



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

# Netivot Shalom

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## From The Rabbi

### Yahrzeit & Book Of Remembrance Policies

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

Over the last few months, we have been busily trying to reconstruct our Yahrzeit list. It seems that some gremlins have infiltrated the computerized list. Many of you have sent corrections, and we have now completed our list. Please continue to tell us if there is a problem. When problems like this arise, it also becomes an opportunity to review our policies about Yahrzeit (and for that matter about our Book of Remembrance that we issue each Yom Kippur). The Ritual Committee and the Board recently passed this new set of policies. There is still one more matter to be resolved, but that's for next month.

#### Yahrzeit List

The yahrzeit list is maintained in order to provide current members a reminder of the yahrzeit of a loved one. The names on the yahrzeit list will be read in shul on the Shabbat which precedes the actual yahrzeit, and will also appear in the newsletter during the month that the yahrzeit occurs. Only members of Congregation Netivot Shalom receive yahrzeit reminder cards. **To place the name of a family member on the yahrzeit list, members need to contact the office.** The names submitted will remain on the list while the member remains current, and for one year after. Include the English and Hebrew name of the deceased, the English date of death and Hebrew date if possible, and the member's relationship to the deceased. Active members who pass away will be placed on the yahrzeit list in perpetuity.

#### Yahrzeit Customs

- Yahrzeit is observed on the anniversary of death, not burial. The date of the yahrzeit is the Hebrew date of death. While the civil date of yahrzeit changes from year to year, the Hebrew date remains constant. To find out the Hebrew date, provide the office with the civil date of the death, including the year and the time of death, and we will look it up for you on the Hebrew calendar. By request, we can provide you with a list of future yahrzeit dates.
- It is customary to give *tzedakah* as a way of honoring the memory of loved ones. It is also appropriate to have an aliyah, daven, and to sponsor a kiddush

on the Shabbat preceding the yahrzeit. The recitation of "*Ayl Malay Rachamim*" is strongly encouraged during the Wednesday morning minyan. Traditionally, kaddish is recited on the actual yahrzeit, at Wednesday morning minyan, and on the preceding Shabbat.

- It is traditional to visit the cemetery on the yahrzeit.
- It is customary to light a yahrzeit candle, which burns for 24 hours, on the eve of the yahrzeit. Yahrzeit candles are available from Afikomen, the Jewish bookstore in Berkeley, and in most supermarkets in the Jewish food section. If you need a candle urgently, contact the shul office. Many people also observe the custom of lighting a yahrzeit candle on the evening preceding the day when Yizkor is said.

#### Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance is published each year for the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur and for use during the Yizkor services on Sukkot, Pesach, and Shavuot. Members and non-members may submit names of people to be remembered. Since the preparation of the book is an annual process, the listing of names needs to be arranged each year. To simplify this process, the High Holyday packets contain a form for entries to the Book of Remembrance. The form provides an option to re-enter the same names as in previous years. The Book of Remembrance and the Yahrzeit List are produced and maintained separately, therefore names must be submitted separately. ✨



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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.

**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 - Iyyar**  
April 23 7:15-8:30 a.m.

## TORAH STUDY & DRASH SCHEDULE

### APRIL

**7 No Torah Study**  
drash by Rabbi Kelman

**14 Study of Tetzaveh**  
with Nitzhia Shaked,  
drash by Simon Firestone

**21 No Torah Study**  
drash by Oran Gannot, bar mitzvah

**28 Study of Va-Yakhe**  
with Nitzhia Shaked,  
drash by Jeremy Pearl-Jacobvitz,  
bar mitzvah

## Selling Your Hametz

Jewish law requires that we own no *hametz* at all during Pesach. To insure compliance with this *halacha*, we may transfer title of whatever *hametz* we have to a person who is not Jewish. Thus, legally, the *hametz* is not ours during Pesach. (This applies to people going out of town as well. If you will be away from your home 30 days or more before Pesach and including Pesach, there's no need to do *Bedikat Hametz*, just sell the contents.)

This transfer ceremony is done by Rabbi Kelman and is called *Mechirat Hametz*, literally The Selling of Hametz. The Rabbi collects all the authorizations and transfers the *hametz* to a non-Jew. Following Pesach, the non-Jew returns the authorizations to the Rabbi so that possession reverts back to the owner. Please allow one hour after dark on the last day of Pesach, to allow the Rabbi to buy back the *hametz*.

**EVERYONE** must arrange for the sale of *hametz* and vessels used for *hametz* before Pesach for his or her own household. In connection with the sale, the form below may be used. Usually this sale must be completed by 8:00 a.m. on the morning before the first seder. This year, 5761, however, the first seder is Saturday evening so **the forms must be in the rabbi's possession by 8:00 a.m., Friday, April 6.**

### APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR THE SALE OF HAMETZ

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Rabbi Stuart Kelman to act as my agent to sell any *hametz* that may be in my possession wherever it may be; at my home, place of business, car, vacation home or elsewhere, in accordance with Jewish law.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

[Note: You may also fax this form back to Rabbi Kelman at 510-549-9448.]

Tzedakah is an appropriate way to add to the significance of the performance of a mitzvah. If you feel so inclined, you are encouraged to make a contribution to: Congregation Netivot Shalom, 1841 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94703, or to a tzedakah of your choice.

This year, the *siyyum* for all first born (male and female alike) will be on **Thursday morning, April 5, at 7:15 a.m. in the shul office.**

## Help Feed the Hungry

Despite an unprecedented economic boom, hunger remains a scandal in our country. Nearly 31 million Americans are hungry or at the very edge of hunger, unsure of where their next meal will come from. Through MAZON we can help them.

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By letting one who is hungry enter and eat, through a contribution to MAZON, you, your family and friends — all who are sitting at your Seder table — will give real meaning to that invitation. **MAZON: 12401 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 303, Los Angeles, CA 90025-1015**

**SUMMARY OF THE  
FEBRUARY 25  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING**

**Rabbi's Report:**

- Rabbi Kelman discussed *chavruta* learning for both adults and children. The possibility of importing and adapting a program for children, developed by Rabbi Michele Sullum, is being explored.
- Rabbi Kelman presented Yahrzeit List/ Yizkor Book Policies recommended by the Ritual Committee. The Board approved adopting those policies (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).

**President's Report:**

- Debby reported on progress in searching for a full-time office administrator and a part-time (25 hours/week) bookkeeper.
- We have a commitment letter from CivicBank of Commerce to finance the purchase of 1316 University Avenue.
- Debby reviewed the formation of the Campaign Steering Committee, the co-Chairs of which are Ann Swidler, Art Braufman and Claudia Valas. The Board endorsed the Campaign Steering Committee for the purpose of fundraising for the new site and building (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).
- Debby and Art Braufman have had discussions about forming a new Site Committee to oversee the refurbishing of the University Avenue site.

**Finance Committee Report:**

- Annual Budget Projections for 2000-2001 were distributed and explained to begin familiarizing Board members with the budgeting process. The new budget will need to be approved in May.
- Ways to make the budgeting process more efficient, plus ways to oversee and control the budget, are being reviewed.

**Relationship Between Committees & the Board:**

- The Board is discussing ways to maintain good dialogue and open communication with committee Chairs.
- Board members will act as liaisons to committees, recognizing that the needs and activity levels of committees vary.

**Strategic Planning:**

- The purpose of opening this discussion is to begin to plan programmatically, for the budget, for staff and for members. Having overall goals, data and a framework will inform the decision-making process for the Board.

# President's Report

If you're anything like me, here it is late March-early April and you're frantically trying to get ready for Pesach. It's a little more complicated this year, with the first Seder falling on *motz'ei Shabbat*. Hopefully you've gotten a copy of The Rabbinical Assembly *Pesach Guide* available at the shul office. It includes a paper, "When Passover Begins on Saturday Night", that is most helpful.

Here are some updates: You've probably heard that we've removed the contingencies on the property at 1316 University Avenue and are in escrow, with an expected closing date of May 4<sup>th</sup>. By the time this issue of our newsletter is published, we'll also have a Site Committee to oversee the remodeling of our new site. By the way, have you looked at the address Hebraicly (from right to left)? It reminds us of the "Taryag," the six hundred and thirteen mitzvot. [Insert theme from *The Twilight Zone* here.]

Adam Brown started work March 4 as Administrative Assistant for the Capital Campaign. He has helped raise money for neighborhood parks in San Francisco, and has done community organizing. He's excited about helping us. We opened our campaign office at 1943 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, very close to the shul office. The phone number is 644-2672. Adam will be working there 35 hours a week, consultant Stan Moore

will be there roughly every other week, and Campaign Committee meetings will be held there. Stop by and say hello!

Kudos to Wendy Siu, who has held our office together for the past couple of months with grace, diligence and lots of smiles. Wendy will continue to work part-time in the afternoons three or four days each week.

We've hired a new SAM (Synagogue Administrator). Rhea Harlow comes to us with a variety of experience. She's been a preschool director and the administrator for a holistic hospice, just to name two. Rhea has a low-key way of taking charge, lots of great ideas, and a sense of humor. Please join me in welcoming her.

And, speaking of welcoming .... "*Kol Adichfin yatay v'yachol, kol ditsrich yatay v'yifsach.*" *Let all who are hungry come and eat; let all who are in need come and share our Pesach.*

Even though it's the holiday that involves the most work and preparation, Pesach has always been my favorite, with the *darim* a special highlight. Once, when I was four or five, I mastered the *Ma Nishtana*, and, ready to show off, I looked forward to our table crowded with guests, with a magical excitement I still feel as Pesach approaches. As luck would have it, I came down with the chicken pox, and we had to "un-invite" all of our Seder guests. Right after burning our *hametz* the morning of the first Seder, my father left to officiate at a funeral in a small town east of Seattle. Driving home that afternoon, he picked up a soldier who was hitchhiking. As they talked, my father discovered that the soldier was Jewish, far from home and with nowhere to go for the Seder.

We'll never know if that soldier *really* had the chicken pox as a child, but he made that Seder very special for me by just being there. It's an easy way to make your Seder special — invite someone new, share your traditions, and learn some new ones.

*Chag Pesach kasher v'same'ach!*  
Debby Graudenz

**Schedule of Executive Committee & Board Meetings For 2001-2002**

	Executive Committee	Board
April	17	29
May	6	20
June	10	24
July	8	22
August	12	26
September	16	30
October	14	28
November	11	25
December	9	23
Jan., '02	13	27
Feb., '02	17	24

**2002 Annual Meeting, February 10**

# COMMITTEE UPDATES

## INTRODUCING YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

### Turi Adams

At Large Board Member

Last year I weaseled out of directing the Purim shpiel. I wrote it and ducked. (Well, I wrote it and went back to tending our then six-month-old son.) As I write this I am trying to recall the names of all the people who volunteered to participate for the 2001 shpiel after I merely stood up and asked for help. Asking for help is still rather a novelty for me, unless there is heavy lifting or math involved. But volunteering for anything at our now rather large congregation is usually going to mean soliciting the participation of others, and, as my grandmother says, "You don't ask, you don't get." So, I ask. I always get.

And along the way I meet more and more people. In this process I've met a lovely person who has offered his talents on the accordion, and a recent arrival from Israel who wants to help us with our website — and all I had to do was stand up after services and ask for help. Perhaps because I wear those kooky hats, or I look extra desperate, interesting people always seem to volunteer.

When I first came to Netivot Shalom it was Purim, four years ago. We didn't know a soul, but I had called Rabbi Kelman at the office and told him we were coming. I remember that Vicki Kelman made a point of having set aside mishloach manot for me. Now our own mishloach manot list is over twenty families — and growing. I understand we are not a unique case.

I've lived in other cities, and joined other synagogues, so I can tell you that not every congregation makes as big a point as this one does of extending hospitality to newcomers and caring for its members. (In my opinion, it has a lot to do with Rabbi Kelman, who is always thinking of more ways that he can serve the community, and by example, encouraging us to do likewise.) I've met the people who brought me meals when I was on bed rest before the baby was born, the families who helped me prepare for Colman's *brit milah*, and the couple who took us in on no notice at all one Sukkot when construction caused our house to be more Sukkah-like than our Sukkah. Still, I occasionally hear from members that they were disappointed because, in a time of distress, they felt neglected by our community. I have to remember that not everybody had my grandmother.

So I remind myself that it's important to make an extra effort to look around for the opportunity to perform a mitzvah. The need isn't always apparent. Not everybody is willing to stand up and make an announcement, least of all on his or her own behalf. Sometimes people seem to be handling a life transition with no stress at all, but could actually use a phone call, a visit, a meal, or an invitation to participate. It didn't take a lot to make me feel welcome at Netivot Shalom, just a couple of hamantashen on a plate with my name on it. I hope I can do the same for the next person who shows up at shul looking a little lost.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: A Program to Welcome New Members

By Joanna Weinberg

To members new and old, announcing a new program! Each new member will be paired with a Netivot Shalom family who can answer your questions (even if you think they're silly); meet you at shul; share a meal or shul event; and generally provide you with an introduction to Netivot Shalom.

If you're a new member, you should hear from someone soon. I am asking for "old-hand" shul members (members for a year or so) to volunteer to welcome new members. Please

email me if you would like to do this for a new member (in your neighborhood if possible), and we'll get moving on this exciting new project.

► The Membership Committee will meet on **April 24** at 7:30 p.m. to discuss some important issues relative to Hachnasat Orchim, generally, and possible changes in the categories of membership. Please email Joanna Weinberg if you are interested in either of these efforts — [weinbgi@itsa.ucsf.edu](mailto:weinbgi@itsa.ucsf.edu).

## More Painless Fundraising

Netivot Shalom has added another way for you to help the shul: Schoolpop. Whether shopping on line or in participating stores, Schoolpop can help raise money for Netivot Shalom. Schoolpop is a form of electronic scrip. It is used in two basic ways once you have registered on line or on the phone. (A) If you shop on-line via Schoolpop, your designated institution gets a percentage of your purchases. (B) When you register, you also register credit cards. When you use a registered credit card at a participating merchant, then the designated institution also gets a percentage. Once you register (at no cost to you), you can begin shopping at more than 300 participating retailers. Andronico's shoppers: please note that Andronico's has joined Schoolpop and is no longer participating in eScrip.

It is easy to register: (1) Go to [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) and click on Netivot Shalom. Or, (2) call toll free (Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) 1-877-456-1032.

Please ask your friends and relatives, even those out of town, to register with Schoolpop. Because many of the merchants are on-line or national chains, your friends and families can help support Netivot Shalom from anywhere in the country.

For further information, please call David Levine (510-653-0679).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Older Adults Group

By Jean Bradman

**O**n behalf of the Older Adults Group, I want to thank Joanna Weinberg for her excellent discussion of health care policy and advance health care directives when the group met at the Braufman home on February 12. I also want to thank Sheila & Art for their warm, generous hospitality and delicious goodies.

Joanna gave us a cohesive framework for developing a clear statement of the goals and types of medical care desired, in the event of serious illness, for an individual who is unable to express his or her wishes directly. Among the points stressed was the importance of discussion with family members regarding these wishes, as well as the care required when choosing a health care agent.

In this context, it is worthwhile noting that health care directives are not necessary for just the older members of our population. Anyone over the age of 18 should have one.

A follow-up discussion of this topic was held in March to review the documents that Joanna shared with us. Copies of articles about Jewish law and health care directives are available. Please call Iris at the shul office, extension 110.

On **Monday, April 9** at 7:00 p.m., we will meet at the shul library and celebrate Pesach together. Jonathan Heinsteins will lead us in text study, and we will share Pesach desserts.

In May, Linda Blachman will present Midrashim Chayim — creating your life story as a narrative which reflects your values and principles. That meeting will be on **Monday, May 14** at 7:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

Remember, anyone who wishes to join us for a particular topic is free to do so. For more information, please call Jean: 549-3231.

### Etzleinu: In our Neighborhood

By Iris Greenbaum, Program Coordinator

#### PESACH SEDER SHARING

Please contact me ASAP if you are willing to invite member guests to your seder or if you are interested in being a guest at a host seder. (I will be out of town for Pesach beginning Friday, April 6, so don't wait until the last minute!)

#### KABBALAT SHABBAT

*"Sanctify the Sabbath... and delight your soul with pleasure" (Deuteronomy Raba 3,1)*

**O**ur small Kabbalat Shabbat gatherings are filled with joyful song, tefilah, great food, and genuine conversation! Come experience the joy of Shabbat with your Netivot Shalom neighbors! Thanks to Sharon Priven for coordinating the Kabbalat Shabbat services and pot-luck, kosher vegetarian dinners in members' homes. Please check weekly announcements for the latest happenings in your neighborhood! Many special thanks to the Privens and Feinsteins for welcoming members to their homes to celebrate Shabbat!

#### PURIM TREATS

Thanks to so many of you, 390 mishloach manot Purim treats were delivered to Netivot Shalom members! Our Community Building co-Chairs, Mel & Lisa Sibony and Cathy Shadd, smoothly coordinated the myriad of details. Special thanks to Hope Alper for the festive packaging and purchasing all the Purim treats. Special thanks to our assemblers: our Amitim youth, Rita Stein, Noriko Obinata, Melissa Mednick, Adam & Jesse Rosenbloom, Sheila Braufman, and Mel & Lisa Sibony. Thanks to Leslie Osterweil for assisting with deliveries. Special thanks to our mishloach manot delivery brigade: Jurgen Bernhardt & Linda Blachman, Eugene Berg, Jeff Black, Golda Blum, Denah Bookstein, the Bovarnicks, Christopher Davidson, Lee Feinstein, David Marcus, Jory Gessow, Brenda Goldstein, Sandra Gore, Lorraine Gray, Milt Greenstein, Ed Gold, Galia Gur, Ben Heschen & Ellen Peskin, Elissa & Alan Kittner, Ruth Konoff, Leo Levenson, Sy Levine, Herb Maccoby, Sally Martin, Djedi Mateen, Melissa Mednick & Jeff Rosenbloom, Noriko Obinata, Perl Perlmutter, Helaine Prentice, Mark Priven, John Reynolds, Lorraine Rosenblatt, Wendy Rosov & Lisa Harbus, Thelma Rubin, Brad Rudolf, Janet Schneider & Andy Kahn, Mel & Lisa Sibony, Ken Schnur & Denise Moyes-Schnur, Claire Sherman, Barbara Stamen, Andrew Tikowsky, the Wexlers, the Wunderlichs, and Beth Zeitman. And special thanks to Jerry Derblich for donating hamantashen on Purim!

### Chevrat Bikkur Cholim

By Peter Strauss

**O**ur February 15th study session with Rabbi Kelman was an exciting evening, and a great kickoff for this next phase of Bikkur Cholim at Netivot Shalom. The fact that we have over 60 people involved in this mitzvah is astounding.

We plan to hold quarterly meetings for the group. The next one is scheduled for **Monday, April 16** from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the shul. We'll be practicing hands-on techniques and ways of being with those whom we visit, and we'll have a chance to do some experiential exercises as well. This really involves just being yourself, and being there for the person you're visiting.

I would like to have a small group of people involved in the planning of these quarterly sessions, so if you're interested in helping to map out the content of our get-togethers, please let me know. Please call or e-mail me at: 547-8174 or gersig@dialfree.net.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### June Safran Writes from Cuba...

**H**il Shabat has been wonderful. Last night the service was warm, friendly, and done with great style by Julio, Alejandro, and David finishing up. The dinner was fish and vegetables (yucca) and I can't remember what else because I was busy talking. There was even some singing and the benchers came out to finish the evening. At first I thought they were doing it for me. Then I looked at the bencher and it was stained and falling apart. Also, everyone was familiar with the text.

Today was another wonderful day. Alejandro read the Torah portion beautifully. Julio and Marcos assisted. Salomon sat in the corner studying because he was doing the study after and wanted to be good for me. He had worked for hours the night before.

Everything was done smoothly. The only part that was not great was some of the singing. They have forgotten some of the melodies and also, there are no strong singers. But the spirit is there and it reminded me of the way it was when Eitan first participated. This service would have given Andres much pleasure, just as it gave to me. Stuart will be pleased to learn that the spirit is strong again and the desire to study leads to a lot of involvement. Oh, please tell Stu that Eugenia wonders if he could send some new benchers to replace the ones that are falling apart. Julio has asked for a luach.

Anyway, the exciting thing is Natilie and Alex began talking with Marcos about doing a Mural on the wall in the open air area that leads to the rear of the building. The three of them are very excited and Marcos is going to get some other artist friends to help. When they get it planned, guess who gets to arrange the finances and trip? :) They hope to do it just before the Bar Mitzvah.

David is studying hard for the Bar Mitzvah. Alejandro is training him. Alejandro is really smooth. Salomon did an excellent job with the study session. He had some resources for his opinions (not many but everything didn't come out of his head) and he had studied both the Torah portion and the Haftorah. He talked, then broke people into two groups before leading a discussion of their conclusions. Then Eugenia spoke a bit about her ideas and Salomon asked me to speak about something I had noticed in the parashah. Finally, we had lunch.

There are two new families. One is the daughter of Ana Segal who lives here now with her children (a five year old boy and a 17 year old girl). Hymie Ganz sends his greetings along with all the Farins and Bottons.

— June

### Annual Pot Party at the Kelmans

For the past few years, on the Sunday before Pesach (this year, **April 1**, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) people have come to the Kelmans' garage to dip their dishes and silverware in order to make them kosher for Pesach. Michael Cohen has generously offered his assistance and all questions about kashering and Pesach can be asked at that time! (The address is: 1003 Mariposa Ave., Berkeley.)

### Yom HaShoah Program

There will be an event to commemorate Yom HaShoah on **Wednesday, April 18** from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the shul office. Please bring yahrzeit candles. In addition, we will focus on Yom HaShoah during the Yizkor service on **Sunday, April 15**, which is the eighth day of Pesach. Services will be held at the shul office at 9:45 a.m.

### Readings From "The Selected Poetry of Yehuda Amichai" with Chana Bloch and Chana Kronfeld

"He is one of our greatest poets...Once one has heard his quiet, even tones, precise, distanced and passionate, one never forgets them."

*The Times Literary Supplement (London)*

On September 22, 2000, Israel's most beloved Hebrew poet, Yehuda Amichai, died at the age of 76. Ms. Bloch and Ms. Kronfeld, co-translators of Yehuda Amichai's magnum opus, "Open Closed Open," will read selections of Amichai's poetry which they believe acts "as a kind of restorative" that one can come back to again and again. Following the reading the authors, whose powerfully moving translation received rave reviews in the New York Times, will discuss the challenge of translating poetry from Hebrew. Book signing to follow.

#### Sunday April 29th

Brunch: 10:30 a.m.

Lecture and discussion: 11:00 a.m.

Admission (including brunch) is \$4.00 for BRJCC and Netivot Shalom members, \$5 for general public. Co-sponsored with the Israel Center of the Jewish Federation of the East Bay. Call 848-0237 for more information.

# Netivot Shalom & the Triennial Cycle

By Josh Gressel, Ritual Committee Chair

The Ritual Committee has begun discussing a proposal to move toward “*kri’a malei’a*”, a full reading of the weekly Torah portion, rather than the current reading of one third of each portion. The proposal is to begin with once-monthly full readings for a six-month experimental period. Based on the results of this experiment, the next step would be to either (a) expand the practice further, (b) continue the practice for a further experimental period, or (c) revert to our current practice.

Before reviewing the pros and cons of this proposal, as discussed at the March 4 Ritual Committee meeting, it seems worthwhile to review the evolution of the triennial cycle as we practice it at Netivot Shalom.

The first mention of public reading of the Torah comes in Deuteronomy 31:10-13:

And Moses commanded [the priests and elders], saying: “At the end of every seven years, in the set time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, when all Israel is come to appear before the Lord thy God in the place which He shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law; and that their children, who have not known, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.”

It is unknown how diligently this commandment was followed, nor is it clear when more frequent public Torah readings were introduced. Maimonides said it was Moses who established the morning Torah readings for Saturdays, Mondays and Thursdays. Common belief is that Saturdays were chosen because the people had greater leisure to listen to the Torah on that day. Mondays and Thursdays may have been chosen because they were market days, when more people were in town. Ezra the Scribe (5<sup>th</sup> century BCE) is known to have begun public readings from different sections of the Torah on market days.

In the early centuries of the Common Era, Palestine was using a triennial cycle where the weekly portions were split into thirds, but read consecutively. Thus the whole Torah would be read in three years as we do today, but each portion would be read in its entirety before moving to the next, meaning that each *parashah* would be read once every three years (as opposed to our practice, where we read a third of each portion each year). In Babylonia, the “annual reading cycle” evolved, whereby the Torah was divided into 54 portions, all of which were read in the course of one year. By the time the Talmud was finalized (approximately 500 CE) the rules governing when and how the Torah should be read were in place, including the number of *aliyot* and which portions were to be read. The annual reading cycle developed in Babylonia became the standard for Diaspora Jewry, and by the 9<sup>th</sup> century it was adopted in Palestine as well.

The annual cycle appears to have been the norm but not the absolute rule for the next several hundred years. Maimonides reported that in the 13<sup>th</sup> century some synagogues were using the triennial cycle, and it was reported in a Palestinian synagogue as late as the 17<sup>th</sup> century. However, the triennial cycle was not revived officially until 1845, when the Reform Movement in Frankfurt

reinstated it. The basic reason behind the triennial cycle was to make it easier for the congregation, the vast majority of whom did not understand Hebrew and who therefore could not follow the full reading with proper attention.

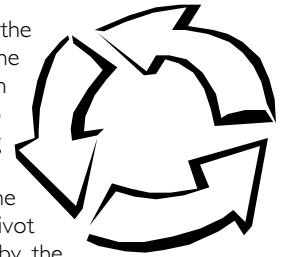
The triennial cycle in practice in the Conservative movement and at Netivot Shalom is a brand new development, by the standards of Jewish history. While triennial systems were common throughout the Conservative movement, a Rabbinical Assembly letter from 1988 stated that “they vary so greatly from one synagogue to another that virtual anarchy reigns.” Therefore, the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) developed a uniform approach that is in use throughout the Conservative movement today. This uniformity ensures all Conservative synagogues are reading the same Torah portions, with the same breaks for *aliyot*, on the same Saturdays.

Like all things Jewish, there is enormous complexity in the seemingly simple task of dividing the Torah up into weekly readings over a three-year period. This is because there are numerous and divergent considerations which must be taken into account. First, the CJLS rejected the initial proposal to use the Palestinian system described above, where one-third portions are read consecutively. The controversy here had to do with how to interpret the rule: “*Ein medalgin beTorah*” (“There’s no skipping in the Torah”, Megillah 4:4 and B. Megillah 24a). Rabbi Lionel Moses understood this to forbid skipping in the Torah even between one week and another, while the CJLS understood it to prohibit skipping only within the week (which Netivot Shalom does on weeks when we finish a book from the Torah — see below.)

Rabbi Richard Eisenberg was given the task of creating the standard Conservative triennial cycle under the “one-third/one-third” system which was already prevalent in Conservative synagogues. The following halachic guidelines were followed in the creation of his system:

1. Each *aliyah* must contain a minimum of three verses and each *parashah* must contain 21 verses.
2. Paragraphs in the Torah with four or five verses are read in their entirety.
3. There is no skipping from one section to another on the same day.
4. Excessive overlapping (reading the same verses in consecutive years) is avoided whenever possible so as not to lend preference to one section over others.
5. Effort was made to avoid beginning and ending the *parashot* and *aliyot* on a negative note.
6. Upon completion of a three-year cycle, no sections will have been omitted.

Rabbi Eisenberg tried to divide the *parashot* following the traditional Ashkenazi divisions of the *aliyot* (which you can see marked in the Hertz *chumashim*). Year One of the cycle would contain the first two to three *aliyot*, depending on their length, Year Two would have the next two to three, and Year Three the remaining *aliyot*. He attempted to keep the readings of roughly equal length. Within the readings, he divided them into *aliyot* based on primarily literary considerations: trying to have them begin and end with literary themes, unless halachic considerations (such as minimum verse requirements) overruled. Also, as mentioned above, he tried to avoid having them





begin or end on a negative note.

Some sections are considered so crucial (in apparent contradiction to Rule 4 above) that the cycle was set up so they could be read each year, e.g. the Ten Commandments and *Shirat Hayam*. Rabbi Eisenberg explicitly states that “*chazak, chazak venitchazek*,” which is said when we finish reading each of the five books, should only be done on the third year of the triennial cycle because there is to be no skipping in the Torah within the week. That is, in Year One and Year Two of the cycle, the congregation should not skip to the *maftir aliya* of the Year Three *parashah* in order to say “*chazak, chazak*.” Rabbi Kelman explained to me that we ignore this rule and skip to the end during the first two years because we are already skipping from week to week (he thus positions himself in Rabbi Moses’ camp — see above) so this skipping is no different.

But that’s not the whole story. The way the readings are divided must change during a leap year, when there are four extra *shabbatot* because of the extra month of Adar Bet. When there are more Saturdays, there are fewer weeks when two shorter *parashot* are combined, such as *Vayakahel-Pekudei*, or *Mattot-Masaai*. And since leap years come in the third, sixth, eighth, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> year of every 19-year period, they can fall during any single year of a triennial cycle, or during both the first and third years. Therefore, Rabbi Eisenberg had to create four different triennial variations depending on leap years: (a) Regular-Regular-Leap, (b) Regular-Leap-Regular, (c) Leap-Regular-Regular, and (d) Leap-Regular-Leap.

Rabbi Eisenberg’s system was adopted by the whole Conservative movement, with Year One of the cycle beginning in 5750 (1989).

Now that you know how we got to where we are today, let’s look at some of the reasons for and against changing it to the Babylonian/Orthodox system of one-year/one-cycle.

### Against the One-Year Cycle

**Increase in the length of service:** Most of us are not interested in Saturday services becoming any longer than they already are. A full Torah reading would add approximately 10-15 minutes to the services. This would mean either longer services or cutting out something else we’re currently doing.

**Tirchat Letzibor (Straining the public):** It is probably safe to say that while many in the congregation can follow the Hebrew reading, few actually understand what is being read. (This is true for those reading from the Torah as well.) The triennial cycle was devised for just this reason — it was

considered too much to expect from the congregation to have to listen to a reading in a language they didn’t understand. Many join a Conservative synagogue because it accurately reflects where they feel most comfortable in a religious service. To introduce an “Orthodox” practice could be considered “bait-and-switch.”

**Bar/Bat Mitzvahs:** Currently, nearly all bar/bat mitzvah participants read at least one *aliya* from the Torah. Under the annual system, an *aliya* would be three times as long, making it a more difficult thing to accomplish. While this could be addressed in different ways (reading the *maftir aliya*, which is shorter, or not reading from the Torah at all,) it could increase the difficulty for the bar/bat mitzvah child.

**New Torah readers:** Someone who has just learned to read from the Torah usually needs to start with a relatively short *aliya*. It will be considerably more difficult for a new reader to begin if they must start off with an *aliya* from a full *parashah*.

**Existing Torah readers:** The pool of people willing to read from the Torah might shrink if the commitment is significantly greater.

### In Favor of the One-Year Cycle

1. The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, in its recommendation to adopt Rabbi Eisenberg’s system, says in its opening statement: “The traditional annual Torah reading cycle is preferred over any validated triennial system.” Therefore, while the Conservative movement recognizes the necessity of the triennial cycle in most congregations, it still aspires to the annual cycle as the preferred method.

2. Many who understand Hebrew consider the triennial cycle to be Torah Lite. While we eventually get to all the material, it is chopped up from week to week, disrupting the flow of the narrative. It is like trying to watch a serial program every third installment, and still follow the story and maintain connection. Many of us cope with this disruption by reading the full *parashah* during the weekly reading, but this means we aren’t attending fully to what’s actually happening in the synagogue.

3. Our synagogue is unusual for the Conservative movement in the relatively high Hebrew literacy of our members. This means that more people in the congregation could follow the full reading with less difficulty.

4. Our pool of Torah readers is talented and diverse. We believe we could eventually establish the annual cycle, “raising the bar” for Torah readers as well as listeners.

The current proposal is for a six-month experiment on a once per month basis, not a definitive move to the annual cycle.

Some of the concerns do not come into play at this experimental stage. Thus we should be concerned with whether there are sufficient reasons not even to try an experiment, and not be debating the full annual cycle at this point.

These are just some of the different views raised during the Ritual Committee meeting. We are scheduled to take a vote on this proposal at our **May 6** meeting and would like to hear from you. You can speak to any of the members of the committee or to me directly. Please e-mail me at [adirhu@home.com](mailto:adirhu@home.com) in order to facilitate your comments being incorporated into the committee’s deliberations prior to the vote being taken.

### Hebrew Names Wanted:

While I’m on the subject of Torah readings and *aliyot*, I’m hoping that by the time you get this newsletter you will have heard and responded to one of the six dedicated calling *gabbaim* who were slated to phone the 171 households in the community for whom we didn’t have Hebrew names on file. (This adds new meaning to the term “calling *gabbai*”). These Hebrew names are necessary for the Rolodex we use on Shabbat to call people to the Torah. The calling *gabbai* job is a seemingly routine task which is very difficult and nerve-racking to pull off smoothly. One of the hardest things is remembering everyone’s Hebrew names. Since it’s Shabbat, the calling *gabbai* cannot write them down, but must either remember them or ask the person to repeat them when he/she comes up to recite the blessing. Each person gives at least three names (who they are and who their two parents are). Multiply this by seven *aliyot* and there are at least 21 Hebrew names to remember — usually many more because a name can be something like Shlomo Lev ben Meir Tzvi HaCohen veChaya Rachel. As a calling *gabbai* for many years, I can confess to giving some preference to people whose names I know are in the Rolodex, simply because it will be easier for me. So if you haven’t returned that phone call on your message machine, please do so now. You can also e-mail the Hebrew names of all persons in your household (including children under 13) to Peggy Sandel at [orypeg@msn.com](mailto:orypeg@msn.com).

Happy Pesach to us all!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am-1:00 pm</b> Pesach Pot Party: Kasher your pots for Pesach, at the Kelmans' home</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Ritual Committee Meeting</p> <p><b>8 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Maimonides Course</p> <p><b>9 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Talmud Study Group</p> <p><b>10 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>7:15 am</b> Morning Minyan</p> <p><b>11 NISAN</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> <u>Pesach</u> first day</p> <p><b>9:45 am</b> Pesach Services at the BRJCC</p> <p><b>SECOND SEDER</b></p> <p><b>15 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> <u>Pesach</u> second day</p> <p><b>9:45 am</b> Pesach Services at the shul offices <b>7:00 pm</b> Older Adults Group, Pesach celebration <b>No Religious School</b></p> <p><b>16 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> <u>Pesach</u> third day</p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Talmud Study Group</p> <p><b>No Amitim</b></p> <p><b>17 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <u>Pesach</u> fourth day</p> <p><b>7:15 am</b> Morning Minyan</p> <p><b>No Religious School</b></p> <p><b>18 NISAN</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> <u>Pesach</u> eighth day</p> <p><b>9:45 am</b> Yizkor-Memorial Services at the shul offices</p> <p><b>22 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Chevrat Bikkur Cholim meeting</p> <p><b>Religious School Resumes</b></p> <p><b>23 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Talmud Study Group <b>7:30 pm</b> Adult B'nai Mitzvah <b>Amitim Resumes</b></p> <p><b>24 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>7:15 am</b> Morning Minyan <b>7:30 pm</b> Yom HaShoah commemoration, shul offices</p> <p><b>25 NISAN</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> Midrasha Information Day <b>10:00 am</b> Keshet Family School <b>7:00 pm</b> Israeli Film &amp; Discussion, shul offices</p> <p><b>29 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>ROSH CHODESH IYYAR</b></p> <p><b>7:15 am</b> Rosh Chodesh Minyan</p> <p><b>30 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>ROSH CHODESH IYYAR</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Talmud Study Group <b>7:30 pm</b> Membership Committee meeting</p> <p><b>1 IYYAR</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><u>Yom Hazikaron</u></p> <p><b>7:15 am</b> Morning Minyan</p> <p><b>2 IYYAR</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>10:30 am</b> Brunch and lecture on the poems of Yehuda Amichai, at the BRJCC <b>7:00 pm</b> Board of Directors meeting</p> <p><b>6 IYYAR</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>U</b>nless 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).</p>	<p><b>may 1</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Talmud Study Group</p> <p><b>8 IYYAR</b></p>	<p><b>may 2</b></p> <p><b>7:15 am</b> Morning Minyan</p> <p><b>9 IYYAR</b></p>
<p><b>may 6</b></p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> Ritual Committee Meeting</p> <p><b>13 IYYAR</b></p>		<p><b>may 8</b></p> <p><b>7:30 pm</b> Talmud Study Group</p> <p><b>15 IYYAR</b></p>	<p><b>may 9</b></p> <p><b>7:15 am</b> Morning Minyan</p> <p><b>16 IYYAR</b></p>

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<p><b>7:15 am</b> Siyyum for all first born (male and female), shul offices</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>8:00 am</b> Deadline for Sale of Hametz forms to be returned</p> <p><b>6:19 pm</b> Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>13 NISAN</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shabbat HaGadol</b></p> <p><b>9:45 am</b> SHABBAT SERVICES; drash by Rabbi Kelman <b>11:00 am</b> Torah L'Yeladim, room 12</p> <p><b>No Religious School</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST SEDER</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>14 NISAN</b></p>
<b>12</b> <u>Pesach</u> fifth day	<b>13</b> <u>Pesach</u> sixth day	<b>14</b> <u>Pesach</u> seventh day
<p><b>No Amitim</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>19 NISAN</b></p>	<p><b>6:26 pm</b> Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>20 NISAN</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shabbat Pesach</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study with Nitzhia Shaked <b>9:45 am</b> Learner's Minyan, Room 14 <b>9:45 am</b> SHABBAT SERVICES; drash by Simon Firestone <b>11:00 am</b> Shabbat B'Yachad, room 14</p> <p><b>No Religious School</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>21 NISAN</b></p>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<p><b>5:30 pm</b> Early dismissal for Amitim</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> Orientation for Amitim 2001-2002 (5762)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>26 NISAN</b></p>	<u>Yom HaShoah</u>	<p><b>9:30 am</b> Meditative Minyan <b>9:45 am</b> SHABBAT SERVICES; Bar Mitzvah of Oran Gannot <b>11:00 am</b> Torah L'Yeladim, room 12 <b>11:30 am</b> Shabbat Shelanu, room 14</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>28 NISAN</b></p>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<u>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</u>	<p><b>6:39 pm</b> Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4 IYYAR</b></p>	<p><b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study of <b>TAZRI'A/MEZORA</b> with Nitzhia Shaked <b>9:45 am</b> Learner's Minyan, Room 14 <b>9:45 am</b> SHABBAT SERVICES; Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Pearl-Jacobvitz <b>11:00 am</b> Shabbat B'Yachad, room 14</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5 IYYAR</b></p>
<b>may 3</b>	<b>may 4</b>	<b>may 5</b>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10 IYYAR</b></p>	<p><b>6:45 pm</b> Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>11 IYYAR</b></p>	<p><b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study of <b>ACHARE MOT/KEDOSHIM</b> with TBA <b>9:45 am</b> SHABBAT SERVICES; Bat Mitzvah of Kyla Buchin <b>11:00 am</b> Torah L'Yeladim, room 12 <b>11:30 am</b> Shabbat Shelanu, room 14</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12 IYYAR</b></p>
<b>may 10</b>	<b>may 11</b>	<b>may 12</b>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17 IYYAR</b></p>	<p><b>6:51 pm</b> Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>18 IYYAR</b></p>	<p><b>9:00 am</b> Torah Study of <b>EMOR</b> with Nitzhia Shaked <b>9:45 am</b> Learner's Minyan, Room 14 <b>9:45 am</b> SHABBAT SERVICES; Bat Mitzvah of Talia Geliebter <b>11:00 am</b> Shabbat B'Yachad, room 14</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>19 IYYAR</b></p>

## “How I learned to overcome my fear and love Arik Sharon”; An Israeli Film Showing at Netivot Shalom

With the 1996 Israeli election campaign approaching, Israeli director Avi Mograbi sets out to make a documentary about Arik Sharon. Having refused for moral and political reasons to serve in the 1982 Lebanon War, Mograbi has a “personal” attitude towards Sharon at the beginning of the film-making process. But in the process, Mograbi comes to see Sharon in a different light than he expected.

In this fictitious documentary, Mograbi tells the story of making the film about Sharon, threaded with his dreams about Sharon and dialogues with his own wife. But the true story told is the impossible close encounter between left and right in Israel.

Co-sponsored with the Israel Center, this film will be shown on **Sunday, April 22** at 7:00 p.m., followed by a discussion. The film is 61 minutes, produced in 1997, in Hebrew with English subtitles.

Ha'aretz: “An excellent film, profound and ironic.”

Jerusalem Post: “One of the best Israeli made documentaries.”

Morning Minyan for  
**ROSH CHODESH  
IYYAR**  
will be  
**Monday, April 23,**  
7:15 a.m.  
at the shul offices.

## Rabbi Kelman's Travels

Over the last few months, Rabbi Kelman has been visiting a number of other communities. In January, he and Vicky were invited to speak at the Annual Jewish Teacher's Conference in San Diego. In the first week in February, he and Debby Friedman (together with Deborah Newbrun,) joined to present Ma'ayan Tefilah (a program of liturgy and music) to a group of synagogue leaders in the greater Hartford area. On Sunday, March 11, he was the major speaker at the Greater Washington Chevra Kadisha where he spoke about his new book on Taharah and some of the work that he has been doing with Alison Jordan on the Viddui. Finally, he was the scholar-in-residence in Milwaukee at Temple Sinai where he spoke about liturgy.

We are happy to lend Rabbi Kelman out, but always glad when he returns.

## Congregants Wanted!

Netivot Shalom's Chevra Kadisha seeks new participants, both men and women. The Committee not only provides *tahara* services (preparing a body for burial), but also *shmira* (watching over the body prior to burial,) organizing minyanim, and providing emotional and culinary support for members who have lost a loved one. **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.** We will train you. We guarantee a deeply rewarding experience. Even if you are only available to make phone calls, we can use your services. Please call Andi Cassidy, Chair of the Chevra Kadisha Committee for information or to join one of the sub-committees. (549-1407)

If you would like to respond to an article which has appeared in the newsletter, please send letters to: Karen Friedman, Newsletter Editor, at [dmarcus@slip.net](mailto:dmarcus@slip.net).

### MAZAL TOV TO:

- **George & Selma Klett**, on the birth of their grandson, Alessandro Riutort
- **Milt & Marge Greenstein**, on the birth of a grandson, Joshua Herbert Greenstein
- **Livia Weiss Bell**, on her becoming a bat mitzvah at Temple Israel

### THANK YOU TO:

- **Lee & Paul Feinstein**, for helping to fix our chairs that surround the ark
- **Boaz Rubin**, for his donation of a music stand for our Chevra Kadisha's use
- **Congregation Netivot Shalom**, for donating to the Alameda County Community Food Bank
- **Jerry Derblich** of Afikomen Jewish Books
- **Alan & Elissa Kittner**, for donating heaters to the fundraising office
- **Karel Koenig**, for donating office supplies
- **Noriko Obinata, Debby Graudenz, Gina Guinasso**, for helping in the office
- **Norman Rosenblatt**, for donating his time administrating the office computers and setting up the network
- **Julie Batz**, for artwork for the classrooms
- **Dana Gill**, for food donations

### CONDOLENCES TO:

- **John Lewis**, on the death of his father, Samuel Ira Lewis

## EDUCATION REPORTS

### Adult Education Update

By Jonathan Heinstein

This year we used selected texts from the Pesach Haggadah as the teaching text for learning Hebrew. The students developed recognition skills, identifying the form and root of the verbs and the flow of basic syntax. We understand that our learners are not going to master the Hebrew language within the framework of our program. The goal is to gain a familiarity with a fundamental Jewish text that parallels the Siddur. In addition to expanding their knowledge of Hebrew, the students were able to participate in the mode of traditional Jewish study, in which both scholarship and midrash inform learning. The element of chavruta study in pairs was introduced, but needs further development.

I want to thank Peggy Sandel, Rabbi Art Gould, Debby Graudenz, Josh Gressel, Simon Firestone, Judy Massarano, Rachel Heinstein, Nathan Martin, Esther Brass, Rena Fischer and Lee Bearson for teaching various levels of this program. Iris Greenbaum was there at every turn with practical advice and an encouraging wink. Thanks also to Rabbi Kelman for introducing the class to the Moss Haggadah.

We had the pleasure of hearing Prof. David Winston on the Historical Development of the Haggadah. Shachar Pinsker gave an informative talk on the nature of memory in Jewish texts. As of this writing we are still looking forward to a Sephardic Seder with Tsipi Gabay and Rachel Heinstein and an evening with Julie Batz and friends on the Music of the Haggadah.

I want also to acknowledge Wendy Rosov, Claudia Valas and Peggy Sandel for reviewing the course of study and making a number of helpful suggestions. This project was entirely collaborative, and we see it as an initial step in further text-based Hebrew learning. The text for our next program will be Chapter 7 of Rambam's *Hilchot Deot* which covers *Lashon HaRa*.

#### AN EXCERPT FROM DON FISCHER'S HAGGADAH TRANSLATION

*The following is a selection from Don Fischer's draft of a Haggadah translation presented at his lecture on Passover last year. The translation is a highly successful attempt to clarify Jewish law and custom embedded in the text, and to employ gender-neutral language.*

Blessed is the Omnipresent, Blessed indeed. Blessed is the One who gave the Torah to G-d's people, Israel, Blessed indeed.

The Torah uses language that refers to four kinds of children, one who is educated, one who is contrary, one who is barely educated, and one who does not know what questions to ask.

**What does the educated child ask?** "What are the covenants, statutes, and the laws that G-d commanded you (regarding the Passover)?" You are required to explain the rules in great detail, including small items such as the rule stating that we do not eat anything after we have eaten the Passover sacrifice.

**What does a contrary child ask?** "What's this worship to you?" Notice the way in which this is phrased, as if the child feels excluded from the Jewish community. Jolt that child out of complacency. Say, "It is because of what G-d did for me when I went out of Egypt." Notice that we say "me/I" and not "us/we". This implies to the child that that child could not have been redeemed from Egypt with such a contrary attitude.

**What does the barely educated child ask?** "What's this?" Say: "G-d took us out of the bondage of Egypt with a strong hand."

**You must instruct the child who doesn't yet know what questions to ask.** "You shall tell your child on that day (Passover) as follows: 'This (matzah and marror) is because of what G-d did for me as I left Egypt.'"

### Midrasha News

By Diane Bembaum

Get out your calendars. There are several times during the next couple of months when Midrasha events are open to the whole community, and they wouldn't be the same without YOU, members of the community at large.

**Sunday, April 22** at 9:30 a.m. we will be holding an introduction to Midrasha for parents. This is your chance to meet Board members, parents, and students, and to hear what Midrasha is all about. During the months of March, April and May I will be visiting 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes in synagogues and day schools but this particular morning will be for parents and anyone else who would like to find out more about Midrasha.

May is your lucky month! There are two wonderful, wonderful opportunities for you to participate with the Midrasha community during the month of May. First, you are invited to join the friends and families of Midrasha for our annual fete, an evening at Casa del Sueño, "The House of Dreams," on **Sunday, May 6** at 4:00 p.m. Built in 1929 in the style of a Mediterranean villa, Casa del Sueño's 35 rooms and magnificent gardens will be open for your enjoyment. (And this year we promise it won't rain.) Tour this extraordinary home and then savor an elegant full course dinner accompanied by fine wines. Entertainment will include jazz pianist Larry Walter. Thanks to the great generosity of Gail & Eric Buchbinder, all proceeds go to Midrasha's scholarship fund. Reservations are \$50 per person and can be made by calling the Midrasha office at 843-4667.

And what is the second great event in May? Our graduation is **May 20** and this year we have 45 students graduating, a phenomenal number. But more about that in my column next month. In the meantime, one last note: Midrasha has just opened up a brokerage account to make it easier to transfer stock to us. If you would like to help us in this generous way, just phone the Midrasha office.

# EDUCATION REPORTS

## Youth Education News

By Rabbi Margie Jacobs, Youth Education Director

This month we will gather together with our families and community to retell the ancient story of the birth of the Jewish people in the Exodus from Egypt. We will also remember the more recent horror of the Holocaust and the joy of the founding of the State of Israel. In our leaving Egypt and in our entering the land of Israel, we have expressed gratitude and bonded as a people through song and dance. After the crossing of the Sea of Reeds, Moses sang and Miriam danced. On Yom Ha'atzmaut we celebrate with the modern Israeli song and folk dance that have been central to Israeli culture. What is more surprising is that even in the third event that we commemorate this month, Yom Hashoah, song had a place for the Jewish people.

Ela Weissberger is a Theresienstadt survivor and an original cast member of the Brundibar Children's Opera, which was performed in the camp 55 times. In

March, the Amitim students had the privilege of hearing her speak about her experience. She spoke of the power of art to instill courage and hope in even the most difficult of situations, as Brundibar did for both the young performers and their audiences.

Throughout the year song, dance and other forms of artistic expression allow us to connect to Judaism and to each other. In our Religious School, Achi Ben Shalom has taught us about holidays and Hebrew through song — many thanks to those who have made our music program possible. On Shabbat, storyteller Ed Silverman has shared his tales with the children. Our Amitim students have formed a deeper understanding of the Torah portion by creating art midrash. Our Kindergarten and first grade students have joined their families to sing and pray together on Shabbat in our Shabbat Shelanu program — again, thanks to all who

have contributed time, leadership, and input to this program. As we tell our collective stories this month, listen for your children's own stories, not only through their narratives, but also their song, their dance, their drawings, and their questions.

### YOUTH EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

We're looking for enthusiastic, creative, and responsible teachers and teenage *madrichim* to work with our Religious School and Amitim students. Please call Rabbi Jacobs at 549-9447 ext. 104 for more information.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We have a limited number of scholarships available for children attending Jewish summer camp through the Max & Cecelia Rosenheimer Youth Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship for your child please contact Rabbi Jacobs at the shul office (549-9447 ext. 104) by **April 7, 2001**. Contributions to the scholarship fund are gladly welcomed!

## It was Purim (and we made some money!)

By Andrea Altschuler, Youth Education Chair

An enormous thank you to everyone who supported our first Mishloach Manot fundraiser. We hope that everyone who received the bountiful baskets enjoyed them. The following congregants were generous and trusting enough to help us raise over \$1,000 on a product they'd never seen. We especially thank those of you who delighted us by ordering multiple baskets!

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I also thank everyone who worked on this project to make it a success: Karen Friedman & Ezra Marcus, Kim Zvik (*shlepper* extraordinaire), Gail Gordon, Mark & Sam Priven, Rachel Finn, Eve, Billi, & Kazia Romain, Mel, Lisa, David, & Lena Sibony, Sasha Rasmussen, Diana West, and all the Religious School kids who made "mini-megillot." I especially thank Claudia Valas, my partner in mishloach manot madness. Without Claudia, this project would have been difficult, if not impossible. Instead, it was a distinct pleasure.

Thanks to you all, and I hope that the success of this year's project will carry it into future years.



# EDUCATION REPORTS

## Shabbat B'Yachad

By Iris Greenbaum

### Purim

Our Purim festivities were a great success! Shabbat B'Yachad families and Judy Massarano's Keshet K-I families joined together to celebrate Purim with activities, songs, stories, and a Purimspiel. Children delighted in the mitzvot of mishloach manot & preparing food for the hungry (*Mattanot le-Evyonim*). They created their own megillot and rashim to blot out Haman's name in our puppet show rendition of the story of Queen Esther. Many special thanks to all the families for assisting in our celebration! Special thanks to Cathy Shadd, Lisa Fink, Rachel Seder and Rebecca Landes. Also special thanks to our Amitim assistants: Emma Schnur and Rina Breakstone, and to Sa'adia & Betzalel Massarano for assisting with the K-I activities.

### Pesach

New ideas for involving children in the Pesach seder were the focus of our discussion with Judy Massarano on "Why Is This Night Different?" All Shabbat B'Yachad families were invited to join this hands-on learning!



## Ramah Day Camp Is Hiring Summer Staff

By Dan Alter

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### Enrollment

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### Wish List

Ramah Day Camp is looking for donations of money, time, and stuff, including:

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# The Choral Arrangements of Sandy Schneider

By Cantor Pamela Rothmann Sawyer, Temple Israel

As I write this, I am sitting at my desk, surrounded by stacks of music I have spent blissful hours examining. Where did this music come from? Several months ago, Helen Schneider and I went through her late husband, Sandy's, boxes and shelves of music, deciding what to do with it. While we were doing this, Helen told me that Sandy had no formal cantorial training. Unbelievable. I had known Sandy as a musician par excellence: a performer, both on piano and vocal, and a composer. He had played for me recordings of pieces he had written, beautiful pieces for vocal ensembles and solo. We had discussed my choir in Alameda performing some of his pieces. But it never happened. Sandy was also a real advocate of new music by contemporary Jewish composers.

"OK, so what does all this have to do with the stacks of music?" you may ask. Sandy, ז"ל, upon the urging of Rosalyn and David Moss in 1974, created a professional Bay Area Jewish chorus, Kol Truah, with its first rehearsal in February of 1975. Among the music I have sorted through, I found correspondence and flyers. One flyer announced auditions for "Kol Truah...the newly-formed professional Jewish chorus in the Bay Area. Under the direction of Sandy Schneider, a native Berkeley musician...We will explore Jewish music from the 15th - 20th centuries...music reading ability preferred but not required." The audition was January 26, 1975.

The next letter is dated February 16, 1975, written by Rosalyn Moss, with the salutation: Yours "truahly." Over 50 of those who auditioned were accepted to the chorus. The music had arrived from New York. The challenge was for the choristers to master the music. She also wrote that the challenge had already begun for Sandy. "He has spent a tremendous amount of time and energy preparing for our first rehearsal. He has gone through volumes of music to select the works we will begin with...listening, reading, playing

and preparing the music."

On August 17, 1975, Sandy wrote a letter to the Board of Directors of Kol Truah. During the intervening months, the group had been rehearsing diligently, working hard to prepare for performances. In this letter, Sandy outlined plans to recruit new members, with very specific instructions, and called for a strong Board with well-defined functions for its officers, and a committee dedicated to booking concerts, which would provide the necessary specific goals for the chorus to work toward. But he also wrote of the tremendous time and energy commitment on his part. Up until this time, he had been volunteering. This was no longer possible. He suggested grant proposals be written to various organizations and foundations, which was apparently done, as these organizations are mentioned in later programs. He also wrote of the possibility of making a recording.

From that point on, the chorus seemed really to have taken off. There are letters from rabbis and cantors all over the Bay Area, asking when the chorus would be available to either perform a concert, or collaborate on a musical program. They performed at the Home for Jewish Parents in Oakland, and at the East Bay Israeli Independence Day Celebrations.

But Sandy's standards were very high. As early as December, 1975 he was frustrated with the lack of what he considered serious commitment. He wrote the choristers a letter, revealing his very high standards. He was not pleased with erratic attendance at rehearsals and asked for a serious commitment from each of them. Sandy wrote: "I am eager for the chorus to perform soon, but I must have your cooperation to prepare adequately. My musical standards are high and it takes a lot of work to give a performance we will all be proud of. There is much more involved than merely knowing the notes to your part." Attendance at rehearsals remained a

serious and frustrating problem, until the dissolution of the choir in late 1977.

Since then, the choir music folders have been boxed up. When I searched the boxes I found about 60 folders, with probably enough music for three choral programs. Each complete folder held the music of such great Jewish composers as Lewandowski, Sulzer, Rossi, as well as many lesser known composers, and even pieces based on Biblical writings written by J.S. Bach and translated (back) into Hebrew. One piece is by contemporary composer, Ernst Toch, called "Geographical Fugue." The piece is rhythmic and driving, and is not sung but spoken. It was written in German, and travels the globe, reciting names of cities, rivers, and mountains. The version found in Sandy's folders has changed the German to Hebrew, and includes Tel Aviv.

This collection of choral music was not given to me. Helen would like to see (and hear) a new Jewish Choir performing this music. To that end, she has donated the music to Netivot Shalom, and I have agreed to be temporary caretaker. I have also agreed to try to get a group together to read through the music, hopefully building a larger group that would become the core for a larger ensemble.

In the process of examining this music, I began to reminisce about Sandy and how special he was. When he davened (usually Shacharit), he always added something new and was happy to share what he did. I began to think, why don't we honor Sandy by having an annual Jewish choral/vocal concert? Helen suggested that it be a benefit for the Netivot Shalom building fund. Why not? Our congregation has many talented musicians and singers. How about the month of June?

So, I would like to thank Helen for turning over the stewardship of Sandy's choral music to Netivot Shalom, and hope that we can make the music that Sandy so loved. ✨

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4/04/01	Charlotte Koltun	11 Nisan	4/17/01	Morton Quittel	24 Nisan
4/04/01	Hyman Feinstein	11 Nisan	4/17/01	Rose Feige Kaplan	24 Nisan
4/04/01	Shirley Fields	11 Nisan	4/18/01	Joseph C. Swidler	25 Nisan
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4/08/01	I. Robert Roth	15 Nisan	4/20/01	Hannah Sieradzki	27 Nisan
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4/08/01	Penina Shragai	15 Nisan	4/20/01	Nachman Bratter	27 Nisan
4/08/01	Werner J. Heumann	15 Nisan	4/20/01	Rachel Bratter	27 Nisan
4/09/01	Sandy Schneider	16 Nisan	4/20/01	Felix Spiegler	27 Nisan
4/10/01	Sarah Gordon	17 Nisan	4/20/01	Frieda Valfer	27 Nisan
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## **OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFER TZEDAKAH:**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Shabbat Greeters** We need Shabbat Greeters to welcome people into our services on Saturday mornings. Volunteer to greet for one Shabbat. Call Susan Lawrence at 658-3105.

**Book Reviewers** Often library volumes are sent to us for review purposes. Many of the reviews need only be a one paragraph description while some require a bit more. In order to keep these books coming to Netivot Shalom, please contact Rabbi Kelman at 549-9447 ext. 103.

**Library Help** Do you have a few hours to volunteer in our library? We need volunteers to re-shelve books, keep track of books that are borrowed and process new books. If any of these "jobs" interest you, please contact Rabbi Kelman at 549-9447 ext. 103.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

**eScrip / Schoolpop** Each time you shop at Safeway, Andronico's, Albertsons and many other stores in the Bay Area, a percentage of your purchases can be donated to Netivot Shalom through eScrip and Schoolpop. Registration forms for eScrip and Albertsons Community Partner Cards are free and available through the congregation office. For Schoolpop, call 1-877-456-1032.

**Planes, Trains & Automobiles** Donate your old car, motorcycle, truck or RV to Netivot Shalom. For more information, call Claudia Valas at 558-9200.

**Stocks & Bequests** To find out how to make a donation of stock to the congregation, contact Mark Priven at 559-8393. When drafting your will, please consider making a bequest to Congregation Netivot Shalom.

