celebration for families with children under five years old. Join us for tasty treats, songs, and Purim fun on **Sunday, March 4** from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the BRJCC, room 14. RSVP a must! Call Iris at 549-9447 ext. 110. Free to Shabbat B'Yachad members/\$5 non-members.

Pesach: "Why Is This Night Different?" led by Judy Massarano for parents interested in creating a child-friendly seder. **SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, March 18**, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the BRJCC, Room 14. Activities & Pesach stories for children! RSVP a must! Call Iris ext 110. Free to SBY membes/\$5 non-members.

FROM YOUTH EDUCATION:

Author **Wendy Mogul**

THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE: Using Jewish Teachings and Practical Ideas to Raise Ethical and Self-Reliant Children

Presentation and discussion with **Dr. Wendy Mogel**, widely acclaimed author, psychologist, and educator. **Sunday, March 4** from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the BRJCC. Childcare available by reservation. Call Iris at ext. 110. Co-sponsored by Netivot Shalom and BRJCC.

Report from Young Judaea

Katie Winsberg,
Assistant Director, CNH Young Judaea

Young Judaea's East Bay club has been having tons of fun, participating in many activities. We went on a Kosher hunt, we made *hanukiyot*, and we had a great time bowling. The East Bay club has many exciting events coming up and we don't want you to miss out! So, if you are in grades 3-6, come meet us from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on selected Sundays (place TBA). On **March 11**, we will get together for a Purim celebration. Our Ofi Tsofi Convention in Southern California is **March 23-25**.

Young Judaea is the National Zionist Youth Movement sponsored by Hadassah. For more information, contact our Regional Office at 510-549-0260.

YOUNG JUDAEA SPRING CONVENTION

Young Judaea Ofarim and Tsofim:
All 3rd-7th Graders
Friday, March 23 through Sunday, March 25, 2001

Camp de Benneville Pines,
Angelus Oaks, CA

\$185 • Deadline March 9, 2001

Young Judaea is sponsored by Hadassah.
For more information, please contact 510-549-0260 or yjudaeca1@aol.com.

Seeking Synagogue

Administrative Manager

Netivot Shalom is seeking an administrative manager to oversee day-to-day operations. General responsibilities include communications (telephone, mailings, newsletter, correspondence), fiscal operations (assisting budget preparation, billing, database management), administration (supplies, equipment, file management, master calendar), supervision (direct clerical staff plus volunteers). In addition, the SAM works as part of a team, assisting the Rabbi, program director, and Youth Education director.

Along with a love of people, you should have demonstrated office management skills including: strong organizational skills; ability to prioritize and delegate tasks; attention to detail; proficiency with PC word processing, spreadsheet, database and e-mail programs; and a talent for knowing how to make things happen. Please send cover letter and resume to:

Netivot Shalom,
1841 Berkeley Way,
Berkeley, CA 94703, Attn: SAM

For more information contact David Levine at 510-653-0679.

Pinat Ramah Day Camp Updates

Director Receives Fellowship

By Dan Alter, Ramah Day Camp Director

This month I was accepted to the new Tikea Fellowship For Jewish Teen Educators. Tikea Fellows will be studying together for a year and a half, developing special projects for teens in their programs and making a trip to Israel. I am excited to continue my professional development, and to design and implement an outstanding Junior Counselor Program for the coming summer.

Enrollment

Second session at the new Ramah Day Camp sold out last summer—and the kids had a blast! We are expanding to enroll more campers this summer, but don't take a chance on getting left out.

Sign up now for first session, June 25—July 20, or second session, July 23—August 17. Sign up for both and get a \$100 full summer discount!

Counselor Positions Available

Counselor positions are available for Summer 2001—a fun, rewarding way to spend the summer, and you'll learn a lot too! Jobs open include junior counselors (entering high school seniors), counselors, specialists, and camp nurse. Call today!

Please call our office at 510-549-9447 ext 111, or email us at ramahday@eb.jfed.org for more information or to request an application.

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1841 Berkeley Way
Berkeley, CA 94703

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<input type="checkbox"/> Dinners for the Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Education
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Berkeley Hillel and Netivot Shalom present ...

GENERATION J

Lisa Schiffman

"We're a generation of Jews who grew up with television, with Barbie, with rhinoplasty as a way of life. Assimilation wasn't something we strove for—it was the condition into which we were born." — *Generation J*

Monday, March 12

7:00 pm

Berkeley Hillel Auditorium

2736 Bancroft Way

FREE

☆ Lisa Schiffman will discuss and sign copies of her critically-acclaimed first book, *Generation J*.
☆ *Generation J* is a beautifully written, constantly courageous, hip, wise memoir by a young woman determined to figure out what it means to be Jewish.

☆ This event is also co-sponsored by UC Berkeley Gender and Equity Resource Center.



Condolences To:

- Jim Davis & Anna Korteweg, on the death of their baby, Nina Chaya Davis
- Mary Kennedy Breiner, on the death of her mother, Nancy Kennedy
- Ken Stanton & Rivka Greenberg, on the death of Ken's mother, Ursula Stanton
- Jan Fischer, on the death of Cantor Don Fischer

Shloshim for Don Fischer

We will gather together to mark the thirty days after the passing of Don Fischer on **Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.** at the shul offices. Ma'ariv services will be held, and then we will honor Don's memory with singing and reminiscences. Please join us.

Yahrzeit List

3/1/01	Norma Schachter Avers	6 Adar II	3/19/01	James Bloom	24 Adar
3/1/01	Dr. Willy Fackenheim	6 Adar	3/19/01	Warren Oscar Smith	24 Adar
3/2/01	Ernest Ferrin	7 Adar	3/20/01	Barry Alan Fleischman	25 Adar
3/5/01	Susan Shackman	10 Adar	3/20/01	Benjamin Sutz	25 Adar
3/5/01	Abraham Levine	10 Adar	3/20/01	Marjorie Alper	25 Adar
3/6/01	Benjamin Gottlieb	11 Adar	3/20/01	Rachel Press	25 Adar
3/8/01	Mrs. Clara Kalter	13 Adar	3/21/01	Leah Jacobson Reingold	26 Adar
3/9/01	Morris Lifschitz	14 Adar II	3/21/01	Pearl Pripstein	26 Adar
3/10/01	Henry Cohen	15 Adar	3/23/01	Esther Redel	28 Adar
3/11/01	Louis Fingerhut	16 Adar	3/23/01	Nathan Brandwynne	28 Adar
3/11/01	Tillie Zimmerman Alter	16 Adar	3/24/01	Hazel Boland	29 Adar
3/12/01	Marcus Mandell	17 Adar	3/25/01	Seisel Deiner	1 Nisan
3/13/01	Wilson Kelman	18 Adar II	3/28/01	Frances Skoler Gerson	4 Nisan
3/13/01	Etta Shaindel		3/29/01	Barbara Strauss	5 Nisan
	bat Zalman Leib v' Rachel Leah	18 Adar	3/29/01	Molly S. Gewertz	5 Nisan
3/13/01	Franklyn Ephraim Landes	18 Adar	3/31/01	Frances Keller	7 Nisan
3/14/01	Evelyn Skurow	19 Adar	4/1/01	Sadie S. Kulakofsky	8 Nisan
3/17/01	Sylvia Jacobson	22 Adar II	4/2/01	Jack Berger	9 Nisan
3/17/01	Celia Weitzner	22 Adar	4/3/01	Morton Berger	10 Nisan
3/17/01	Donald Weinberg	22 Adar	4/4/01	Charlotte Koltun	11 Nisan
3/17/01	Norman Pollner	22 Adar	4/4/01	Hyman Feinstein	11 Nisan
3/17/01	Maurice I. Neipris	22 Adar	4/5/01	Jack I. Antokal	12 Nisan
3/19/01	Robert Finegold	24 Adar II	4/6/01	Saul Sherman	13 Nisan
3/19/01	David Weinstein	24 Adar	4/7/01	Jacob Gordon	14 Nisan
3/19/01	Elliott Daniel Zeff	24 Adar	4/7/01	Mary Jane Dannenbaum	14 Nisan

Every once in a while, a gremlin creeps into our systems. It seems that such an occurrence may have happened with our Yahrzeit list. Read this list carefully and if there are any errors, please call us immediately.

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

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E-MAIL TO: nvt-office@eb.jfed.org **FAX TO:** (510) 549-9448

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DATE OF DEATH: (civil date) _____ (Hebrew date — if possible) _____
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