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FROM THE RABBI Our Congregation to Test New *Mahzor*

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

As many of you know, I have been working with a wonderful committee of the Rabbinical Assembly to create a new *mahzor* for our movement that would reflect the values and sensibilities of the twenty-first century. We are one of six test sites around the country selected to try out this new *mahzor*— which now has been printed as the prototype for the entire *mahzor*— this coming *erev Yom Kippur*. The Ritual Committee and the board have agreed to use this pamphlet for kol nidrei services at Northbrae this year, in both the main sanctuary and Haver Hall.

As a congregation, we will be asked to respond to questions that will be used to guide the final edition of the *mahzor*. To better describe this new venture of the Conservative movement, I want to quote below from part of the introduction. And, I want to invite you to join me in three pre-Yom Kippur study sessions, so that the experience of davening and using the *mahzor* will be different than if you see it for the first time at kol nidrei.

Introduction to the *Mahzor*

“Even more than the Bible, the prayerbook represents the theology of the Jewish people throughout the generations. Not only is it an expression of popular religious feeling, but it is also a textbook of, and entree into, the world of Jewish thought and imagination of the past two thousand years.

“The prayerbook is a work of collective genius. On the one hand, learned and artful poets turned biblical commentary and midrashim into prayer; they even made legal texts into liturgical poems. On the other hand, the basic liturgy is simple and direct, reflecting its origin in common communal experience. Several times the will of the people overrode the decision of rabbis in determining the text and customary practice of prayer.

“This High Holy Day mahzor is an attempt to return the prayerbook to the people of Israel: to present the texts of prayer and at the same time provide a teaching tool and a pathway into Jewish thought for contemporary Jews. Our hope is that this book will allow each congregant to engage Jewish tradition in a serious manner. In Jewish

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FROM THE PRESIDENT Plans for the New Year

By Carol Cunradi, President

It seems somewhat strange to be writing about plans for the New Year in July. By the time you are reading this, however, we will fast be approaching the Yamim Nora'im (High Holy Days, or Days of Awe), which occur in October this year.

Now that we have moved into our beautiful new University Avenue home, we have the exciting opportunity to introduce ourselves to neighbors, friends and community members. We can accomplish this through the *mitzvah* of *bakhnasat orehim*— welcoming guests. All of us can participate in this *mitzvah*. For example:

1. Make it a practice to sit next to someone you don't know during services. Introduce yourself, and ask the person's name. Find out if it is his or her first time attending services at Netivot Shalom. Invite our visitor back! Think of yourself as a Netivot Shalom ambassador.
2. Sign up to be a Shabbat morning greeter. This involves standing in the lobby, shaking hands and welcoming every person who crosses our threshold. To sign up, speak to Melissa Mednick, membership chair. Plans for on-line sign-up are being discussed.
3. Participate in a membership event. Over the fall, we hope to have various events to draw potential new members into our new home. These informal events will provide the opportunity to showcase our synagogue and its programs, including our Religious School, to prospective members.
4. Join the Buddy Program. This is a new program, launched by the Membership Committee, to pair new members with current Netivot Shalom members. Host members will call upon and invite the new member(s) to their home for Shabbat dinner and other occasions, and to help establish one-on-one relationships that facilitate successful membership integration. Think back to when you joined Netivot Shalom. Did you know other members? Did you sometimes feel that everybody seemed to know everyone else at *kiddush* except for you? The Buddy Program is designed to cut through feelings of social isolation that can sometimes accompany joining a large group such as ours.

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tradition, study and prayer have always been intimately linked. With this in mind, this new mahzor consists of four main elements, each carefully prepared with attention to the contemporary reader.

“The Hebrew text. All Jewish prayerbooks are anthologies of liturgical materials produced by generations of Jews living in many lands. Traditional mahzorim include biblical texts and prayers so old and so imbedded in the liturgy that dating can only be approximated, and sometimes only within hundreds of years, or even half a millennium. Moreover, because Jews in every land have adapted the liturgy for their own use, a variety of liturgical strands have come down to us. The liturgy has come to include poems written throughout the Middle Ages to enhance the prayers and to express contemporary feelings. This mahzor follows the form customarily used by Ashkenazic Jewry — the Jewry descended from Central and Eastern European immigrants. Our manuscript sources show that this version has remained fairly consistent for at least the last eight hundred years, and we have tried to remain faithful to that long-standing tradition. To these basic texts we have added some prayers used only by Sephardic Jewry — Jews descended from the Iberian Peninsula and Arab lands — and by Italian Jewry. We have also added contemporary prayers, since as an anthology the mahzor ought to include the voices of our own generation.

“The translation. We have worked with several principles in mind in offering this new translation.

1. The translation should reflect the Hebrew original as closely as possible, allowing the congregant who has begun to learn Hebrew to find familiar words. When the Hebrew text is jarring, which it sometimes is, the English translation ought not to smooth over the difficulty.
2. The Hebrew is prose poetry and the translation ought to convey some sense of that in its cadences, in its forms, and in its use of language.
3. The English ought to be prayer-ful; it ought to put the English reader in the mood of prayer.
4. Any contemporary American translation needs to be gender neutral as far as possible, while conveying the intent and meaning of the original.
5. We have consulted previous translations, especially the most recent version of the mahzor for the Conservative movement, which was edited by the masterful Rabbi Jules Harlow, and the reedited Shabbat and Festival prayerbook, *Sim Shalom*. We owe these sources a debt of gratitude — they were always our starting point, though the reader will readily recognize this as a new and original translation.
6. We decided not to translate *baruch attah Adonai*, for we felt that neither blessed nor praised is an adequate

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5. Bring a friend! Recent demographic studies indicate that the majority of Bay Area Jews are unaffiliated. Many of us know people in this category. Perhaps they would consider joining Netivot Shalom if we invited them to our new home, met our warm, wonderful members, rabbi, and Religious School director, and were made to feel welcome to our community! If each of us brought a friend or couple in this category...the possibilities are enormous!

To help with all of the above, I am pleased to report that I have appointed Marshall Platt to head our marketing efforts. Marshall is already hard at work, in collaboration with a number of Netivot Shalom members who have professional marketing experience, to develop a comprehensive marketing plan aimed at drawing new members to our synagogue.

In closing, I'd like to mention that we have 21 participants in the 5766–7 Amitim class. For those families that hope to have a party to celebrate their child's *bar/bat mitzvah*, I'd like to invite you to consider renting our social hall to hold your party in! We are in the process of obtaining a volunteer rental coordinator; in the interim, feel free to contact me if you are interested in finding out more. ☞

Corrections

We regret that there were errors in two photo captions in the last issue of our newsletter. On page 15, bottom photo, Barbara Bibel stands in the center. On page 28, top photo, Hillel Lester holds the *huppah* pole on the right. To help us avoid such mistakes in the future, please include captions, with names, for any photos you submit to the newsletter. And thanks to those of you who reported the errors to us.

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“How good is a word rightly timed.” (Proverbs 15:23)

translation of baruch, and that it was important to convey the function of the words as a “formula” of blessing.

“**The running commentary.** We felt a modern commentary ought to accompany the ancient texts to inform the reader about the historical origins of the text, to explicate unusual vocabulary, to explain difficult ideas and key concepts, and to explain why a particular prayer appears in a certain context, and is recited at a certain moment in the service.

“**Readings and meditations.** We have added kavannot — meditational readings to help focus attention at central moments, as well as readings that may be recited by the congregation. We have also provided some alternative renderings that offer a different take on the original text than that provided by our literal translation. Lastly, we sometimes offer new prayers that are related to the traditional context in which they are placed, that we hope will resonate with contemporary Jews.

“The prayerbook has served as the major text of Jewish people throughout the ages, and we hope that our edition will make Jewish liturgy accessible to all who enter the synagogue. Because it is a learning tool through which to access the world of Jewish prayer, we have included transliterations of everything the congregation might sing in Hebrew, as well as signposts that enable the reader to follow the service easily.

“We hope that this prayerbook helps you, the reader, enter into your prayers on this High Holy Day.”

And, that is my wish as well. Please join me for any of these sessions: **Shabbat Shuvah, October 8**, after services; **Sunday, September 25**, at 10:00 a.m.; **Thursday, September 29**, at 7:30 p.m. ❧

Yamim Nora'im

S'lihot: Saturday, September 24, 2005, 9:00 p.m.

Kever Avot: Sunday, October 2, 2005, 10:00 a.m.

Erev Rosh ha-Shanah: Monday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.

Rosh Ha-shanah: Tuesday–Wednesday, October 4–5, 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Shuvah: Saturday, October 8, 9:30 a.m.

Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 12, 6:15 p.m.

Yom Kippur: Thursday, October 13, 9:00 a.m.

Sukkot: Tuesday–Wednesday, October 18–19, 9:30 a.m.

Sh'mini Atzeret/Yizkor: Tuesday, October 25, 9:30 a.m.

Erev Simhat Torah: Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.

Simhat Torah: Wednesday, October 26, 9:30 a.m.

Memory and Remembering

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

Three powerful memories stand out in my mind: the first is the day of our dedication, when I reread the list of all those people who were part of our congregation and are no longer with us. It is on their shoulders that we were able that day to say the words of *she-beheyanu*.

The second was from my childhood. Growing up in Bridgeport, Conn., at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, I remember vividly Yom Kippur afternoons and the last day of each of the festivals when *yizkor* would be recited. I knew a lot of those people, too. My mother, who was executive director of the synagogue, would tell me of the voluminous phone calls of the season, when the caller would ask: Just what time is *yizkor*? And I remember the rabbinic conflict: do we give the caller the approximate answer (so that they would show up at the right time), or do we say that it's sometime in the morning (so that the caller would come and *daven*)? On those days, the sanctuary was full — at least at *yizkor* time.

The third memory is the actual date of a *yahrzeit* — when I, along with everyone else who had lost a loved one, would come to shul to say *kaddish* on one specific day. They were, and continue to be, my *yahrzeit* buddies. We have something in common — a Hebrew date and memories of a loved one.

Times have changed. Yes, I specifically compiled the list of all those who have died so that we could remember them at our dedication. But what ever happened to those throngs of people who used to show up at shul for *yizkor*? Where are the phone calls?! Who are the new *yahrzeit* buddies?

True, we do not have a daily *minyán* — and so each Shabbat, I read the names of those whose *yahrzeit* we will observe in the coming week. But I'm puzzled, because I look around and notice that often these anniversaries go unmarked in public. I also look around for people who are observing *yahrzeit* at our Wednesday *minyanim*, because there, we recite the prayer *al maleh rahamim* for the specific person. Also, sadly, I am joined by only a handful of people at our annual *kever avot* service at Tel Shalom cemetery at Rolling Hills on the Sunday before Rosh ha-Shanah. I've often said that we need to come together as a community to remember and to mark — not only historical occasions, but personal ones as well. So, please join the community to remember. **Kever avot this year is Sunday, October 2, at 10:00 a.m. at Tel Shalom.** If your loved one is in a different cemetery and you can't go there before Rosh ha-Shanah, come to Tel Shalom and join our community here. ❧



Tony Hecht cuts away at dirt at the future site of the playground.

Report from the Board

By Deborah Yager, Board Secretary

Summary: The board of directors turns to long-term planning regarding the operation of our new building, fundraising to preserve our fiscal health, and a selection process for choosing a new rabbi. After determining that we ended the last fiscal year financially in the black, the board adopts a new budget.

June 19, 2005, board meeting:

- Joe Meresman presented to the Executive Committee a list of **tasks** that must be completed in the **new building** now that the Site Committee is phasing out. This list includes items such as janitorial service needs, designation of space (i.e., what each room can be used for) and utilities management. Carol is seeking volunteers to coordinate these efforts. In particular, we need a **volunteer coordinator**. We also need two community liaisons, one to relate to our neighbors and one to interact with the Montessori School.
- Josh Kirsch described his efforts to enlist **Shabbat greeters** to welcome people as they enter our synagogue. Melissa Mednick has been organizing greeters for the past six months. Karen Kushner from Project Welcome offered to facilitate a training session at Netivot Shalom on August 8, 2005, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Dan Handwerker reported that the Preliminary Rabbi Search Committee is researching the **pros and cons of joining United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ)**. They plan to meet with a USCJ representative in the near future to discuss options. The cost of joining USCJ is estimated to be \$12,000/year for our congregation. It may be the only way we can consider candidates who are members of the Rabbinical Assembly. We need to hold **open congregational meetings** and conduct a formal survey to determine congregational needs in a rabbi. Rose Levinson is a possible facilitator of open congregational meetings.
- The next **congregational retreat** has been proposed for May 2007, organized by Dan and Traci Siegel and Mark and Sharon Priven. This proposal was met with open enthusiasm.

- The **Waves to Wine Bicycle Tour** will be held September 24–25, 2005, to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and a team calling itself the “Mitzvah Milers” will represent Netivot Shalom. All Netivot Shalom members 13 years and older, and of any cycling ability, are encouraged to join the team on Sunday, September 25.
- Rabbi Kelman and the Ritual Committee have decided to officially start Shabbat services at 9:30 a.m. beginning in August. Services will end by 12 noon.
- The **Purim Fundraiser** is planned for March 12, 2006, with Laurie Zell and Mary Breiner chairing the event.
- Marshall Platt and Laura Suci of the Marketing Committee request \$1,000 for two temporary signs (banners). The board authorizes up to \$1,000 toward the purchase of **temporary signage** pending Executive Committee design approval. **Passed 8-0-0.**
- The board must choose an **insurance policy** for the new building. Two options were considered, the difference being the kind of umbrella policy with a \$5 million limit (\$1 million per occurrence versus \$5 million group umbrella). We also wish to see a plan that includes earthquake insurance with a higher deductible. A final decision will be made by the Executive Committee.
- For **FY 2004–5**: \$635,500 was **pledged**. \$498,000 of pledges were collected and \$91,000 received in donations, yielding \$589,000 total collected. Of the difference between pledges and collections (\$45,000), \$36,000 represents uncollected dues, \$4,000 uncollected Amitim fees (8% write-off) and \$4,000 uncollected Yom Kippur Appeal pledges.
- In **FY 2004–5** we **spent** about \$550,000, meaning we will end this fiscal year in the black.
- The board moves that the budget for FY2005-06 be accepted as amended. **Passed 8-0-0. ☺**



Herb Klar (foreground) unloads a wheelbarrow of soil while Joel Gerwein clears the area with a pickaxe.

Elul: Make a New Commitment to Jewish Learning

By Robin Braverman, Chair, Adult Education

It's Elul — the month before the days of Awe.

During Elul it is traditional for the *shofar* to be sounded each day to wake us from our “sleep” — shake us up, get us ready for what's to come.

Elul is the time to begin to reflect on our lives, to remember how short a time we have, and to begin to make the changes in our lives that we have always meant to make.

I know you've always meant to study, but there just hasn't been enough time.

Now is the time to try to change that.

Take one small step — just one class — one “something new.”

Learn a little more Hebrew, or Yiddish. Study a text with a scholar. Explore your relationship with God. What does our tradition have to offer in the way of spirituality? Do you know? Learn how to chant Torah or haftarah. Study the thoughts of one of our great sages. Learn a little more about Israel. Learn about and/or try a *mitzvah* you've never done. Learn more about prayer. Learn to lead a service you've never led before.

There are endless opportunities.

Climb to the next higher level. Start from wherever you are. Just make the commitment to do something more — to learn something more.

Find yourself a teacher.

Join a study group. Find a study partner.

In Elul the sound of the *shofar* reminds us — time is short.

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Long-Term Planning for Adult Education

By Stephen Tobias

How should adult education at Netivot Shalom change, now that we have a new home? How should the learning opportunities we offer support broader efforts to engage members and attract new ones? Should we offer more “parent education”? Should we provide child care when we put on programs? How should we evaluate existing programs? How do new programs emerge and get funded? How should adult education be run?

These are just some of the policy questions that the Adult Education Long-Term Planning Group is addressing in its second round of conversations, which began over a big bowl of cherries in the social hall on July 17. This round continues an ongoing process that began with three meetings in summer and autumn 2003 and produced a four-page report (Netivot Shalom newsletter, June–July 2004).

As in 2003, we invited all congregants, particularly those who have been active in adult education programming, to

take part in a limited series of meetings. The remaining dates are **August 28, September 11 and November 6**. Our goal is a report that will air issues and help guide adult education decisions over the next three to five years.

In the July meeting we reviewed the 2003 report, noting old issues to revisit and new issues we've been asked to address, and we came up with others of our own. At the August meeting we will start discussing answers. It's not too late to join in. For more information, please contact Robin Braverman or me (at 510-654-4561 or steve@quojure.com). ☞

Ritual Committee Activity

By Glenn Massarano, Chair, Ritual Committee

Here are some of the items that the Ritual Committee has been discussing recently.

- We continued to prepare for Tishah b-Av and the Yamim Nora'im services. Those in charge include Lee Feinstein (davener), Eric Seder (*d'rasbot*), Glenn Massarano (Torah/haftarah readers and *gabbai'im*), and Deborah Lobel (overall organizational leadership), who will help transition this job to Sheri Pearl-Jacobvitz.
- The location of the Sephardic Kol Nidrei and Family Kol Nidrei is being changed to 1316 University. One reason is to make use of our new space. Another is that only these services do not rely on our supply of *mabzorim* and *sifrei* Torah. In addition, these services occur at a time when child care is not available, negating the need to be close to the site of Yamim Nora'im L'Yeladim. We are working to make sure that single service tickets are available to the Sephardic service; please be aware that tickets are necessary to attend the services.
- *Erev* Shabbat and *minhah* services were discussed. Look for kabbalat Shabbat/aravit services on the 2nd and 4th Shabbat of each month. The former is sponsored by (but not limited to!) the Young Adults group, while the latter is a family-oriented service.
- We discussed ways to maintain the holiness of Shabbat and services. One way, as the rabbi has mentioned, is to use the foyer (where the *siddurim* and *humashim* are) as a “bullpen,” or place to transition to the sanctuary. We want to encourage people to use this area as a place to appreciate the sanctity of the space and time before entering the main part of the sanctuary.
- The committee agreed to move the starting time for services to 9:30 a.m. in an effort to end a bit earlier. This will begin the first Shabbat in August. Because of prior scheduling arrangements, however, services will start at 9:45 a.m. on August 20 and September 3 for the *b'nei mitzvah* of Alida Jakobson and Ezra Marcus respectively.

As always, if you have any questions or comments about any of these items, anything ritual, or ideas you might have, please feel free to contact me (gmassarano@alumni.ucsd.edu). ☞

Memories of Cuba

By June Safran, Cuban Affairs

Recollections from Denah Bookstein

“This is my first morning in the beautiful Hatikvah, the synagogue of the community of Santiago de Cuba, which reclaimed its voice in 1991 when the Cuban government opened the door to faith-based affiliation.

“Warm breezes and brilliant morning light filter into the synagogue through tall, half-shuttered windows. Cuban pop music floats in from a neighboring house. The call of *‘buevos, buevos’* is heard as a man sails down the street on his bicycle, deftly holding a plastic bag containing dozens of eggs. An exuberant rooster adds his signature call to the murmurs, greetings and *‘shaloms’* that are slowly filling the sanctuary.

“These are the sounds of a community gathering for a special morning service — the donning of *t’fillin* by the *bar mitzvah* boy — and on this singular day by his father and older brother, who also will be called to the Torah for the first time.

“Of the many memorable images and moments of this first visit, what brings tears to my eyes and an overflowing of heartfelt emotion is observing the young men of the synagogue as they tenderly and patiently assist those older in the intricacies of wrapping the leather straps of the *t’fillin*.

“This is truly *l’dor v’dor*. I whisper a *she-beheyanu* and feel privileged to join in the first blessings of *shaharit*.”

— Denah Bookstein, December 15, 2004

Denah proudly represented all of us in presenting the Netivot Shalom *bar mitzvah* certificate and gift to Reuben Dorado following services; then Barbara Fritz read the letter from Rabbi Kelman to the community. Denah’s moving remarks remind us that the experience of being in Cuba



Denah Bookstein presents a *bar mitzvah* certificate and gift to Reuben Dorado.

is not ordinary. The love and respect of members for each other is not bound by age or family. The community is honestly one big family in which all ages care for each other.

More memories and letters

Since Tia Abelina cannot walk, I took a wheelchair to Santiago when we went for the *bar mitzvah*. She was on a waiting list for a chair that would not come for at least a year. Chairs are given to people when someone with a chair dies. My friend Stanley Falkenstein has a project in Los Angeles to get wheelchairs to Cuba. With his help, Tia Abelina is now mobile. Her relatives in Las Vegas responded:

“Hi June. Maria spoke to Mariaelena yesterday. MaElena had already picked up the wheelchair from Sra. Farin in Santiago de Cuba. It’s in Palma Soriano and today or tomorrow will be delivered to Tia Abelina. I just sent an e-mail to Stan. I thanked him for all that he did. Maria and I will send him a donation. I am also going to e-mail all our relatives and friends and ‘request’ that they make a donation too. We all thank you, Stan, and the others that helped make the mitzvah possible. Hope you had a Happy Hanukkah. Januka, Bernie and Maria”

I sent a simple Shabbat greeting to a friend in Cuba who has e-mail and got a surprising answer that I am sharing with you.

“Dear June:

“Why are you thinking about me this Shabbat? I really need that because my life is very hard, with too much problem. I have today all the day, headache (*dolor de cabeza*). When you come back here, I want that you come to my house and you can see why I am feeling so bad.

“I cannot help my mother. She is too far from me. [Tania is in Havana and her mother is in Santiago with a broken hip, and there was no wheelchair available. We succeeded in getting her one in June.]

“My daughter take *antibiotico* for (*riñones* [kidney] *infeccion*). She is at the university, and cannot come home because she has next week exams. She have to study too much. My television is break. Here is raining (*lloviendo*) too much since two days, and my bedroom become water.

“Do you see all my problem? Because of that I say you thanks that you are thinking about me this Shabbat. I need that really. *Un beso grande, Tania*”

Tania’s daughter is well now, and her mother and father are happy because they have the wheelchair again, thanks to Stanley. Tania is only one of hundreds in the Jewish community in Cuba who are struggling with multiple problems. Families are very close, so for Tania to be away from her mother when the woman is in need is very disturbing.

Tania was able to get her job transferred to Havana when her daughter began at university, even though her daughter lives in the dorm. This is another typical family reaction. Her daughter lives at school because the apartment that Tania was able to get in Havana is too far away from school.



Grandma Lourdes Levy (left) and June Safran.

However, Tania is now close enough to take her food, go to her if she is ill, and give her a home in Havana to which she can retreat over the weekend and between school sessions. The roof will continue to leak because that takes more money than she earns. Eventually, the local B'nai B'rith Lodge will be able to help her repair it from their Emergency Home

Repair Fund, but meanwhile, this is the rainy season and the bedroom will continue to “become water.” The TV will also remain unrepaired until she can save \$35 to \$100 to get it repaired. Even so, last Shabbat I received a short but happy greeting telling me her parents are very grateful for the new chair.

My latest letter concerning our sister congregation comes from my friend Barry Schwartz, a Canadian who does ongoing research in Cuba. He sent the following after Hurricane Dennis.

“Just to let you know that I was able to connect with Eugenia a few minutes ago. Fortunately, the repairs to the roof of the synagogue were undertaken before the storm and there was no damage to either the synagogue or the homes of any of the members in Santiago. Most of the damage in Santiago Province appears to have occurred at the beaches both to the east and west.

“Our good friend Lourdes Albo in Havana sent a message after the hurricane that they did not have gas, water was very limited, and electricity was only four hours a day. These limitations did not stop her from going on-line to send this joyful greeting:

‘Dear All, I want to share with all of you my joy. Lula, my dear daughter, has just finished her state medical exam. She passed it so now we [have] a new MD in the family. Shabbat Shalom and much love, Lourdes’ ”

What can I tell you other than, people suffer from hurricanes; lack of transportation, medicines and electricity; as well as water shortages; but still find joy and meaning in life. They are truly blessed. ☞

It is my hope, in this column, to encourage discussion and even debate with regard to issues concerning and confronting Israel. What follows are the thoughtful — and, I hope, thought-provoking — views of two members of our community. I encourage you to engage with the articles and also, if you wish, to offer other ideas and/or articles.

— Editor

Engaged

By Jonathan Heinstein

It's too late. Despite the intense ideological mind-set that typified most of the Zionist leadership of the early twentieth century, their strategic and tactical decisions were pragmatic. The lessons of Diaspora politics, where a miscalculation of the role Jews played in a given society could be catastrophic, were a part of the baggage the Jewish national leadership carried off the ship in the port of Jaffa. This entrenched pragmatism, which survived the death of ideology in the Israeli parties of the right and left, is now driving the unilateral disengagement that will be carried out in Gaza and the West Bank. Security, economic and political dividends that will be gained from disengagement outweigh the pain of uprooting an entire generation of towns and villages. Israel will not progress down a strategic road map toward peace, but will rather continue to string together a patchwork of tactics designed to reduce the effectiveness of Palestinian terror.

It's too late for real disengagement. The security fence that weaves a temporary and artificial border from the Galilee to the neighborhoods of Jerusalem has the net positive effect of forming a barrier to suicide bombers. Israel has shown the military and civilian will to resist the first and second intifadas, but Palestinian society continues to deteriorate, ruptured by its own internal contradictions, the sheer number of weapons in the street, and a leadership that is quietly losing the battle for legitimacy. No one expects an early demise for the loose alliance of Islamic extremist movements in Gaza and the West Bank or their international counterparts. Beyond this pessimistic prognosis there remain both the vibrant and growing sector of Israeli Arab citizens and the Palestinian Arabs of Jerusalem that intersect with and affect Israeli society in a thousand ways. Disengagement is a tactical tool that will help manage the relations between Israelis and Palestinians for the next few years.

As I write, it is the week of Shabbat Pinḥas, which highlights the extent to which ancient Israel was familiar with the cultic practices of its idolatrous neighbors. Both priestly and prophetic classes fought a losing battle for generations against the syncretistic tendencies of the masses.

We have archeological evidence that fertility idols were commonplace in the first commonwealth. Pinḥas's attempt to implement a violent, decisive disengagement from Midianite and Moabite practices appears to be a heroic defense of the ideals of monotheism. Yet if we scroll a bit down the historical line, we get another picture altogether. Chapter 31 of Numbers describes an auspicious beginning to the war against Midian as Pinḥas sets out at the head of the troops with trumpets and holy vessels, only to disappear in the

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course of the narrative as the victorious army returns with a forbidden booty of Midianite women. A similar fate befell the Maccabean dynasty that temporarily uprooted certain extreme Hellenistic practices, only to reintroduce many of them a few generations later through the office of the monarchy and high priesthood.

The modern parallel to these histories has played out in every Israeli city and settlement for the past hundred years. The Israeli Arabs and Palestinian Arabs continue to expand their role in Jewish society, acquiring the Hebrew language and the internal codes of Jewish culture. Their advance is retarded temporarily by limitations imposed by the conflict, but is unlikely to be stemmed in the long run. Conversely, albeit in a defensive posture, Israelis have penetrated to the core of Palestinian society and have even struggled with the thankless task of managing it for a generation. Add to this the mixed multitude of non-Jews who have come to Israel in recent years to join their Jewish relatives or to play a role as foreign workers. They too follow an uneven path of partial assimilation, both internalizing Jewish norms by osmosis and altering Israeli life with their diversity.

National and religious rehabilitation and renewal formed the bedrock of the Zionist program. Jewish institutions and communities in the Diaspora are both active and passive beneficiaries of Zionism's success story. Yet we often struggle to find a viable way to express identification with and support of Israel. The radical interplay of contending sectors that make up Israeli society, as well as the bloody and unending conflict, sap the vitality of our commitment. We fail to appreciate the accomplishments of Zionism, a movement that has earned the envy, if not the respect, of the many nations stalled halfway in the transition to modernity. It is easier for Diaspora Jews to adopt an insular approach, reducing Israel to the image of a spiritual moment in Jerusalem, the life of a relative or friend, or the development of a Masorti synagogue. Only Israel, and particularly the cacophony of Israeli voices, can rescue us from an over-personalized Judaism, as Americans of the Mosaic persuasion, who have abandoned the historical dimension of our faith. That which is problematic about Israel has a great deal to teach us about what is problematic about ourselves. ❧

Understanding Palestinian Politics

By Seymour Kessler

I have long felt that anyone seriously interested in promoting peace between Israel and the Palestinians needs to spend as much time understanding Palestinian politics and dynamics as those of Israel. To believe that Israeli actions alone, whether they are ones of concession, compromise, disengagement or restraint, can lead to peace is naive. The Palestinians are dealing with serious economic, political and security problems in their own community and, although there is an inevitable tendency to blame Israel, clearer heads know that most of these problems are long-standing Palestinian ones. In the article below, Ehud Ya'ari, an

Israeli expert on Palestinian and Arabic affairs, provides a context for understanding the internecine conflict between the militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad on one side and the Palestinian Authority on the other. His point is clear. Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) is unable to deliver law and order in the Palestinian community, and this fact promises to defeat efforts at reaching a peaceful solution with Israel. The article is from the *Jerusalem Report*.

“Masked Policemen” by Ehud Ya'ari

“Shortly after the suicide attack outside the Hasharon shopping mall in Netanyah on July 12, Palestinian Authority Chairman Abu Mazen made a plea to Ramadan Abdallah Shallah, the general secretary of Islamic Jihad in Damascus: Please, he begged, please deny responsibility for the attack.

“Just a few days before the bomb, Abu Mazen and Shallah had met over dinner twice, once at the table of President Asad and the second time in the Damascus home of Hamas leader Khaled Mashal. There had appeared to be the beginnings of a rapprochement between the two men, even a sort of friendship. But none of that helped. Within a few hours, Islamic Jihad took credit for the attack. Abu Mazen's hopes of blaming the bombing on a few irresponsible individuals with no proper organizational support were dashed. Later it turned out that part of the suicide operation was planned inside the police station of Tul Karm under the watchful eyes of Palestinian security officers.

“Abu Mazen, under intense pressure from Western VIPs who passed through his office that day, explicitly condemned the attack in Arabic as ‘terrorism.’ And the reaction? Ramadan Abdallah Shallah gave public backing to the dispatchers of the 18-year-old student-bomber, and the entire Islamic Jihad leadership ran from studio to studio of the Arabic satellite channels justifying the action.

“Meanwhile not one Palestinian Authority personality — not the prime minister nor any other minister nor the heads of the security apparatuses — not one of them mustered up the courage to repeat what Abu Mazen had said, and to call it by its simple name: terrorism. Not the official PA TV or radio nor the newspapers dared utter it again. They did vent some criticism of Jihad, but did not tar the suicide attack with the T-word. Abu Mazen was left alone in the field, and quickly dropped the dreaded word himself. When Hamas launched a series of rocket and mortar attacks on Israeli communities and clashed with the PA, Abu Mazen delivered a televised speech on July 16 in which he carefully avoided any reference to terrorism, denouncing the shelling of Israeli civilians as merely ‘childish’ and ‘counterproductive.’

“Hamas's purported reason was revenge for cease-fire ‘violations’ by Israel. Interior Minister Gen. Nasser Yusuf ordered his men to prevent — if necessary by force — the firing of the rockets and mortar shells. Soldiers of the PA National Security force opened fire on one such squad and Hamas reacted by attacking National Security force offices and patrols. Within hours the commanders of the two sides decided, with a nod and a wink, to prevent a slide into an all-out, head-on confrontation. Nasser Yusuf found himself completely isolated, like Abu Mazen before him. None of his peers in the government nor any of the Fatah heads dared

give public support for the order he had issued. Hamas started demanding his removal. The PA refused to oblige, but since then, everyone is acting toward Nasser Yusuf as if his days on the job are numbered. They try not to be caught on camera by his side and maintain a safe distance.

“So dangerous did Nasser Yusuf deem the situation that he himself issued a directive to tens of thousands of soldiers and police in the Gaza Strip to go out on the streets wearing masks. If not, the Hamas and Islamic Jihad people would try to take revenge against them or their families. It was not the armed gangs who fastidiously hid their identities when they went out into the streets of Gaza in mid-July, but the uniformed police who dressed up as highway robbers.

“That is not the way to win. In the best case, the PA will hang on to its position, nothing more. Anyone who dreams that the PA will shake itself out of its lethargy when it smells the scent of disengagement is going to be sorely disappointed. Sure, they will try to push Hamas into a corner and force it to rein in its militants. And sure, they will coordinate arrangements with the IDF for the withdrawal and the handover of evacuated areas, and they will even deploy forces as a buffer to ensure that the withdrawal will not take place under fire. Essentially, however, they will not try to smash the alternative authority that has developed alongside the PA — the association of terror organizations that is demanding its share of the booty and wants to operate according to its own political agenda.

“That is why Abu Mazen will denounce the Jihad’s terror and at the same time, continue to sit with its leaders. He will declare the need for ‘one authority and one gun,’ while reconciling himself to the armament of the ‘popular army’ of Hamas. He already agreed during his visit to Damascus to include Hamas in the Palestinian committees overseeing the disengagement. He reneged on his return because of the reservations of Prime Minister Abu Ala, disengagement coordinator Muhammad Dahlan and PA National Security Adviser Jibril Rajoub. Still, he will have to come up with some kind of formula for a partnership with Hamas to be sponsored once again by the Egyptians.

“Such cooperation in whatever form will mean a marriage between those who see disengagement as an opportunity for reviving the diplomatic process, such as Abu Mazen and Dahlan, and those such as the heads of Hamas who see it as an Israeli ploy to paralyze the Palestinian drive for further withdrawals; between those who want to see the successful implementation of the disengagement, and those who are still striving to foil it altogether.

“From the moment that clashes broke out between the PA and Hamas, it was imperative that they should end decisively even if they had not yet spread into a full head-on confrontation. And from the moment that the PA failed to impose its positions on Hamas, despite the limited use of force, the result can be considered a partial defeat. Hamas had promised its followers that the PA would not dare arrest its cadres as it did in 1996, and indeed no arrests were reported. If Abu Mazen has been frightened off using the term ‘terrorism’ and Nasser Yusuf calls on his policemen to hide behind face masks, do not wait for miracles — not before disengagement, not during and not after. ☛



Sheila Braufman

Sheila Braufman hails from Minneapolis, but she and Art have lived all over California for over 40 years, and in the Bay Area for 30. She grew up in a “Happy Days,” Jewish ghetto atmosphere (though she didn’t think of it as “Happy Days” until much later). She and Art met when Art’s sister fixed them up for a blind date party (he wasn’t

Sheila’s first choice) when they were still in high school, and they married a few years later. (Obviously, he became her first choice — and still is!)

After a stint at the University of Minnesota right after high school, Sheila took time off to be a mom to their two daughters, Alisa and Carla. She also learned to transcribe Braille, transcribing lessons and books for blind students who attended public schools. She became interested in art, at first taking painting and ceramics classes, which led to the long — seven-year — journey to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees in art history.

While involved in her studies, she began questioning why the Jews were rarely mentioned in her ancient art classes, even though she knew that they were active in the areas that she studied. What started as an intended couple-of-hours research project turned out to be her life’s work. She began lecturing and teaching about various aspects of Jewish involvement in art, and continues to do so.

After graduation, and after “paying her dues” in an art gallery and museum, she began working at the Judah L. Magnes Museum, where she was curator of painting and sculpture until about two years ago. She now works as an independent curator and is enthusiastic about the variety of curating exhibitions for different institutions. She recently completed a major exhibition on the immigrant experience in San Mateo County for the San Mateo County History Museum in Redwood City.

Being self-employed also gives Sheila the freedom to spend time with her four incredible grandchildren — Jessica, Stephanie, Ty and Cassie — and to travel with Art. She and Art will be going to China in September. ☛

In each issue, we introduce one or more congregants to you — some new and some not so new — so that we can all get to know each other better. If you would like to introduce either yourself or someone you have come to know, please send copy, and a .jpg photo if possible, to newsletter@netivotshalom.org.

Join Us on the MS Ride!

By Dan Siegel

As team captain of Netivot Shalom's Mitzvah Milers cycling team (unofficially, the Shlemiels on Wheels . . . or the Jewish Peddlers), I'd like to invite all of you who can ride a bike to join our team, which will ride and raise money to fight MS (multiple sclerosis) at the Waves to Wine MS Bike Tour on Sunday, September 25, near Santa Rosa. If you cannot ride, please consider donating on behalf of someone on the team. This will be the Mitzvah Milers' second year at the Bike Tour. Last year, we had 13 team members and raised a total of \$10,000! This year, with your help, we hope to have over 20 riders and raise \$12,000.

MS is a disease I am all too familiar with, as my mother had MS for 35 years before passing away five years ago at age 60 after many difficult years. As I managed her care for the last years of her life, I saw firsthand the devastating possibilities of this disease. Two years after my mom died, I was diagnosed with MS (children of those with MS have less than a 2 percent chance of developing MS). Fortunately, I have had very mild symptoms and take a medication that seems to be effective. A number of other people in our Netivot Shalom community, including Lorraine Rosenblatt, are among the 400,000 Americans with MS.

The bike tour is not a race, but instead features beautiful rides for all cycling levels and is tremendous fun. The event is based at the Luther Burbank Center just north of Santa Rosa. There are routes set up to go either 25, 50, 75 or 100 miles through beautiful rolling hills and vineyards.

There is a \$250 minimum fundraising requirement for the ride, with \$125 to be turned in by the time of the ride. Team members will be asking their friends, co-workers and family to sponsor them with either an on-line donation or a check of any amount made out to the National MS Society.

Unfortunately, it is not safe for kids younger than about 13 to ride. But we will still make it a great experience for the kids of those riding, with adults and teens leading fun games in the open grassy areas at the Luther Burbank Center and getting the kids involved volunteering at the event.

I invite you to join me either as a rider, volunteer or contributor at this year's Waves to Wine Bike Tour! For more information, please contact me at siegeldb@pacbell.net or 510-540-6128. Thanks for your support! Go, Mitzvah Milers!! ☺

Shalom from the Kitchen Cabinet

By Helen Schneider

Our kitchen shower on May 22 was a rousing success! Not only was it our first event in the new social hall, it was also a very warm community-building happening. People were so generous both with their gifts and with recipes and family stories. One glitch — the list of donors was either misplaced or thrown away. The Kitchen Cabinet members tried to match up cards to gifts, but there were some boxes without cards. Thank you notes have been writ-

ten; however, there are some mysteries. Please, if you made a donation to the kitchen shower and have not received a note, let me know so that you can be properly thanked for your generous donation. You can reach me by e-mail (helensandy@aol.com) or phone (510-524-7867). The Kitchen Cabinet folks are planning wonderful and exciting ways to use the kitchen . . . stay tuned. ☺

Kitchen Cabinet News

By Charlene Stern, Chair, Kitchen Cabinet

We're delighted that the major construction of our new shul kitchen is coming close to completion. We're working hard to do as much as possible for the lowest cost possible. There are a number of enhancements we're aiming to do over time, including a two-level kitchen island, under-counter lighting, and giant-size pots and pans. The kitchen will be in great working order by September and ready for fall events. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed funds and items from our kitchen registration lists.

Now we have begun the truly fun part: thinking about the kinds of gatherings, learning and community we can build using family kitchen memories and the skills of so many wonderful chefs of our own. During the kitchen shower we began the sharing of great memories, laughed together and munched on some wonderful foods that people brought. The event created seeds of future programming.

Our purpose is simple: we're passionate about eating, food and/or cooking (at least it's unanimous on two out of three), and we want to build community through the sharing of great-tasting kosher Jewish dishes. We are inspired by our own matriarchs (and maybe a few "stray" patriarchs), who skillfully cooked dishes we may never have learned how to prepare, but that remind us of Shabbat, the holidays and festivals, as well as everyday meals.

For me, it's my mother, Helen Stern, from Lodz, Poland, who has linked me to the grandmothers I never knew. My mother makes the best chicken soup (it's my prerogative — I'm writing the article this month!), the best gefilte fish, the most amazing *tsimmes*, sponge cake, chopped liver, *cholent*, *kiska* and more. Okay, okay, we're not interested in taking you down the road to heart disease. But, we can bring you lots of fun, touch the memories and expand our sense of being part of a Netivot Shalom family.

The first event comes right on the eve of Rosh ha-Shanah. Please save the time and date for a community event that involves foods no Yamim Nora'im should be without! On **October 2, 1:00–3:00 p.m.**, come to our shul with lots of friends and family. We're having fun in the planning, and, of course, it involves great Jewish food in even better company. Look for more details as our plans get confirmed.

Meanwhile, if you love memories of your mom's or grandmother's kitchen, love eating great food, or want to participate in creating great food and community at the same time, we need your help. Please call or e-mail me (510-527-3457 or charleneystern@comcast.net). ☺

CONGREGATION NETIVOT SHALOM'S SUKKOT CELEBRATION IN TILDEN PARK

OCTOBER 17 ~ OCTOBER 24, 2005

Harvesting Our Joy

A week-long gathering celebrating community life in the wilderness

- ~ Help build and decorate our community *sukkah* in the wilderness
- ~ Create your own *sukkah* and camp out under the Tishrei full moon
- ~ Share potluck vegetarian kosher meals in our community *sukkah*
- ~ Welcome the *ushpizin* (ancestors) each night into our community in the wilderness

Everyone is welcome!

After the deeply inward and personal experience of Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur, we are encouraged to rejoin the stream of life with a joyous community celebration of the autumn harvest. Come help recreate our nomadic community in the wilderness and share the fruits of the season. Dwelling in our shaky huts, surrounded by the beauty of Tilden Park, offers many opportunities to reconnect with the nature all around us and with our own true nature.

Suggested Donations for Camping: \$18/night; Scholar-in-Residence Weekend: \$36, sliding scale

Wheelchair Accessible

For more information and to register, contact Ellen Peskin at 510.593.7599, peskinellen@yahoo.com

Please register in advance.

SUKKOT IN TILDEN PARK 5766

Highlights of the week — partial list of activities

Sunday, October 16

Help build our community *sukkah* in the wilderness — many hands make light work!

Thursday, October 20

6:30 p.m. Potluck dinner with Religious School teachers, students and families, welcoming *ushpizin* (our ancestors)

Friday, October 21

6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv/kabbalat Shabbat with scholar-in-residence followed by potluck dinner, welcoming *ushpizin*

Saturday, October 22

10:00 a.m. Sh_harit and Torah study with scholar-in-residence

1:00 p.m. Potluck lunch

3:00–4:30 p.m. Class with scholar-in-residence

6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner, welcoming *ushpizin*

7:30 p.m. Havdalah under the stars, followed by campfire and sing-a-long

Sunday, October 23

10:00 a.m. Shabbat B'Yachad program

1:00 p.m. Potluck lunch

5:00–6:00 p.m. Welcome new members

6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner, welcoming *ushpizin*
Hoshana Rabbah begins at sunset

Monday, October 24

Morning Pack up *sukkah* and head home — help needed!

All potluck meals are kosher vegetarian according to Netivot Shalom guidelines.

Midrasha's New School Year Begins

By Diane Bernbaum, Director, Midrasha

I'm sitting here in my new summer office, room 9 in the Old Beth El classroom building. We moved all the offices here from the sanctuary building in mid-June, awaiting the move to our new site. All the books and classroom supplies have been boxed up and taken to storage. All the office supplies are with me in room 9. Compared to my old (shared) office, my summer quarters are palatial and very much appreciated. Now we are getting ready to move to the new building. Our first event will be an orientation at the new site, 1301 Oxford St., Berkeley, on **Thursday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m.** Whether you are a new or returning family, you might want to come for this first look at our new home. School begins on **Sunday, September 11.** Please register far in advance. Materials were mailed out in early July, so call us if you have misplaced them. This year, especially, we don't want to have to juggle last-minute registrations as well as unpacking and adapting to a new space.

One of the best parts of the summer is having an opportunity to hire new staff. As sad as I am to see some old teachers not returning, I'm delighted to meet these vibrant, creative, accomplished individuals. Let me introduce you to them:

Maia Ipp will be teaching Etgar (the 9th grade Jewish Identity retreat program) and creative writing. She taught at Midrasha in Fremont last year and will be working with Jonathan Emanuel at the CJLL to help plan the Etgar and Keshet retreats. She graduated from UC Santa Cruz and studied at the Sorbonne and the Paris Center for Critical Studies. Zac Johnson is moving here to begin studying at GTU. He has recently lived in Jerusalem where he studied at the Conservative Yeshiva. He has a B.A. in Jewish studies from the University of Maryland. He worked for several years on the Camp Ramah Dorom (in Georgia) staff. Zac will be teaching Etgar and the Five Megillot. Greg Newmark will also be teaching Etgar, as well as a class in debate, entitled: "Two Jews, Three Opinions." He is getting a Ph.D. at UC Berkeley in city and regional planning. He also studied planning at the Technion when he lived in Israel for four years, and before that he graduated from Yale with a degree in history and international studies. Bunny Pearlman is an artist with extensive work in theatre and movement. She will be teaching three art classes and is moving here from the East Coast. This summer she is on the staff of the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in Connecticut. She has degrees from the University of Florida, USC and Sonoma State. She also lived in Israel for a while, and was a participant on the very first Young Judea Year Course to Israel 50 years ago. Allison Schachter is a Ph.D. student in comparative literature at UC Berkeley. She not only will teach the advanced Hebrew class, but is reviving our Yiddish class as well. She went to Stanford, studied on a Fulbright at Hebrew University, and studied Yiddish at Jewish Theological Seminary.

Not only are our new teachers extraordinary, but our old ones are as well. Sacha Kopin, a nine-year veteran of Midrasha teaching, has been awarded the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Teaching. She will receive a generous cash prize, and an even more generous educational stipend and a trip to Toronto to accept the award. Mazal tov, Sacha. ❧

5766 Youth Education — A New Year in Our New Home

By Michelle Wolfson, Director of Education

Bruchim ha-Baim! Welcome. Literally, blessed are those who come! Welcome to a new year in our new home. We've been saying *she-beheyanu* a lot, and with good reason. What a blessing it is to have so many firsts and so many opportunities for exciting innovations. I feel as if *ha-shamayim* (the heavens) are open a crack in our holy sacred space. It's a thousand blessings to have such an involved and supportive community. *Todah rabah*, thanks a ton for all the families' hard work making this happen. Everyone, parents, children, the wider *k'billah*, has given abundantly to our congregation in so many ways. And there are still plenty of chances to help unpack, organize and ready the school for the new year!

Preschool Families' Update: Thanks for all the wonderful toy donations for our preschool room! Preschool furniture purchasing is under way, and will, *b'ezrat Hashem*, be here by the time you read this. Cathy Shadd and I are researching and costing the preschool play yard, including play structure, safety surfaces, drainage and installation. We're learning a lot, but could really use help with this, so if you have any experience (or are willing to learn), contact Cathy. Fundraising help will improve what we can install. If you can help in that department, the kids will appreciate it for many years to come. In the meantime, we have set up a temporary yard for tricycles and outdoor play. I am starting to think about what uses we can put our beautiful space to during the week. Do parents want to use it for child care co-op hours? La-Mazal Tov class? Ima, Abba (Mommie, Daddy) & Me group? Baby music class? Jewish Gymboree? Baby Is a Blessing programs? Let me know what you want to participate in.

Weekday Religious School Update: The Youth Education Committee voted, and we're changing to **3rd–6th grades** on **Tuesday/Thursday**, same time, **4:00–6:00 p.m.** for weekday Religious School. **1st and 2nd grades** just come on **Thursdays** during the week. This move has several advantages. It will help families with kids in both Amitim and Religious School. We'll stop losing all the holiday Mondays, and will have better attendance when families and teachers take long weekends. This will also give us a

better use of *madrikhim*. Plus, this change fits the schedules of more families. I know this is a big change and may inconvenience some. Let me know your if your family has concerns.

Amitim Update: The class of 5766 is big! Twenty-one students will become *bar* or *bat mitzvah* in 2006. Amitim returns to a **Tuesday/Thursday** schedule, same time, **4:00–6:30 p.m.**, instead of the Saturday and Sunday meetings we had last year. We have two new marvelous teachers. Marla Kolman is teaching the Thursday component on Exploring Jewish Identity through Personal Story and Intercultural Exchange. Our own Ariel Platt will be teaching *t'fillah* skills. And Rabbi Kelman and I will also be working with the Amitim.

Shabbat Program: The time is moving to **10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.** to be in sync with the new start time of the community service, which now begins at **9:30 a.m.!** This enables the children to be in the Torah procession at **10:25 a.m.**, or for the older students to attend the Torah service. We'll all gather together at the same time for “Adon Olam” and *kiddush*. The content of the program will be vastly improved by having everything we need at our fingertips! And we have easy access to Strawberry Creek Park just behind the shul for *teva*/nature Shabbat! Not to mention Berkeley Montessori's outdoor space!

Friday Night Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service: Come on the **fourth Friday** of the month: **6:00–7:00 p.m. dinner** (potluck or catered, to be determined); **7:00–8:00 p.m. kabbalat Shabbat** service and story, followed by desert. Rabbi Daniel Lev and I will lead a singing service with a lot of *ruah* and tell a Torah story. The target audience is K–7th graders, with preschoolers, teens and adults welcome. Same time all year round: the time is early enough for those with little ones, who can eat before, but also late enough for commuting parents. Meet us in the sanctuary! **Dates: 9/23, 10/28, 11/18 (3rd Friday), 12/17 (3rd Friday), 1/28, 2/25, 3/25 and 4/22.**

New, Spacious Building: We have moved from four classrooms to seven much grander rooms! Our largest classroom, *kitab bet*, is designed to double as an art room, with sink, linoleum, and spacious, easy access to all our abundant art supplies. On Shabbat, the room next door, *kitab gimel*, is designated a game room for 1st–6th grades. Note that this room is not supervised, and not childproofed for those under three years old. Those six and over can play — with adult supervision — on the Berkeley Montessori play structure and basketball courts during *kiddush*. Food is allowed only in the social hall and courtyards. Carol Dorf and I are researching and pricing the furniture that needs to be purchased for all six upstairs classrooms.

Youth Library: One room doubles as a dedicated children's library, consolidating the juvenile literature from our old library, with Youth Education's holdings. We are accepting donations of Hebrew- and Jewish-themed books only. We particularly need older elementary and young adult fiction and nonfiction good reads. We hope to have a kids' library

computer for Web research in the children's library, and are looking for a donation of a one-year-old or newer computer.

Register for Youth Education! Registration for weekday and Shabbat programs was due August 31. Packets are being e-mailed to each family, so you can register (in MSWord) by e-mail or return a hard copy. Hard-copy packets are available from me by request. Contact me at 510-549-9447 ext. 104 with any questions.

Shabbat Program begins Saturday, September 17. Weekday Religious School begins Tuesday, September 20.

Yamim Nora'im: Yamim Nora'im L'Yeladim (for children) will be held at Epworth Community Church again because of its proximity to Northbrae. Yamim Nora'im B'Yachad will remain at Northbrae. Please pre-register.

She-beheyanu — Now let's all say together: “*Barukh attah adonai elohainu, melekh ba-olam, she-beheyanu, v'kiymanu, v'higianyu, lazman bazeh.* Praised are You, Holy One, our God, Force of the Universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for helping us to reach this day.” May we all have a year of abundant blessings. 🌸

Register for Youth Education Now!

While registration for weekday and Shabbat programs is *overdue*, spaces are still available, so register now!

Packets are being e-mailed to each family to register on-line. Hard copy packets are available from Michelle Wolfson by request.

Shabbat Program begins Saturday, September 17. Weekday Religious School begins Tuesday, September 20.

Religious School will now be held on Tuesdays (3rd–6th grade) and Thursdays (1st–6th grade)

Contact our director, Michelle Wolfson, at 510-549-9447 ext. 104, with any questions.

SHUL



ACTIVITIES

Unless otherwise noted, all activities will be held at our shul, 1316 University Ave, Berkeley.

YOUTH EDUCATION

Shabbat B'Yachad (SBY) for families with preschool children five years and under. Program includes *t'fillab* (prayer), songs, Torah stories, a Torah parade and *kiddush*. Registration is required, but membership in Netivot Shalom is not. 2nd & 4th Shabbat each month, 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Religious School for children in grades 1–6. Weekday classes cover Hebrew, Torah study, Jewish calendar and holidays, Jewish history, ethics, Israel and life-cycle events. Shabbat classes focus on *t'fillab*, games, Jewish values and Torah stories. Tuesday–Thursday, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Program for children (K–6) in either Religious School or day school. Each Shabbat, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Innovative game-based classes focus on the values of the week.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service for all ages (especially 2nd–7th grade), with singing, a Torah story and the minimum halakhic service. 4th Friday each month, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. service. Check announcements to confirm dates.

Amitim (*b'nei mitzvah* preparation program) classes focus on the structure and meaning of prayer. Students also study Torah texts and explore their relevance for a teen's life. Open to Netivot Shalom member families. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00–6:30 p.m.

Midrasha, an intercongregational program for East Bay Jewish teenagers, offers classes ranging from Talmud and Hebrew to Jewish film and drama. The program provides students with the skills and knowledge they will need as committed Jewish adults.

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY

Morning minyan, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Teachings, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

(For the schedule and a list of teaching sessions, see weekly announcements.)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Minyan

7:15 a.m.

THURSDAY

Talmud

7:00–9:00 p.m.

SHABBAT

Various *shabbatot* after services; see weekly announcements

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS

Sponsor a Kiddush: Calendar On-line

Go to http://my.calendars.net/netivot_shalom/admin or contact us: Joanna Weinberg (weinbgj@itsa.ucsf.edu) and Turi Adams (live-mic@major.net).

The Morning Minyan Needs You

People are attending these services who need to say *kaddish* and are unable to do so. Consider becoming a once-a-month attendee. Wednesdays, 7:15–8:00 a.m.

SHABBAT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Shabbat Morning Services: Morning services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Meditative Minyan: 9:30 a.m., 3rd Shabbat each month

Shabbat B'Yachad: 11:00 a.m., 2nd and 4th Shabbat each month

Youth Shabbat Program: Children grades K–6, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.; will resume in the fall

Torah Study: the weekly *parashah*

See calendar for teachers; Shabbat, 9:00–10:00 a.m.; free

Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Services : 7:00 p.m., 2nd Friday of each month, services followed by a potluck dinner. Family kabbalat Shabbat, 7:00 p.m., 4th Friday of each month, services preceded by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

SOCIAL ACTION

Claremont House Kabbalat Shabbat 4500 Gilbert in Oakland, 5th floor lounge, 7:00 p.m., 1st & 3rd Friday of the month. Volunteers are needed during services, to hand out kiddush cups and for schmoozing afterwards. Contact Joan Bradus at 510-528-3467 or drfriedman@juno.com.

Dinners for the Homeless Dorothy Day House of Berkeley, 1st Sunday of the month. Volunteers needed for shopping, cooking or serving. Donations are needed for food purchases. Make contributions to Netivot Shalom, marked "Dinners for the Homeless." Contact Sharona Barzilay at 510-658-8157.

Feed the Hungry Food barrels will be available in the office. Bring unopened nonperishable food any time the office is open.

Social Action Committee meetings 4th Thursday of the month in private homes. Contact Jonathan Stern at socialaction@netivotshalom.org or 510-872-0751.

Jewish Coalition for Literacy Tutors Volunteers needed to tutor students at the Berkeley Youth Alternatives program. Contact Jonathan Stern at 510-872-0751 or socialaction@netivotshalom.org.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES — 5766 – 2005

2005 DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LOCATION
S'lihot SAT – 9/24/05	9:00 pm	Ma'ariv/Havdalah Study Sessions	@ 1316 University Ave.
	11:30 pm	S'lihot	
Kever Avot – Memorial Service SUN – 10/2/05	10:00 am	Kever Avot at Tel Shalom	Rolling Hills Cemetery 4100 Hilltop Dr., Richmond
Erev Rosh ha-Shanah MON – 10/3/05	7:30 pm	Ma'ariv	Northbrae Community Church 941 The Alameda
First Day of Rosh ha-Shanah TUES – 10/4/05	9:00 am	Pesukei d'Zimra	@ Northbrae
	9:30 am	Shaharit	
	10:45 am	Torah Service	
	11:45 am	Drash	
	12:15 pm	Musaf & Torah Study	
	5:00 pm	Tashlikh @ Live Oak Park	
Second Day of Rosh ha-Shanah WED – 10/5/05	6:15 pm	Minhah/Ma'ariv	@ Northbrae
	9:00 am	Pesukei d'Zimra	
	9:30 am	Shaharit	
	10:45 am	Torah Service	
	11:45 am	Drash	
Shabbat Shuvah SAT – 10/8/05	12:15 pm	Musaf	@ 1316 University Ave.
	9:30 am	Shaharit (regular Shabbat Services)	
Kol Nidrei/ Erev Yom Kippur WED – 10/12/05	6:15 pm	Kol Nidrei (new mahzor) (2 Services)	@ Northbrae
	6:15 pm	Sephardic Kol Nidrei Family Kol Nidrei	@ 1316 University Ave.
Yom Kippur THURS – 10/13/05	9:00 am	Pesukei d'Zimra	@ Northbrae
	9:30 am	Shaharit	
	10:45 am	Torah Service	
	12:00 pm	Drash	
	12:30 pm	Yizkor	
	1:00 pm	Musaf/Avodah/Martyrology	
	1:00 pm	T'fillah Study	
	3:30 pm	Study Sessions	
	4:30 pm	Minhah	
6:00 pm	Ne'ilah	@ Northbrae	
	6:45 pm	Ma'ariv/Havdalah	
	7:15 pm	Break the Fast	@ Northbrae
	9:30 am	Sukkot Services – Hallel & Hoshanot	@ 1316 University Ave.
1st Day of Sukkot TUES – 10/18/05	9:30 am	Sukkot Services – Hallel & Hoshanot	@ 1316 University Ave.
2nd Day of Sukkot WED – 10/19/05	9:30 am	Sukkot Services – Hallel & Hoshanot	@ 1316 University Ave.
Shabbat Hol ha-Moed Sukkot SAT – 10/22/05	9:30 am	Shabbat Services – Kohelet	@ 1316 University Ave.
Sh'mini Atzeret/Yizkor TUES – 10/25/05	9:30 am	Sh'mini Atzeret (Yizkor)	@ 1316 University Ave.
Erev Simhat Torah TUES – 10/25/05	6:30 pm	Ma'ariv/Simhat Torah & Hakafot	
Simhat Torah WED – 10/26/05	9:30 am	Shaharit/Simhat Torah & Hakafot	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 27 Av 6:15 pm Beg. Hebrew/ appt	2 28 Av 7:20 pm Candle lighting	3 29 Av Parashat R'ei'h 9:00 am Torah study with Dean Kertesz 9:30 am Shabbat services Ezra Marcus called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah 8:18 pm Havdalah
4 30 Av Rosh Hodesh Elul	5 1 Elul Rosh Hodesh Elul Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	6 2 Elul 7:00 pm Rosh Hodesh Group (private home)	7 3 Elul 7:15 am Minyan	8 4 Elul 6:15 pm Beg. Hebrew/ appt 7:30 pm Midrasha orientation at Beth El	9 5 Elul 7:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat; potluck dinner sponsored by Young Adults follows 7:09 pm Candle lighting	10 6 Elul Parashat Shof'tim 9:00 am Torah study with Nitzhia Shaked 9:30 am Shabbat services 11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad 1:30 pm R. Kelman Community Kashrut 8:08 pm Havdalah
11 7 Elul 9:30 am Morning minyan 10:30 am Book talk with Robert Alter 9:30 am Midrasha starts at Beth El 5:00 pm Ritual Committee 7:00 pm Adult Ed Long- Term Planning Group	12 8 Elul	13 9 Elul 7:00 pm R. Kelman: Adult B'nai Mitzvah	14 10 Elul 7:15 am Minyan	15 11 Elul 6:15 pm Beg. Hebrew/ appt	16 12 Elul 6:59 pm Candle lighting	17 13 Elul Parashat Ki Tetzei 9:00 am Torah study with Cynthia Hoffman 9:30 am Shabbat services 9:30 am Meditative minyan 10:15 am Youth Shabbat Program starts 1:30 pm How to Cook Kosher in a Non-Kosher Kitchen (teacher TBA) Before minhah: Congregant-led Torah study - Se'udah shlishit & minhah 7:57 pm Havdalah
18 14 Elul 9:30 am-6:00 pm KlezCalifornia at BRJCC (co-sponsored by NS Adult Ed)	19 15 Elul	20 16 Elul 4:00 pm Religious School 3rd-6th begins 4:00 pm Amitim	21 17 Elul 7:15 am Minyan	22 18 Elul 4:00 pm Religious School 1st-2nd begins 4:00 pm Amitim 6:15 pm Beg. Hebrew/ appt 7:30 pm Za'atar & Klez-X Benefit Concert	23 19 Elul 6:00 pm Friday night dinner 6:48 pm Candle lighting 7:00 pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat	24 20 Elul Parashat Ki Tavo 9:00 am Torah study w/Nitzhia Shaked 9:30 am Shabbat services 10:15 am Youth Shabbat Program 11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad 1:30 pm R. Kelman: Shabbat Morning Service Structure Part I 7:46 pm Havdalah 9:00 pm S'lihot program a) Preparing Our Souls: Heshbon ha-Nefesh and Related Musar Practices b) Ethical Will Workshop: Discussion and Writing
25 21 Elul 9:30 am Morning minyan 10:30 am R. Kelman: Introduction to the new mahzor	26 22 Elul	27 23 Elul 4:00 pm Religious School 4:00 pm Amitim	28 24 Elul 7:15 am Minyan	29 25 Elul 4:00 pm Religious School 4:00 pm Amitim 6:15 pm Beg. Hebrew/ appt 7:30 pm R. Kelman: Introduction to the new mahzor	30 26 Elul 6:37 pm Candle lighting	

OCTOBER 2005 Elul-Tishrei – 5765/5766

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<p>1 27 Elul Parashat Nitzavim</p> <p>9:00 am Torah study 9:30 am Shabbat services 10:15 am Youth Shabbat Program 1:30 pm R. Kelman: Shabbat Morning Service Structure Part II</p> <p>7:35 pm Havdalah</p>
<p>2 28 Elul 10:00 am Kever Avot memorial service at Tel Shalom</p>	<p>3 29 Elul Erev Rosh ha-Shanah 6:32 pm Candle lighting 7:30 pm Rosh ha-Shanah Ma'ariv at Northbrae</p> <p>Office closes 12:00 noon</p>	<p>4 1 Tishrei Rosh ha-Shanah 5766 9:00 am Rosh ha-Shanah services at Northbrae 9:30 am-1:30 pm Yamim Nora'im L'Yeladim at Epworth 9:30 am-1:00 pm Yamim Nora'im B'Yachad at Northbrae 5:00 pm Tashlikh at Live Oak Park 6:15 pm Minhah/Ma'ariv at Northbrae OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5 2 Tishrei Rosh ha-Shanah II Office Closed 9:00 am Rosh ha-Shanah services at Northbrae 9:30 am-1:30 pm Yamim Nora'im L'Yeladim at Epworth 9:30 am-1:00 pm Yamim Nora'im B'Yachad at Northbrae 7:29 pm Havdalah</p>	<p>6 3 Tishrei Tzom Gedaliah 6:15 pm Beg. Hebrew/ appt</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NO AMITIM</p>	<p>7 4 Tishrei 6:26 pm Candle lighting</p>	<p>8 5 Tishrei Parashat Va-yeilekh Shabbat Shuvah</p> <p>9:00 am Torah study with Nitzhia Shaked 9:30 am Shabbat services at Univ. Ave. 10:15 am Youth Shabbat Program 11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad 1:30 pm R. Kelman Introduction to the new mahzor</p> <p>7:25 pm Havdalah</p>
<p>9 6 Tishrei 9:30 am Morning minyan 10:30 am Speaker TBA</p>	<p>10 7 Tishrei</p>	<p>11 8 Tishrei 4:00 pm Religious School 4:00 pm Amitim</p>	<p>12 9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur Office closes at 12:00 noon 7:15 am Minyan 6:15 pm Kol Nidrei at Northbrae (2 services) 6:15 pm Sephardic Kol Nidrei & Family Kol Nidrei at Univ. Ave. 6:19 pm Candle lighting</p>	<p>13 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur 9:00 am Yom Kippur services at Northbrae 9:30 am-2:30 pm Yamim Nora'im L'Yeladim at Epworth 9:30 am-1:00 pm Yamim Nora'im B'Yachad at Northbrae 6:00 pm Ne'ilah/ Ma'ariv/Havdalah 7:15 pm Break the fast at Northbrae OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>14 11 Tishrei 6:16 pm Candle lighting</p>	<p>15 12 Tishrei Parashat Ha-azinu</p> <p>9:00 am Torah study with Simon Firestone 9:30 am Shabbat services 9:30 am Meditative minyan 10:15 am Youth Shabbat Program</p> <p>7:15 pm Havdalah</p>
<p>16 13 Tishrei</p>	<p>17 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot 6:12 pm Candle lighting</p> <p>Office closes 12:00 noon</p>	<p>18 15 Tishrei Sukkot I 9:30 am Sukkot services – Hallel & Hoshanot at Univ. Ave.</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NO AMITIM</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>19 16 Tishrei Sukkot II 9:30 am Sukkot services –Hallel & Hoshanot at Univ. Ave. 7:09 pm Havdalah</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>20 17 Tishrei Sukkot III (Hol ha-moed) 4:00 pm Religious School 4:00 pm Amitim 6:15 pm Beg. Hebrew/ appt</p>	<p>21 18 Tishrei Sukkot IV (Hol ha-moed) 6:06 pm Candle lighting</p>	<p>22 19 Tishrei Sukkot V (Hol ha-moed)</p> <p>9:00 am Torah study with Nitzhia Shaked 9:30 am Shabbat services – Kohelet 10:15 am Youth Shabbat Program 11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad</p> <p>7:05 pm Havdalah</p>
<p>23 20 Tishrei Sukkot VI (Hol ha-moed) 9:30 am Morning minyan 10:30 am Speaker TBA</p>	<p>24 21 Tishrei Sukkot VII (Hoshana Rabbah) 6:02 pm Candle lighting</p> <p>Office closes 12:00 noon</p>	<p>25 22 Tishrei Sh'mini Atzeret 9:30 am Sh'mini Atzeret services – Yizkor 6:30 pm Erev Simhat Torah – Ma'ariv & Hakafot</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NO AMITIM</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26 23 Tishrei Simhat Torah 9:30 am Shaharit Simhat Torah & Hakafot 7:00 pm Havdalah</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27 24 Tishrei 4:00 pm Religious School 4:00 pm Amitim 6:15 pm Beg. Hebrew/ appt</p>	<p>28 25 Tishrei High Holiday food drive ends 5:58 pm Candle lighting 6:00 pm Friday night dinner 7:00 pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>29 26 Tishrei Parashat B'reishit</p> <p>9:00 am Torah study with Naomi Seidman 9:30 am Shabbat services 10:15 am Youth Shabbat Program</p> <p>6:56 pm Havdalah</p>
<p>30 27 Tishrei</p>	<p>31 28 Tishrei</p>					

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Book of Remembrance Deadline Is NOW!

Don't forget — September 13 is the deadline
for sending in the names of people that you
want to memorialize in this year's Book of
Remembrance. Information arriving after the
deadline may not get into the book.

Mail to Sheila Braufman:
926 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94707

To be assured that we get your information on time,
PLEASE DO NOT SEND NAMES TO THE OFFICE.

Karen Friedman & David Marcus

invite you to share in their *simḥah* on

September 3, 2005

29 Av 5765

Parashat R'eih

when their son,
Ezra Dov Marcus,

will be called to the Torah
as a *bar mitzvah*.

Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah Anniversaries

September 3: R'eih

David Berck, Tamir Elteriman, Jonathan Reingold,
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September 10: Shof'tim

Nathaniel Feeley, Maia Kern, Noah Fine Nathel,
Sa'adia Massarano, Elias Stahl

October 1: Nitzavim

Joshua Cataldo, Or Shuval, Lillian Stern, Robert Stern

October 8: Va-yeilekh

Jenny Fineman

October 15: Ha'azinu

Sam Black

October 29: B'reishit

Amit Gressel, Sarah Goldberg, Lilah Valfer,
Leah Whitman-Salkin

S'lihot Is Coming!

(The opening service of the Yamim Nora'im)

Saturday, September 24

9:00 p.m.–midnight

S'lihot program begins 9:00 p.m.

**Preparing Our Souls: Heshbon ha-Nefesh
(Accounting of the Soul) and Related Musar Practices**

Led by Shirah Bell, Judy Breakstone,
Stephen Tobias and Hillel Lester

Ethical Will Workshop: Discussion and Writing/Taping

Led by Robin Braverman

S'lihot service begins 11:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.



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We are planning a second pilgrimage
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Contact Rabbi Kelman
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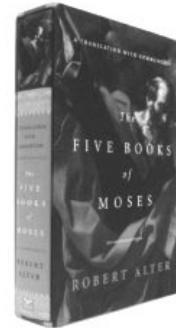
Hebrew Classes Forming

We will form a class for any group of five or more Netivot Shalom members who want to study Hebrew on the same level. Contact Robin Braverman (adulted@netivotshalom.org).

Beginning Hebrew is always available, by appointment, for anyone who wants to start.

Robert Alter to Speak

Sunday, September 11
10:30 a.m.–noon in the sanctuary



Robert Alter will speak about his recently published translation of the *lumash*, *The Five Books of Moses: A Translation with Commentary*. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the important role that the Hebrew language plays in transmitting the ancient stories in the Torah. Professor Alter will also discuss his current work, a translation of the Psalms. He will sign books after his talk.

Upcoming Program at the BRJCC

Sunday, September 18, 9:30 am–5:30 pm

“Day in Yiddishland” with participatory workshops in:

- Klezmer music for all levels (bring instruments!)
- Yiddish literature, language, popular phrases & humor
- Eastern European Jewish history
- Sing-alongs and dancing
- Special teen workshops
- Youth program for ages 5 and up

Fee: BRJCC members & seniors, \$18; children up to 17, free

BRJCC: 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley

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— Rabbi Stuart Kelman

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