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Finding Our Voice

By Rabbi Menachem Creditor



In making *The Prince of Egypt*, a recent DreamWorks movie based on the biblical Exodus narrative, the filmmakers consulted with religious scholars for authentic guidance. They were particularly interested in God's voice – should it be male? Female? Digitized and therefore not-human? In the end, they decided that when God would speak to a character, God would

speak in the voice of that very character. Val Kilmer's voice was used both for Moses and for God. Unfortunately, God only speaks to Moses in the movie, and so the theoretical female voice of God never actualizes.

Perhaps the moviemakers had learned the following Talmudic text:

“Rabbi Shimon ben Pazzi said: ‘From where do we learn that one who translates the Torah is not permitted to raise his voice above that of the Torah reader? Because the Torah says, “Moses spoke and God answered him by a voice. (Ex. 19:19)” The words ‘by a voice’ need not have been inserted. What then does ‘by a voice’ mean? By the voice of Moses. (Berachot 45a)”

I believe that there are deeply important lessons to be learned from this text, for our precious Netivot Shalom family, and for each of us as individuals.

1) God speaks with a familiar Voice. This is the image of a God within, not a God living far above in the Heavens. The High Holidays are replete with theological images of ‘God Above’ and ‘God the Judge’. I often wonder how those images impact each of us – are we inspired to connect to such a God? Does that system ring true? Does it serve to alienate souls hoping for spiritual nourishment? If the High Holidays *Machzor* (prayerbook) is the only religious text many of us enter, are we left alone with those limited images throughout the year?

2) Speaking loudly doesn't help others hear. The text begins with a situation of competing voices, and results in the ruling that “one who translates the Torah is not permitted to raise his voice above that of the Torah reader.” There is a strong trend within the synagogue world for people to feel that “everyone knows more than me.” I've wondered if perhaps this is because those who have learned some Torah talk loudly, with passion. Perhaps too loudly sometimes. Perhaps there are new Jewish learners waiting for their struggles with communal/spiritual entry to be heard.

There is, I believe, a search for spirituality that requires a bit more silence than the voluble level with which we Jews are particularly skilled. Chaim Potok's “the Chosen” and “The Promise” deal extensively with the pain and healing silence can bring, and the distinctly Jewish difficulty with its practice.

I believe that together we can continue to build our Sacred Community of non-competing souls who strive to hear the voice of God in their own voices – and the voices of those around them. Antoine de St. Exupery, in his famous *The*

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INSIGHT FROM OUR NEW RABBI, UPDATE FROM THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE, MINYANIM SCHEDULE, ESSAY BY DR. MICHAEL COOPER, INTRODUCING OUR NEW SBY COORDINATOR, UPDATES FROM SBY, RIMMONIM, MIDRASHA AND ADULT ED, PHOTO ESSAYS FROM SUKKOT IN APRIL, THE RETREAT IN MAY, THE KELMAN TRIBUTE DINNER, AND THAT'S NOT ALL...

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Little Prince, wrote, "What is essential is invisible to the eye; it is only with the heart that one sees truly."

Perhaps Exupery had learned Talmud, where he would have felt quite at home with this quote: "...Blessing does not inhere in anything weighed or anything measured or anything counted, but only in that which is hidden from the eye. (Taanit 8b)" If you can quantify it, it isn't the Source. The space between two others (perhaps one might be 'The Other?') is the starting place for the deepest of blessings.

I believe we can achieve this vision in our special community. Netivot Shalom is a meeting place for so many different kinds of people. Our precious preschool shares a home with many empty-nesters. Our Religious School students are sisters and brothers with our Day School students. Families and individuals of all kinds know they have a rightful place in our community.

We can discover holy things together. But only if we look inward and outward, meeting each other with open ears, eyes, minds, and hearts. Only then is God truly Present among us. May we bring ourselves and each other to that depth of blessing in the year to come.

Shannah Tovah! A sweet, healthy year to us all!

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

Looking for the Next NS Newsletter Editor

If you have an interest in becoming the editor of this first-rate newsletter, please step forward. We are currently looking to fill this role. See ad on bulletin board.

"Meet and Greet" Dates Set by Zip Code

Adam Weisberg, Transition Committee

Who knew committee work could be both fun and rewarding?! No, really. Members of the transition committee have been blessed with the opportunity to help introduce Rabbi Creditor to the congregation in large and small ways. All committee work should be this rewarding. But that's a manifesto waiting to be written and a larger agenda than we have room for here.

What we can tell you about is an upcoming series of opportunities to meet with Rabbi Creditor.

From August to December congregants will be hosting neighborhood meetings in their homes where Rabbi Creditor will get an opportunity to meet Netivot members. The "meet and greets" will take place from 8:00-9:30 p.m. on the following dates/zip codes:

August 16	94702	October 14	94611
August 28	94709	October 23	94705
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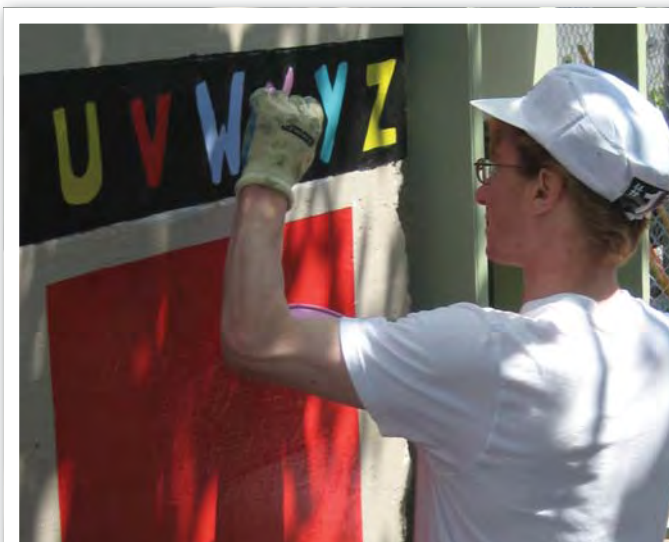
If you would like to participate in one of the conversations, please email transition@netivotshalom.org indicating in the subject line the date you would like to attend and the names of all individuals for whom you are RSVPing. Once we have a list of all attendees for a conversation, we will send out location information. Each meeting will be limited to a total of 14 participants in order to allow for more intimate conversation. And while the number of participants in each conversation will be limited, we will do our very best to ensure that we schedule as many additional meetings as are needed to ensure that every Netivot Shalom member who wants to participate is able to do so.

Regrettably, we will not be able to provide childcare at these events.

In addition to the conversations, we anticipate that over the coming months Netivot Shalom members will be able to:

- "Virtually meet" Rabbi Creditor as information about him is enhanced and expanded on the shul's website
- Celebrate at a formal "installation" of Rabbi Creditor
- Get to know Rabbi Creditor through our community's celebration of Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur.

Finally, thanks to each and every Netivot member who has graciously offered to host the conversations described above. And thanks to everyone else who has already helped in so many ways to welcome the Creditor family to our community.



We All Work Together on Sukkot in April

Photos by David Radwin. Top: group shot. lower left: Linda Fox shovels soil on the new plants on the front of the building.; middle right: Ron Skupsky paints the finishing touches on an alphabet mural.; lower right: working together to stain a bench.

Secretary's Report on Meetings of the Board of Directors

By David Levine

Since the publication of the last newsletter, your Board of Directors has met on April 15, April 29, June 4, July 1 and July 22, 2007. Because of space limitations, this report can only provide highlights from the latter meetings:

June 4:

- After discussion, the Board passed the following resolution: Rabbi Creditor should be invited to give a Drash on Shabbat once per month for the first six months of his rabbinate. He should be scheduled so as not to displace someone already scheduled to present a Drash. This schedule should be reevaluated after six months.
- Dan Siegel joined the meeting to report on Community Building Activities. He reported on the success of the retreat—192 participants, while breaking even and staying close to budget. He booked the same camp for Memorial Day weekend 2009 for the next retreat. The Board thanked Dan for his hard work on the activities, especially the retreat.

July 1:

- Fiscal Year 2007 Budget: David Stein presented the latest figures. Joe Meresman discussed how to close the deficit for the fiscal year, with a combination of board members calling congregation members to pay their outstanding dues and assessments, encouraging board members and others to make early purchases of memorial plaques, and using donations, including a matching donation.
- FY 2008 budget was discussed. A continuing resolution was passed, allowing the expenditure of necessary funds at the FY 2007 levels. One member asked that we note the congregation's affiliation with organizations such as United Synagogue as a topic for future discussion.
- A resolution to authorize the filing of an application to Community Care Licensing for approval to commence a preschool at our synagogue located at 1316 University Avenue Berkeley, CA, was approved. Thirteen families have signed up for preschool, with twelve children per day.
- Andrea Shupack has accepted the offer to head up youth education.
- A resolution to offer the abundant thanks of the board to those who worked so hard on all of the events for Rabbi Kelman's tribute, especially Carol Cunradi, was approved.

July 22:

- Fiscal Year 2007 Budget: Assuming all accounts receivable that are expected to be collected are actually received and booked, the current projected deficit for the fiscal year will be \$9,100.
- Treasurer Toby Gidal also reported on the status of the bridge loan the board approved to be used as secured loans to assist in the sale and purchase of the Creditors' homes in Massachusetts and Berkeley, respectively. All of these loaned funds have been returned to the building fund. The sources of the repaid funds were the sale of the Creditors' Massachusetts home and the funds loaned from congregants to the congregation to assist the Creditors' home purchase.
- Fiscal Year 2008 budget: The Board discussed leaving obligatory dues at FY 2007 levels, but strongly encouraging higher voluntary dues by explaining the need for them in the next statements sent to members.
- A motion was made by Toby Gidal and seconded by Deb Yager to authorize the expenditure of up to \$350,000 through January 1, 2008 for the operation of the synagogue according to the proposed budget and with the dues structure as discussed. The budget needs to be re-evaluated at or before the November board meeting after consultation with the co-chairs of the Capital Campaign Committee.
- President Joe Meresman reported that Marty Myers and Andrea Altschuler have agreed to be two of the co-chairs for Capital Campaign II, with Art Braufman, Mike Irwin, Ann Swidler, and Claudia Valas serving as Co-Chairs Emeriti.
- Secretary David Levine reported that Deb Yager had indicated that, due primarily to responsibilities at work, she could no longer continue to serve as Vice President of Netivot Shalom. Article III, section 6, of the By-Laws provides for filling vacancies on the Board until the next regular election. The Executive Committee proposed that, pursuant to that by-law, the Board fill the vacancy created by Deb Yager's decision by electing Jeff Rosenbloom to be Vice President until the next regular election of the Congregation. This nomination was approved 5-0-0. This decision created a vacancy in an At Large position on the Board, which the Executive Committee proposed be filled by electing Deb Yager to the position until the next regular election. This nomination was approved 5-0-0. The Secretary was to notify the Nominating Committee of the two additional positions to be filled.

Retreat Honors Rabbi Kelman

A good time was had by all at the May 27-29, 2007 Biannual Retreat honoring Rabbi Kelman. Activities included stimulating classes and wonderfully contrasting translations of the torah portion by special guest Amichai Lau-Lavie (New York performance artist) and NS Member Robert Alter (renowned Judaic scholar/author of 17 books); block printing classes; Feldenkrais method movement classes; crystal bowl sound meditation; *tefilah* under the trees and stars; swimming in the Olympic size pool, paddle-boating in the pond, scenic nature hikes; fun and enriching children's programming organized by Sharon Priven; Israeli dancing; campfire singing late into the night; surprisingly good food; and plenty of chances to shmooze and thank Rabbi Kelman. Save the date: we will return to Camp Newman May 22-24, 2009!

Photos by Sue Sheftel, June Safran, Marsha Converse, Ellen Peskin, and David Radwin. Clockwise, from upper left: *davening* in the woods; friends by the pool; the community poses for a group shot; blowing shofarot.



Art Alert

By Sheila Braufman

The entryway to the sanctuary has been beautified by a new piece of art. It is located on the wall to the left of the bookcases. It was specially made for that space by Susan Felix, ceramicist, and Brenda Goldstein, calligrapher. We are grateful to the artists for their generosity in donating it to Netivot, as well as to Blair Prentice, who designed the frame, and Josh Gressel, who made it.

A Day to Remember... June 3, 2007

It was the Dedication of the Donor Dedication Special Ways to Remember panels (final installation still pending); the time capsule, and the plaque (shown in photo below) honoring Blair, Joe and David.



Photo by David Radwin. From left to right: Art Braufman, Blair Prentice, Joe Meresman, David Finn.

Sunday Morning Minyanim Speaker Schedule

By Art Braufman

The Sunday minyanim and speakers program on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month will be continuing throughout the year. These programs have been well attended and the response has been very positive. Start 5768 out by committing to not miss these enlightening opportunities. Shacharit starts at 9:30 AM followed by breakfast and the talk from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Here is the upcoming schedule:

September 9: Rabbi Creditor: “Keeping the Gates Open”. Rabbi Creditor will discuss the upcoming Yamim Noraim and focus in particular on the last service of Yom Kippur, Neilah, when figuratively we view the gates of heaven being closed. His presentation will include some of the special melodies that are chanted during this service, which he will be davening this year.

September 23: Jamie Levin: “Sustainable Transportation: How Public Transport Can Make A Difference”. AC Transit is investing in numerous programs to improve its environmental footprint and to make it more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Jamie, Director of Alternative Fuels Policy and Marketing will discuss programs such as Biodiesel, solar energy hybrid technologies, and hydrogen fuel cells; and their impacts on the global environment. Jamie has been with AC Transit since 1998. He is responsible for developing the District’s alternative fuels programs, including the District’s hydrogen fuel cell program, one of the largest demonstration projects of its type in the world. He holds a Masters of City Planning from UC Berkeley.

October 13: To be announced (check weekly announcements)

October 28: Mary Breiner: “Solid Organ Transplant - A View from the Inside”. From difficult beginnings in the 1960’s to a virtual explosion in the 80’s, organ transplants have become quite common and also a big, costly business. Mary, an Assistant Head Nurse in the Solid Organ Transplant unit of UCSF, will describe where these procedures stand today. She will discuss some of the rate limiting steps; tradeoffs that must be made by the physician, the insurance carrier, and the patient; international approaches to deceased donor donation as a means of overcoming organ shortages; and \$,\$,\$. Mary has worked with liver transplant patients for 20 years. For the last 7 years she has worked in the Kidney/Liver/Pancreas transplant unit. Currently, she trains and educates other staff members.

Building Our Netivot Shalom Community

By Dan and Traci Siegel, Co-Chairs Community Building Committee

The Community Building Committee helps Netivot Shalom members build a stronger connection to each other by providing opportunities to socialize in both large and small groups founded on common interests. The desire of our membership to build community was especially evident at the recent Biennial Retreat, where almost 200 members chose to spend 50 hours together learning, playing, shmoozing and honoring Rabbi Kelman. So what do we have in store for 2007-08? See below, and for more information about any of the activities, give us a call, or email us at community@netivotshalom.org. Also, please let us know if you can assist in any way small or large at any of our activities (“I could bake something for an event,” for example), or if you have an idea for a new program.

Baking Classes: There will be a 3 part series of monthly holiday baking classes taught by Deborah Lewis, open to all members ages 8 and over (children require a parent). Sept 9, Oct 28 and Nov 11. Must register for the series: \$40 each adult, \$20 each child. Class limited to 20 people.

Youth Nights: Kids/Tweens will get together for really fun evenings (like you had at the retreat!), in which parents are not invited. Youth Nights will feature such activities as ping-pong, ga-ga ball, games, a sundae bar, art projects, an outing to Albany Bowl, Circus Arts (with Hannah from the Retreat), Havdalah, karaoke, and much more. The first Youth Night will take place on Saturday evening, November 2 at 6:30 pm.

Mitzvah Milers Cycling Club: Participate in twice monthly intermediate level rides, as well as the Sept 30 Waves to Wine MS Bike Tour event in Sonoma County where you will ride up to 75 scenic miles through the wine country. Last year, 54 of our riders took part in Waves to Wine, raising a total of \$50,000 for research and services for those with MS.

2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival: Last December, hundreds came to peruse the crafts of 40 artists, many from Netivot Shalom, enjoy live music and food, and take a kids art class. We'll do it again on Sunday, December 2, 2007. All proceeds fund community building programs.

Guy's Ping-Pong: The men of Netivot Shalom will continue to gather monthly for good food, conversation and ping-pong (on our 3 tables). Fall dates are on Monday evenings at 7 pm, on Sept 17, Oct 22 and Nov 19.

Jazz-Klez Band: The band jams monthly, playing a mix of jazz and klezmer charts. All instruments are welcome, whether brass, woodwind, string, percussion or voice. Fall dates are on Monday evenings at 7 pm, on Sept 10, Oct 8 and Nov 5.

Jewish Cultural Outings: Besides returning to the Jewish Music Festival in March and the Jewish Film Festival in August, all are invited to attend such events as the December 9 concert in San Francisco by legendary Israeli folk-rock singer Chava Alberstein.

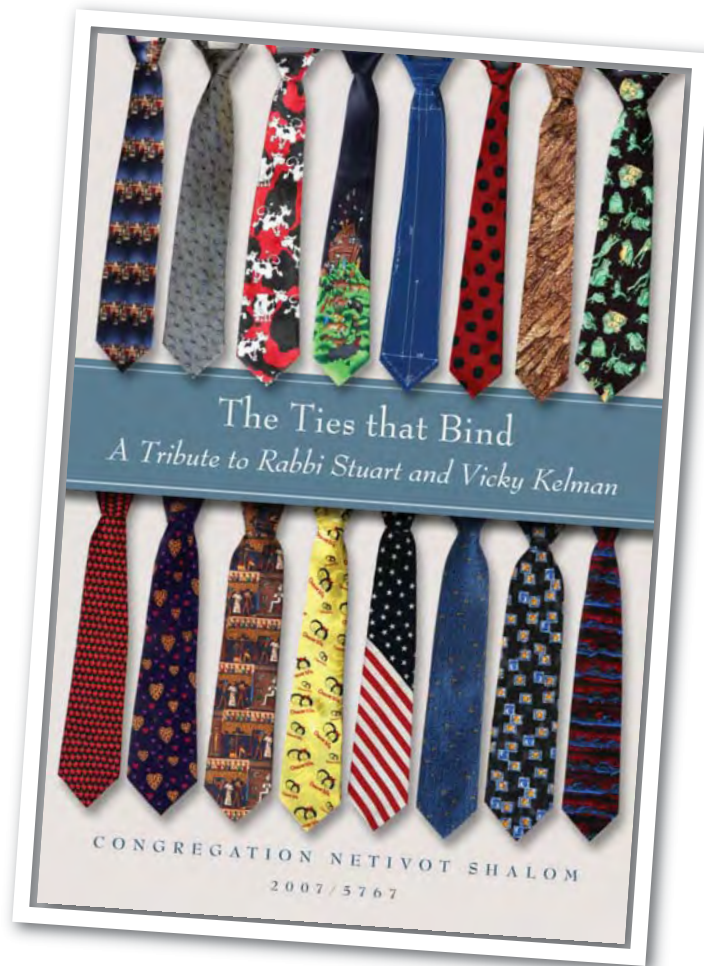
Broadway Singalongs: We'll visit a few retirement communities and nursing homes to sing Broadway showtunes with the residents, with songsheets and instrumental accompaniment. No rehearsals; just show up and sing.

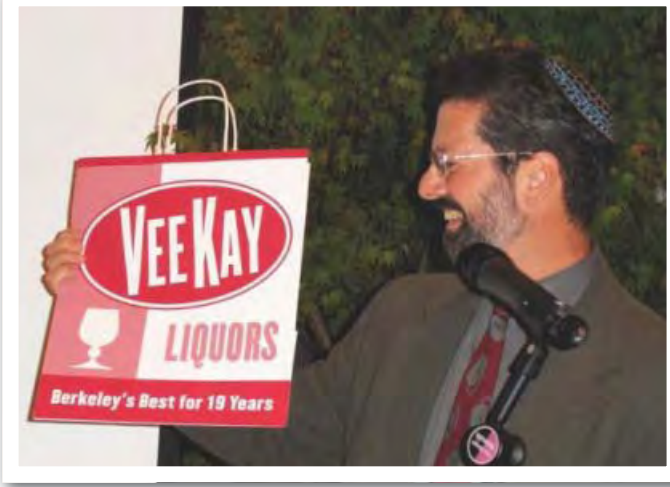
CPR Class: What better way to build community than to save a life! The American Red Cross will come to Netivot Shalom to teach an afternoon CPR class.

Other Programs at NS: Other options for community building groups/activities at Netivot Shalom (that we don't organize) include the Rosh Chodesh Group, the Young Adults Group, the SBY Parents Havurot, the Book Group, the Sunday and Wednesday minyans, synaplex shabbats, the social action committee's many activities, and the weekly kiddish. For more info about these activities, contact the Netivot Shalom office.

So Long, Farewell...

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With Achad Ha'am on the Road to Ramallah

By Dr. Michael Cooper

I stand beneath the archway of the YMCA on King David Street in West Jerusalem, warm in the morning sun, waiting for the taxi to take me to Ramallah. My transportation and lodging have been arranged by the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF), an NGO that coordinates care for a wide range of medical needs of children under occupation.

My expertise is pediatric cardiology. I'm a heart doctor for kids, and for the next four days, Palestinian kids. The PCRF staff told me to expect to see up to thirty children a day. I glance at my watch. It's almost 9 AM. If I'm going to examine that many children, it's time I got started. I look down the street.

No taxi.

I close my eyes and draw a deep breath, tasting the morning air of Jerusalem – air tinged with sunlight, stone, conifer, and dry brown earth, with a hint of the Judean Desert and the Dead Sea. The aroma was part of the fabric of my life here between 1966 and 1977, between the ages of eighteen and twenty-nine. I love that smell, the memory of those years.

I look back down at the street. Still, no taxi. But I do see a slight man, out of place in his dark suit with high starched collar, wandering along the narrow sidewalk bordering the YMCA, his head swiveling from side to side, peering through wire-rimmed glasses. He seems to be searching for something.

I think I know who he is – Asher Ginsberg, early Zionist activist and Hebrew essayist of the late 19th century, who wrote under the pen-name, Achad Ha'am, One of the People. Actually, I'm sure it's him.

I raise my arm, waving at him to join me at the top of the steps.

He turns into the driveway and moves up the cobblestone lane away from the street. But before mounting the first tier of steps, he pauses. I can tell that he's reading the inscription on the tiles below the balustrade – a sentence taken from the dedication address for the YMCA building given by Edmund Allenby on April 18, 1933. I know that Ginsberg's a sucker for the sentiment expressed in the words of the former Field Marshal, "Here is a place whose atmosphere is peace, where political and religious jealousies can be forgotten, and international unity fostered and developed." Sure enough, he takes out a small notepad and copies the inscription. That is so him – always shopping for words and images to use in his next essay. He mounts the steps as he tucks the notepad into his jacket pocket. I can see that he's smiling.

"You're late," I shout over the noise of the traffic on King David Street. "I thought you weren't coming."

"I got lost." He shrugs as he mounts the final stone steps and looks up in disbelief at the YMCA tower. "All this wasn't here before. It was hard for me to find the way. You should have met me at the railway station." He sounds like a new immigrant from Russia with his thickly accented Hebrew. But his vocabulary and construction, though archaic, are flawless.

"When did you arrive?" I ask, knowing that the old railway station hasn't seen a train in ten years, knowing that the tracks are largely hidden beneath weeds and spring flowers, knowing that he's been dead for seventy years.

"8:30. The train was about a half-hour late – goats on the tracks outside Battir." He turns to me and smiles, sunlight glinting off his glasses. "The station looked familiar enough, though, and the old Khan was where I remember it, right across the way – but everything else..." his voice trails off and he shakes his head. "I could barely cross the street by the filling station with all the motorcars. And I see that they've widened Julian Way and renamed it King David Street." He takes in the view with a sweep of his hand. "I passed Jabotinsky Street on my way up the hill. Jabotinsky! I couldn't believe my eyes."

"You all have streets named after you now – all the giants of Zionism – Nordau, Herzl, Weizmann, Pinsker, Ushishkin..."

"All the giants of Zionism!" he smiles and shakes his head. "What about my street? Can I see it?"

"If there's time..." I think that Ginsberg has a street named after him under his *nom de plume*, Achad Ha'am. But, I'm afraid it's just a small lane off the much larger Jabotinsky Street. I don't think he would appreciate the symbolic irony. Better he shouldn't see it. I glance at my watch. It's already 9:10. Finally, the taxi is here.

I hand Ginsberg my computer bag, which also contains my stethoscope, calipers, pens, and colorful stickers for the children. I hoist my suitcase. Together, we go down the steps toward the taxi.

"Dr. Mike?" calls the driver as he steps toward us. "They send me from PCRF to take you to Ramallah." The driver doesn't seem to notice Ginsberg as he takes my suitcase and stows it in the trunk.

I open the rear door, letting Ginsberg enter before me. I follow him in and the cab pulls away.

Ginsberg is still trying to get his bearings, searching for familiarity. "Wasn't this Mamillah Street?" he asks.

"Not anymore," I reply as we pass a road leading off to the right with tall limestone buildings marching toward Jaffa Gate, "like endless Jehovahs," I murmur.

"Endless Jehovahs," he repeats, "nice image."

"It's from another Ginsberg," I reply without explanation. I hate the over-building of Jerusalem. More lines from the other Ginsberg pop into my head, Moloch whose buildings are judgment. Moloch the vast stone of war. Moloch whose

eyes are a thousand blind windows. Moloch whose ear is a smoking tomb...

Asher Ginsberg settles back, takes out his notepad, and scribbles for a few seconds as the cab sweeps up the hill, passing what used to be Barkley's Bank on the left, the Old City wall on the right. Then, turning north, the cab picks up speed on a highway that knifes through East Jerusalem. After a few minutes, I too have no idea where we are.

"So, you're a heart doctor for children?"

I nod.

"Do children have heart problems?"

"They're usually born with them – leaky valves, walls with holes – that sort of thing."

"Do you usually work in Ramallah?" he asks.

"No. This is my first time. I went to medical school in Tel Aviv, but that was thirty years ago. I now live and work in the United States."

The cab passes the Kalandia check-point and doesn't slow down. I'm surprised. Leaning forward, I ask the driver. "Is it always so quick getting through?"

"In this direction, it usually is, but going the other way..." he nods toward the line of cars and trucks waiting to go into Israel from the territories, "they'll be delayed for a few hours."

A gray wall, at least twenty feet high and studded with guard towers comes into view just past the check-point.

"What is that?" asks Ginsberg, pale, his mouth agape.

I try to explain the separation wall; the slow death of the peace process, the growing dislocation and despair, the terror of the suicide bombings. I try to explain how the wall has been promoted as serving, and indeed does serve, one purpose – protection, while also serving another – the creation of discontinuous cantons – ghettos, if you will; cutting Palestinians off from school, family, work, farmland, and healthcare – a slow strangulation in the unspoken pursuit of demographic change.

The taxi bumps along a cratered road next to the wall. Ginsberg isn't writing now, the notepad lays open on his knee as he leans back and closes his eyes. He's sweating heavily. He loosens his black tie, opens his high starched collar, and takes deep breaths. After a minute he opens his eyes and asks, "So that's why you're here – you come to heal the holes in the walls of little hearts."

The metaphor doesn't escape me. I nod. "Healthcare is difficult because of the wall and the other travel restrictions within the West Bank. Without doctors coming in and seeing these children, many would die waiting for care – waiting for permits – waiting at check-points, waiting to be seen."

Ginsberg rubs a hand over his face and fixes me with his eyes. "But this looks like a war zone and you're on the

wrong side of the wall. You're a Jew. Why are you here?"

"Because of you, Asher."

"Me?"

"Your notion of Zionism with justice, with regard for the other – You saw the need for this when you visited Palestine during the First Aliyah. It's in your pamphlet, *The Truth about Palestine*. Don't you remember?"

"Of course I remember," Ginsberg whispers as he looks out the window at the wall. "I remember I wrote that Palestine was not a land without a people. Indeed, the land was populated and richly cultivated. I remember I wrote about what our brothers do here, though they should know better. Though they had been serfs in the lands of the Diaspora, they suddenly find themselves free in Palestine, and instead of showing regard for the stranger, this change awakens in them an inclination to despotism. They treat the Arabs with hostility and cruelty, deprive them of their rights, offend them without cause and even boast of these deeds." The wall outside the cab window continues to flick by, seeming to go on forever.

"But all my writing was for nothing. My words have been forgotten."

"Not at all," I say as the cab comes to a stop next to a three-storey building of dressed stone.

"Here we are," the driver announces.

I look up at a sign, which announces in English and Arabic; "Medical Relief Prevention and Diagnostic Center of Cardiovascular Diseases." This is the place. A pretty woman with a headscarf approaches the taxi.

"Welcome, Dr. Mike. I'm Suhad Samara with the PCRf. This is where you'll be working. The children and their parents are waiting upstairs. Come. I'll settle with the driver. We have many children for you to see today."

I step out of the cab while Suhad pays the driver. I lean down for a final word with Ginsberg. "You haven't been forgotten, Asher, not at all. It's because of you that I'm here."

I push the door closed and Ginsberg smiles, raising his pen in a kind of valediction. As the cab pulls away, I see that he's back to writing in his notepad.

Postscript

Over the next four days I saw about 80 children, from newborns to teenagers, from Ramallah and other parts of the Palestinian Authority. Suhad, as managerial assistant of the PCRf, and Randa, the agency's social worker, set up the clinic and helped with translation and documentation of clinical findings. They also arranged for my transportation and hotel.

The children had a wide range of congenital heart defects; I determined that about two-thirds of the children had defects, which weren't particularly severe and would require only ongoing elective follow-up in the context of subsequent

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Bring a Friend to Netivot Shalom!

By Jeff Rosenbloom

As the new Vice President of the Board, I am very excited by what is going on at Netivot Shalom. There is a palpable buzz surrounding our shul these days and the time is ripe to further open our collective arms to the community that surrounds us. We have a tremendous congregation that could be further enriched by welcoming in others. All of us on the Board want to encourage everyone to reach out with a renewed sense of hospitality and inclusion toward the extended community so that others can discover for themselves the ways in which Netivot Shalom is the very special place that we all cherish.

The most obvious change at Netivot Shalom is our new Rabbi, Menachem Creditor. Rabbi Creditor has jumped in with enthusiasm and great spirit. He has already demonstrated a deep commitment to building community and to nurturing our spiritual as well as emotional growth. And to bringing in new music for our services! Rabbi Creditor would be thrilled to be a part of welcoming any guests or prospective members to our shul. Please find him during Kiddush and introduce him to anyone who is visiting, so that he can be present as a welcoming rabbi when it matters most to a newcomer.

In addition, the re-energized Community Building, Adult Education and Membership Committees are already planning events and programs that will further engage our wide spectrum of members. Our new Pre-School, opening in September, will meld seamlessly into our commitment to educate and engage our next generation. The Shabbat B'Yachad and Rimmonim programs have been nationally recognized and serve children from pre-school to eight years of age. In addition, Rabbi Creditor is committed to bringing a sense of joy, creativity, and enthusiasm to the programs for our post-B'nai Mitzvah kids to keep them actively involved in shul life.

Here are a number of things we can all do to welcome others into our community:

- Please let David Stein or the Board know if you are bringing a guest to Shabbat services or an event so that a Board or Membership Committee representative can greet your guest and make sure that the guest feels welcome and gets to know the NS way (Who ever heard of a prayer "bullpen"?). Our members' enthusiasm and excitement about NS is one of our greatest assets!
- Members of the Board or the Membership Committee will contact any guests who requests additional information about NS and let them know of upcoming events at Netivot Shalom.
- The Membership Committee will be coordinating events for new and prospective members-- more details soon.
- The Board also wants to acknowledge its appreciation to members who bring in guests who join Netivot Shalom. This appreciation will be in the form of \$200 toward:
 - Purim Gala Tickets, or other CNS event,
 - Credit toward a purchase at our December Art Show, or
 - Donation to any CNS program

Again, we are all very excited about the many new faces at Netivot Shalom and look forward to welcoming even more new faces over the coming years.

New Members

Welcome to our newest members:

Cantor Sharon Bernstein,
 Francesco Spagnolo and Ariel
 Abby Friedman, Daniel Schiffrin,
 Aviv and Lior
 Ben Krefetz
 Steve Darrow
 Naomi Teplow
 Neta Erez-Ihmels, Jan Ihmels
 and Noam

Who We Are

There is often a column called "Who We Are" which highlights a member's profile.

If you know a member that you would like to write a profile about, please contact the editor at newsletter@netivotshalom.org. There are so many wonderful and interesting members in this shul, let's learn more about each other.

Achad Ha'am, cont.

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missions. A third of the children, however, had more severe defects and would require catheterization and/or surgical intervention. These children would be processed and directed with the active assistance of Suhad and Randa for care either in East Jerusalem (Maqassad Hospital on the Mount of Olives) or in Israel (Tel Hashomer, Had-dasah, or Wolfson Hospital). A few children seen in clinic, however, had profound cardiac disease with either severe congestive heart failure or cyanosis (blueness). I determined that these children required immediate hospitalization at a cardiac center for evaluation and management. But I was informed that "immediate" would take at least five days – the time required to obtain the necessary papers for the family to leave the Palestinian Authority and travel to East Jerusalem or into Israel. When I expressed my concern over this delay, the PCRf staff assured me that there were no exceptions.

I decided to discuss this with Achad Ha'am the next time I see him. He might be able to help. He knows people. He has streets named after him. He's got connections.



Saying *L'hitra'ot* and Introducing the New Coordinator of Shabbat B'Yachad

By Cathy Shadd

After five plus years as the coordinator of Shabbat B'Yachad (our Shabbat and holiday program for children under kindergarten and their parents) and nine plus years as an SBY parent, I am placing the running of SBY in the vary capable hands of Lara Hornbeck. Lara and her husband John Erlich (the founder of the musical group Zatar) have been coming to SBY, with their son David, for over 2 years. During that time, Lara became a regular presence in SBY, always offering to help, and has gotten to know many new and old members of the SBY community. Lara and John met

at Netivot Shabbat services in 1999 and officially joined Netivot in 2003. A native of Berkeley, Lara and John live within a short walk of the shul. Her years teaching at Gan Shalom Preschool and at Kehillah gave Lara a solid grounding in Jewish preschool education and her personal warmth and cheerful demeanor are a perfect fit for the role of SBY coordinator. Stop by anytime, starting September 1, to welcome Lara to her new position and to share in the joyous spirit of SBY.

The years I spent in SBY have deeply enriched my Jewish life and my experience of Shabbat. In addition I have learned much about Judaism, family, and community. SBY is a wonderful program which owes a huge debt of gratitude to its founder, Iris Greenbaum. I will always remember the warm welcome I received when I entered the SBY room for the first time and met many of the families who make Netivot feel like a second home for me. Thanks to all of you. To all of the families of SBY, I wish you many blessed Shabbat mornings of spirited davening and I hope that the bonds you form with one another will reward and sustain you in the many years to come.

Rimmonim Enters Its Second Year!

By Cathy Shadd

The Rimmonim program, launched last year with a generous grant from the Legacy Heritage Foundation, is entering its second year. While focusing on children in grades K-2 and their parents, Rimmonim aims to be more than a family education program. It is hoped that the Jewish values or *middot* which are the core of Rimmonim and the opportunities Rimmonim provides to reflect on and apply these *middot* will infuse and enlighten the shul community, inspiring us to act in more consciously Jewish ways.

You probably noticed the “*middah* of the month” signs which hung on the glass by the front doors all last school year as reminders to pay attention to the potential impact of the *middot* in our lives. The *middot* last year all had to do with parts of the body and the ways we can use them to infuse our daily lives with Jewish values. In our Shabbat morning sessions, in which anyone is welcome to participate (not just parents and their K-2 grade children), we delved into *shmirat ha-guf*/taking care of our bodies, *ma'akeh*/making “parapets,” *tz'ni'ut*/modesty, *kavod ha-briyot*/honoring all creation, *shmiat ha-ozen*/being a good listener, *shmirat ha-lashon*/careful speech, *emet*/truthfulness, *lev tov*/having a good heart, and *sayver panim yafot*/having a pleasant demeanor. We had some truly elevating moments of insight and sharing last year, both in our “family learning” sessions and in our separate and parallel children and adult learning sessions. A number of congregants joined us over the course of the year to teach and learn with us.

This coming school year, we will be focusing on *middot* which have to do with “the home,” both in the sense of our

families and our communities. The *middot* include: *shalom bayit*/peace in the home, *chesed*/kindness, *dan l'chaf zechut*/giving the benefit of the doubt, *nedivut*/generosity, *kibud av v'aym*/honoring our parents, *dibuk chaverim*/cleaving to friends, *hiddur pnei zaken*/honoring the elderly, *bikkur cholim*/visiting the sick, and *hachnasat orchim*/welcoming the stranger. Notices in the weekly announcement sheets will remind all of you that you are welcome to join us any Rimmonim Shabbat morning for learning. In addition, we will be leading study sessions a number of times over the course of the year at Sunday morning minyanim. And we will be co-sponsoring holiday visits to Chaparral House, the skilled nursing facility in our shul neighborhood where Netivot congregants lead Kabbalat Shabbat services. We will also use grant funds this year to provide training on values-based decision making for the staff and lay leadership of the shul.

There will be many opportunities for all interested congregants to be involved with Rimmonim this year, from reading the “*middah* of the month” blurbs in the weekly announcement sheets, to leading Rimmonim Shabbat study sessions or being a guest presenter, to attending the above mentioned Sunday minyanim, to participating in one of our social action projects. Please contact Rimmonim@netivotshalom.org to learn more or to get involved.

We are very grateful to the Legacy Heritage Foundation for its generous offer to support Rimmonim for an additional three years and we eagerly anticipate another year of learning and growth.



Introducing Lauren Kindorf

By Lauren Kindorf, Preschool Director

Now that I have had a few days to settle in to my job as the new CNS Preschool Director, I would like to take this opportunity to say hello, and to tell you I am thrilled to be joining your wonderful community. I have to tell you that as soon as I left my interview for this job I immediately knew that this was the place for me. I can only explain my feelings as “this is where I need to be.” Your preschool was the “fit” I had been searching for.

As a 10-year veteran participating as both a parent and teacher/director in the parent cooperative preschool setting, hearing about the amazing family support of this program was a definite factor in my accepting this position. In the last week, I have better come to understand the path that you have taken in getting this school to where it is today. I am energized by the perseverance and dedication you have already shown in realizing the vision of creating something beautiful for your children and the families at Netivot

Shalom. I am so looking forward to meeting all of you, and together, continuing down the path to making this school year something all of will be proud of and that our children will enjoy as they gain new friendships and begin to pick up Hebrew words and phrases in their everyday life!

The outpouring of warmth and support I have received from everyone at Netivot has been tremendous. Rabbi Creditor, Denise Moyes-Schnur, and David Stein (each with welcoming smiles), continue to encourage me as I learn the Netivot Way and in so doing have made me feel right at home.

We still have a lot to do before classes begin! More supplies to order, new storage cabinets to purchase, install and paint, and making sure all is in order for our preschool teachers and aides. I know that I will be spending a lot of time with *Nachshonim*: the Preschool Parents Havura over this next year as we provide a wonderful environment for the children and families of Netivot Shalom Preschool to grow and learn together.

I am looking forward to the journey.

Netivot Shalom Preschool

Our Mission

Our mission is to offer a high quality Jewish Early Childhood Educational Program that provides a safe, nurturing and supportive environment for young children. We promote the physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development of young children and a commitment to parent involvement and family education.

Our professional staff encourages exploration and growth in a well-equipped environment that is stimulating, safe, consistent and nurturing. We strive to enhance each child's natural curiosity and love of learning. Our program provides opportunities for each child to master tasks that are appropriate to his or her individual level of development.

Philosophy and Methods

Just as our synagogue is the creation of its members, the Congregation Netivot Shalom Preschool is a creation of our community. Our Preschool program provides the young child with a learning environment rich in Jewish context, with a focus on the Hebrew language. The curriculum emphasizes learning as an interactive process, where children learn through a concrete, play orientated approach. Our philosophy is that children learn through active exploration and interaction with adults, with other children and with the environment around them. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia and emergent curriculum philosophies to education, our approach is to provide children with the opportunity to explore, question, practice and pretend in order to discover the world around them. We see the child as curious, competent, and able to build theories and discover as their teachers support them by observing, documenting and further extending the learning process.

We believe that each child is a unique person who possesses

an individual pattern of timing for their own growth and development. We accept and respect each child's differing levels of ability, development, and learning style, and we design our curriculum to reflect these differing abilities. Our curriculum is relevant, emergent and intertwined with Jewish life and practice.

Program

CNS will accept children from the ages of 2 to 5 years old.

All parents interview with the Director to discuss the program and their own child's special needs.

Our core program operates Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. We offer an extended care program daily from 8:00-9:00 am, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Late afternoon care from 3-5:00 PM, Monday – Thursday, and from 1:00 - 3:00 pm on Fridays.

We have one classroom in our preschool. During our morning program, our class will participate in choices of indoor activities. Healthy snacks will be provided.

Outdoor play provides opportunities for climbing, running, jumping, riding tricycles, playing with sand, water and mud (weather permitting.)

Shabbat is celebrated weekly, and all Jewish holidays are celebrated with the goal of building positive feelings toward Judaism and a rich sense of Jewish community and identity.

Extended Care Program

Space is available for the following time periods: 1:00-3:00, or 1:00- 5:00 pm. Early morning care is 8:00-9:00 am.

Registration Procedures

Registration is open to both members and nonmembers of CNS, with a priority enrollment period for CNS members and currently enrolled families.

Starting the Year with Midrasha

By Diane Bernbaum, Midrasha

Midrasha in Berkeley is gearing up for another great year. The first day of our Sunday classes will be September 9 at 9:30 a.m. and our Thursday classes will begin on October 11 at 4:15 p.m. On Thursday, August 30 there will be an Orientation, aimed primarily for new students and their parents, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. The orientation and Sunday classes meet at Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford Street and the Thursday classes meet at Congregation Beth Israel, 1630 Bancroft Way, both in Berkeley.

So what will be new at Midrasha this year? First, we will have four new teachers, although only one of them is new to the Midrasha program. Ari Kelman graduated from Midrasha in 1989 and was in our very first Etgar and Keshet classes. He is now teaching at UC Davis and doing a lot of research on Jewish 20 and 30-somethings. At Midrasha he will be teaching “Love in the Bible,” “This Jew’s Life” (a podcast take-off of Ira Glass’s radio program) and a class in “Making Jewish Music.” Yeschi Gusfield is another former Midrasha student to return to teach. She is just back from getting a Masters of Art in Teaching from Clark University. She will be teaching Etgar (9th grade core) and a class in “Being Jewish in a Multicultural World: Race, Racism and Anti-racism.” Jen Holzer was staff on the Etgar and Keshet retreats for the past year but is new to teaching at Midrasha in Berkeley. This year she will be teaching Etgar, Keshet Israel (Israel) and conversational Hebrew. Our last new teacher, Kinneret Israel, has just moved to town, fresh from a

Masters degree in Middle Eastern Studies at the Universities of Texas. She will be teaching Etgar and Jewish Foods.

And what about our returning faculty? Devra Aarons (who in addition to teaching for us is also the new director of Midrasha in Contra Costa) will be teaching Gesharim (8th grade core), Keshet Bet (Jewish Experience in America) and “Shmirat HaGuf- Observing the Body”, a class combining yoga and Torah. Rachel Cane (finishing up her PhD in Archeology at CAL while applying to medical school) will be teaching “Hidden Stories in the Bible,” “Jews in the News” and “Behind the Headlines.” Erica Crowell will be teaching a class comparing the films of Schindler’s List and Hotel Rwanda called “Heroes in Spite of Themselves” plus a course on “Jewish Poets.” Yossi Fendel will be looking at “What’s Bothering Rashi?” looking at the book of Numbers, Keshet Bet, and Advanced Conversational Hebrew. Sacha Kopin will be teaching Gesharim, “Music, Media and Being Jewish,” and “Comparative Religions.” Bunny Pearlman, our art teacher, will be having her 10-12th graders do a Biblical mural, and she will offer the 8th and 9th graders a class in silk painting and one called “Jewish Souls/Jewish Soles” where students will decorate shoes and other clothing items to express their Jewish identity. Muni Schweig will teach Talmud on Sundays and Zvi Septimus and David Henkin will continue their amazing Thursday afternoon class where each year they choose another theme (like “sleep,” “writing,” or “sibling relationships” and investigate it in both the Bible and the Talmud.

Any questions, call the Midrasha office, 843-4667.

Adult Ed – Tell Us What YOU Want

By Judy Breakstone, Adult Ed Committee chair

Adult Ed - one of the major emphases in Netivot Shalom since its inception. We had a really spectacular year of interesting, varied and well-attended programs last year. The Adult Ed Committee is now beginning our planning for 5768, and expect it to be even better. Many of the old favorites will be back in similar, or maybe even different, forms: *Selichot* evening study and Yom Kippur afternoon study sessions to begin the year, Torah study, Hebrew learning, author talks, liturgy classes, talks by local and visiting scholars, etc. We also expect to bring in many new things.

That’s one of the ways that you, our community, comes into it. Attendance at events and programs is vital, of course, but your ideas and fresh input are crucial as well. I encourage every one of you to contact the Adult Ed Committee at adulthoodeducation@netivotshalom.org with at least one idea for a program that you’d like to see Netivot Shalom put on. Even more than that, tell us you’d like to help the committee.

Several options exist:

- a) join the committee. Infrequent meetings and the opportunity to play a large role in determining the direction of our all-important Netivot Shalom Adult Ed;
- b) volunteer as a resource to be called on for consultation on program ideas and teachers;
- c) tell us you’d like to teach;
- d) let us know that you’re willing to help in the logistics of putting on an event.

It’s your shul; your Jewish education. Participate, learn, get to know fellow congregants, have fun.

Sponsoring a Kiddush

By Susan David, Kiddush Coordinator

All members are encouraged to sponsor a kiddush. A group of friends or people with common interests or a relationship to Netivot Shalom can get together and share the work and the cost. I will try to arrange matches of those who would like to share in the work with those who prefer to make a financial contribution. Please check the Kiddush Calendar to find an open date and contact me at kiddush@netivotshalom.org.

Over the past few months, we have been honored by the participation of members of the ritual committee and families involved with Shabbat b'Yachad, Rimmonim, Youth Ed, Midrasha, and the parents of recent high school graduates. In addition, the following people have been recent individual sponsors: Carol and Jim Cunradi, Andrew Kahn and Janet Schneider, Peter and Cyndi Berck, Ellen and Chuck Wunderlich, Judy and Glenn Massarano, Liora Brosbe and Danny Isaccson, Joanna Weinberg and David Levine, Claire Sherman and Ed Anisman, Griff Feeney, Alison and Stephen Waterman, Edward and Meridith Gold, Steve and Masae Goldman, Janet Harris and Brad Rudolph, Stephen Tobias and Alice Webber, Dina Beck, Larry Hanover, Leslie Gordon, Phyllis Press, Ehud Isacoff, Ronna Kabatznick, Debby Graudenz, and Aliza Segal. A big thank you to all and my apologies to anyone I may have missed.



Changing a Church Into a Shul: Help needed by your House Committee

By Susan Lawrence

Each year, in order to have High Holiday services at Northbrae Community Church, we need YOU to help move in, replace hymnals with *machzors*, set up chairs, tables and tablecloths, etc. Don't worry if you don't do heavy lifting; there's lots of things to do! It's actually fun when we get a bunch of people together, shmoozing while moving and celebrating when it's done. (And you get many hours in Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services to admire your handiwork!) I'll bring snacks and drinks as bribes.

We need volunteers for the following times:

- Sunday Sept 9th 6-9pm
(start at CNS until 6:30 pm, then at Northbrae)
- Tuesday Sept 11 7-8 pm (at Northbrae)
- Thursday Sept 20 7:30-9 pm (at Northbrae)
- Saturday Sept 22 after Yom Kippur ends
(from Northbrae to CNS)

Shanah tovah-and thanks!

Please contact Susan Lawrence at 510-981-0464 or susanlawrence@gmail.com with your availability.

To Past and Future Greeters

By Marsha Converse, Greeter Coordinator

Many thanks to those who have volunteered this year to greet on Shabbat and those who are scheduled in the future. The second half of the year from now on is wide open. There are Greeter dates to fill from August through the end of the year for both Shabbat and the High Holidays. For those who have considered but have not committed yet, creating an authentic communal spiritual home where everyone feels welcome can be its own evolving reward. I hope you will consider volunteering.

Please contact Marsha Converse, greeter coordinator, by phone 510-658-9745 or email mconverse1@yahoo.com.

Thank you to all those who contributed to these funds, this list reflects donations made in May through July.

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The synagogue gratefully acknowledges the use of designated funds to support our special activities this year. The Simon Fund contributed to the May retreat by supporting our visiting scholar, Amichai Lau-Lavi and his presentation of STorahTelling, story telling for all ages. The Stephanie Davis fund helped to support our Lag B'Omer celebration in Tilden Park. Both events were well attended and successful.

Mazel Tov:

Rabbi and Liz Creditor are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Raya Meital, born July 20th, 5 Av.

Josh and Jenny Kirsch are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Hazel Chanina, born June 5, 20 Sivan.

ASK JCI and R

Q: The New Year 5768 is on the horizon. I would like to better understand the traditions and observances connected with the holidays.

A: The New Year begins with Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot and are exceptional opportunities to celebrate with family and friends. As with all holidays, the Tishrei festivals have many symbols and traditions associated with them. If you want to create your own real shofar (from a ram's horn), we can direct you to the nearest shofar factory. We can explain traditions, including tashlich and ushpizin, the custom of inviting honorary guests to the Sukkah. Please let us know if you want to know more about the Fall Holy Days, from A to Z. Shana tova!

For more information about connecting to Jewish life, call JCIandR at 415/777-4545 or toll free in 877-777-5247 (JCIR), or e-mail to Info@JewishNfo.org

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Visit our websites www.JewishNfo.org and www.jholidays.org

The Rosh Chodesh Group



The first meeting of the Rosh Chodesh Group in the new year, 5768, is Monday evening, October 15, Cheshvan 3. In October, Rosh Chodesh falls on a weekend, and we will meet on Monday evening, November 12, to welcome Kislev.

Programs will be described in the weekly Netivot Shalom bulletins and emails. Women of the congregation are welcome to the meetings which are held in members' homes.

For additional information contact Toby Gidal at roshchodesh@netivotshalom.org.

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- Support groups for families
- Services for LGBT seniors
- Adoption questions
- Parents of LGBT Jews “PFLAG”
- Scholarship fund for children of LGBT parents
- LGBT organizations and projects in Israel
- Volunteer leadership
- Education and Training
- Complementary DVD: Out of the closet and into the Streets of Tel Aviv, a look at freedom and acceptance in the Middle East

For information about connecting with LGBT Jews and connecting to Jewish life, call JCIR at 415/777-4545 or toll free in the San Francisco area 877-777-5257 (JCIR), or e-mail to Info@JewishNfo.org Jewish Community Information and Referral is a free, confidential service of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma counties. Visit us at www.JewishNfo.org



Sunday, September 9, 2007 • 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Joaquin Miller Park, Oakland
 Pack a lunch and join over 1,000 Jewish friends and family for a day of free music, beer, ice cream and children's entertainment. Come learn about our Jewish agencies and meet new friends.
Please bring a children's book to donate to Jewish Family and Children's Services.

Peace and Israel's Security Needs

A PROGRAM FEATURING
YOSSI ALPHER

Yossi Alpher, a leading Israeli peace activist, will speak at Congregation Netivot Shalom (1316 University Ave., Berkeley) on Sunday, October 14, at 7 p.m. in a program sponsored by Bridges to Israel-Berkeley. He will address Peace and Israel's Security Needs.



Even as much of the Western world struggles to find ways to achieve an enduring peace in the Middle East, the killing and chaos continue to surround Israel's borders. In Lebanon, a well-armed, well-financed Hizbollah acts as a proxy for Iran and is sworn to destroy the Israeli state. Ahmadinejad, Iran's president threatens nuclear annihilation of Israel. Gaza is a cauldron of inter-cine fighting between an ineffective Fatah and a militant Hamas, an organization also dedicated to

Israel's destruction. Europe is growing increasingly hostile toward Israel and to Jews in general with many groups calling for boycotts and resolutions to undo the creation of the Jewish state.

Despite this bleak picture most Israelis want to see a resolution of the conflict between themselves and the Palestinians. In poll after poll the Israeli political center—the so-called “silent majority”—strongly favor a peaceful settlement with their Arab neighbors. They want to see an independent, peaceful Palestinian state alongside a Jewish Israeli one. Alpher has been in the forefront of the efforts to bring this dream to reality.

Yossi Alpher is a renowned analyst of Israel-related strategic and political issues and for more than 20 years has been actively engaged in an ongoing exchange of ideas with influential Palestinian leaders regarding ways to foster a peaceful resolution of the Israel-Palestinian conflict. With Ghassan Khatib, vice-president of Birzeit University, Alpher is co-editor of the bitterlemons family of internet publications. He is the former director of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University and from 1995 to 2000 served as director of the American Jewish Committee's Israel/Middle East Office in Jerusalem

Alpher's talk on October 14 is an opportunity to hear one of Israel's major voices for peace analyze Israel's strategic priorities in relation to the Palestinians, Iran, Iraq and Syria. *Don't miss this event.*

A \$10 admission fee will be requested and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Seymour Kessler at Bridges to Israel (seykessler@gmail.com).

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Originally submitted by Judith Lesser McCullough, resubmitted by Jessica Sterling

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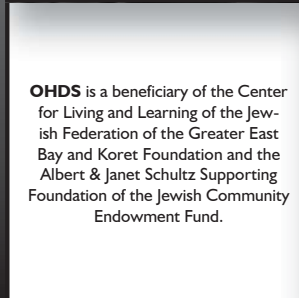
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September 2007

Elul 5767-Tishri 5768

September 1

18 Elul
Lev Facher Bar Mitzvah
9:00 - 10:00 AM: Torah Study
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM:
Rimmonim
Havdalah 8:21 PM - 8:22 PM

September 2

19 Elul

September 3

20 Elul
Labor Day All Day

September 4

21 Elul

September 5

22 Elul
7:15 - 8:30 AM: Minyan

September 6

23 Elul

September 7

24 Elul
Candle lighting 7:12 - 7:30 PM

September 8

25 Elul
Avi Kertesz Bar Mitzvah
9:00 - 10:00 AM: Torah Study
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM: SBY
Havdalah 8:11 - 8:12 PM
9:00 - 11:55 PM: S'lichot

September 9

26 Elul
9:30 - 10:30 AM: Minyan
10:00 - 11:00 AM: Kever Avot
(Memorial Service)
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM:
Rimmonim Kickoff!
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM:
Picnic Fest EB-JCF
7:00 - 9:00 PM: Ritual
Committee Meeting

September 10

27 Elul
7:00 - 9:00 PM: Jazz-Klez Band
7:30 - 9:30 PM: Rabbi
neighborhood conversation
- Berkeley Hills

September 11

28 Elul

September 12

29 Elul
Rosh HaShanah
All Day: Office Closed
7:15 - 8:30 AM: Minyan
Candle lighting 7:05 - 7:23 pm
7:30 - 9:30 PM: Erev Rosh
Hashanah

September 13

1 Tishri
Rosh Hashanah, Day 1
All Day: Office Closed

September 14

2 Tishri
Rosh Hashana Day 2
All Day: Office Closed
7:00 - 10:30 PM: 2nd Friday
Minyan Sponsored by YA
Candle lighting 7:02 - 7:20 PM

September 15

3 Tishri
9:00 - 10:00 AM: Torah Study
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM:
Rimmonim
Havdalah 8:00 - 8:01 PM

September 16

4 Tishri
1:00 - 3:00 PM: Holiday
Baking Class, Part 1 of 3
8:00 - 9:30 PM: Rabbi
neighborhood conversation

September 17

5 Tishri
7:00 - 9:00 PM: Guys
Ping-Pong and Dinner

September 18

6 Tishri

September 19

7 Tishri
7:15 - 8:30 AM: Minyan

September 20

8 Tishri

September 21

9 Tishri
6:20 - 10:00 PM: Kol Nidre,
two locations
Candle lighting 6:51 - 7:09 PM

September 22

10 Tishri
9:00 - 10:00 AM: Torah Study
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM:
Yom Kippur
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: SBY
Havdalah 7:49 - 7:50 PM

September 23

11 Tishri
9:30 - 10:30 AM: Minyan
7:30 - 9:30 PM: Rabbi
neighborhood conversation

September 24

12 Tishri

September 25

13 Tishri

September 26

14 Tishri
7:15 - 8:30 AM: Minyan
Candle lighting 6:43 - 7:01 PM

September 27

15 Tishri
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Sukkot 1

September 28

16 Tishri
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Sukkot 2
Candle lighting 6:40 - 6:58 PM

September 29

17 Tishri
9:00 - 10:00 AM: Torah Study
Havdalah 7:38 - 7:39 PM

September 30

18 Tishri
7:30 - 9:30 PM: Rabbi
neighborhood conversation -
near the North Berkeley BART

Nancy Facher and Glenn Wolkenfeld

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September 1, 2007

18 Elul 5767

Parashat Ki Tavo

when their son, **Lev Facher**, will be called
to the Torah as a bar mitzvah



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www.netivotshalom.org to find an
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invite you to share in their *simchah* on

September 8, 2007

25 Elul 5767

Parashat Nitzavim/Vayeilekh

when their son, **Avi Kertesz**, will be called
to the Torah as a bar mitzvah

*Yamim Noraim
directly following
these calendar pages*



October 2007**Tishri-Heshvan 5768****October 1**

19 Tishri

October 2

20 Tishri

October 3

21 Tishri

7:15 - 8:30 AM: Minyan

Candle lighting 6:32 - 6:50 PM

October 4

22 Tishri

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Shimini

Atzeret and Yizkor

7:30 - 11:00 PM: Simchat Torah

October 5

23 Tishri

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM:

Simchat Torah

Candle lighting 6:29 - 6:47 PM

October 6

24 Tishri

Yael Platt Bar Mitzvah

9:00 - 10:00 AM: Torah Study

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM:

Rimmonim

Havdalah 7:28 - 7:29 PM

October 7

25 Tishri

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Ritual

Committee Meeting

October 8

26 Tishri

Columbus Day

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Jazz Klez-Band

October 9

27 Tishri

October 10

28 Tishri

7:15 - 8:30 AM: Minyan

October 11

29 Tishri

October 12

30 Tishri

Candle lighting 6:19 - 6:37 PM

7:00 - 10:30 PM: 2nd Friday

Minyan Sponsored by YA

October 13

1 Heshvan

9:00 - 10:00 AM: Torah Study

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM: SBY

Havdalah 7:17 - 7:18 PM

October 14

2 Heshvan

9:30 - 10:30 AM: Minyan

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: SBY

Kickoff!

7:00 PM: Bridges: Alpher lecture

(see ad on page 21)

7:30 - 9:30 PM: Rabbi

neighborhood conversation

October 15

3 Heshvan

October 16

4 Heshvan

October 17

5 Heshvan

7:15 - 8:30 AM: Minyan

October 18

6 Heshvan

October 19

7 Heshvan

Candle lighting 6:09 - 6:27 PM

October 20

8 Heshvan

9:00 - 10:00 AM: Torah Study

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM:

Rimmonim

Havdalah 7:08 - 7:09 PM

October 21

9 Heshvan

October 22

10 Heshvan

7:00 - 9:00 PM: Guys

Ping-Pong and Dinner

October 23

11 Heshvan

7:30 - 9:30 PM: Rabbi

neighborhood conversation

October 24

12 Heshvan

7:15 - 8:30 AM: Minyan

October 25

13 Heshvan

October 26

14 Heshvan

Candle lighting 6:00 - 6:18 PM

October 27

15 Heshvan

9:00 - 10:00 AM: Torah Study

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: SBY

Havdalah 6:59 - 7:00 PM

October 28

16 Heshvan

10:30 - 11:30 AM: Minyan

1:00 - 3:00 PM: Holiday Baking

Class, Part 2 of 3

October 29

17 Heshvan

7:30 - 9:30 PM: Rabbi

neighborhood conversation

October 30

18 Heshvan

October 31

19 Heshvan

8:15 - 9:30 AM: Minyan

Dear Netivot Shalom Members,

In honor and recognition of **November** being **National Adoption Awareness Month**, Netivot Shalom is designating the **Shabbat of November 17**, as our own **Adoption Awareness and Celebration Shabbat**.

Anyone who has been touched by adoption, including birth parents, grandparents/other relatives, and adult adoptees, as well as the parent-child combination, are invited and encouraged to participate in the service in all ways. If you would like to receive an honor, participate in the service, or even briefly share your story and connection to adoption, please contact Deborah Stachel and Rabbi Daniel Kohn who are helping to organize this Shabbat. Rabbi Kohn will also be giving a special drash that Shabbat focusing on the theme of adoption as it relates to the weekly Torah portion. It would be especially appreciated if you could also help sponsor the Kiddush that Shabbat as well. Please email us at AdoptionShabbat@netivotshalom.org.

To calendar an event or rent space in our shul, please contact the office to inquire about availability — before announcing the date and time of the event. Space is available on a first-come basis. Don't be disappointed! Contact office@netivotshalom.org.

HOLIDAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LOCATION
S'lichot	Sat, Sept. 8th	9:00 PM 11:30 PM	Ma'ariv/Havdalah & Study Sessions Selichot	Netivot Shalom 1316 University Berkeley
Kever Avot (Memorial Service)	Sun, Sept. 9th	10:00 AM	Memorial Service at Tel Shalom	Rolling Hills Cemetery 4100 Hilltop Dr. El Sobrante
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wed, Sept. 12th	7:30 PM	Ma'ariv	Northbrae Community Church 941 The Alameda Berkeley
Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Thur, Sept. 13th	9:00 AM 9:30 10:45 11:45 12:15 PM 6:30	Pseukei d'Zimra Shacharit Torah Service Drash Musaf & Torah Study Mincha / Ma'ariv	Northbrae
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Fri, Sept. 14th	9:00 AM 9:30 10:45 11:45 12:15 PM 5:00 PM	Pseukei d'Zimra Shacharit Torah Service Drash Musaf Tashlich	Northbrae Live Oak Park
Shabbat Shuvah	Sat, Sept. 15th	9:30 AM	Shacharit, Torah service, Musaf Parashat: Ha'Azinu	Netivot Shalom
Kol Nidre	Fri, Sept. 21st	6:20 PM	Kol Nidre	Northbrae
Two Locations		6:20 PM 6:20 PM	Sephardic Kol Nidre Family Kol Nidre	Netivot Shalom
Yom Kippur	Sat, Sept. 22nd	9:00 AM 9:30 10:45 12:00 PM 12:30 1:00 1:00 3:30 4:30 6:00 7:15	Pseukei d'Zimra Shacharit Torah Service Drash Yizkor Musaf, Avodah, Martyrology Tefillah Study Study Sessions Mincha Ne'ilah Ma'ariv, Havdalah, & Break-the-Fast	Northbrae
Sukkot I	Thur, Sept. 27th	9:30 AM	Sukkot Services (Hallel & Hoshanot)	Netivot Shalom
Sukkot II	Fri, Sept. 28th	9:30 AM	Services (Hallel & Hoshanot)	Netivot Shalom
Shmini Atzeret	Thur, Oct. 4th	9:30 AM	Shmini Atzeret & Yizkor Services	Netivot Shalom
Erev Simchat Torah	Thur, Oct. 4th	7:30 PM	Ma'ariv, Simchat Torah, & Hakafot	Netivot Shalom
Simchat Torah	Fri, Oct. 5th	9:30 AM	Shacharit, Simchat Torah & Hakafot	Netivot Shalom

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT OUR SHUL, 1316 UNIVERSITY AVE, BERKELEY.

SHUL ACTIVITIES

YOUTH EDUCATION

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

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

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service for all ages (especially 3–9 year olds), with singing, a Torah story and the minimum halakhic service. 4th Friday each month, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. service.

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 Wednesday, 3:30–6:30 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 8th–12th grade students with the skills and knowledge they will need as committed Jewish adults.

Rimmonim, a new program for families with children in grades kindergarten to 2nd. It meets on the 1st and 3rd Shabbat and one Sunday of each month. Contact Cathy Shadd at rimmonim@netivotshalom.org for more information.

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 article, page 6, newsletter calendar, and weekly announcements.

WEDNESDAY

Morning Minyan

7:15 a.m.

SHABBAT

Various shabbatot after services; check the newsletter calendar, congregational announcements, or the weekly “green sheet” for special programs and classes.

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS

Sponsor a Kiddush: Calendar Online

Go to www.netivotshalom.org and, from the side menu, select “Sponsor a Kiddush.” There you will find a link to our calendar, along with some of our suggestions for making a *kiddush*, and the latest version of our *kashrut* policy.

The Morning Minyan Needs You

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

SHABBAT SERVICES and 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.

Torah Study: discussion of the weekly *parashah* Shabbat, 9:00–10:00 a.m.; no charge

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 and 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 are available in the lobby. 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.

Yahrzeits

Zichronam l'verakhah —
May their memories be blessed

Lena Gobler (Leba bat Binyamin v' Sarah)	August 1	Av 17
Janet Joel (Chanah bat Israel v' Peshel)	August 3	Av 19
Jim McCram (Jonathan ben Avraham v' Sarah)		
Sarah Ruby (Sarah Gittel bat Yosef Zelig v' Chayah Fruma)	August 5	Av 21
Shirley Krietzen Bradus (Sarah bat Sholom v' Fayge)	August 6	Av 22
Abraham B. Rosenblum (Avraham Dov ben Yehudah Aryeh v' Bracha)		
Martin Zlotnick (Moshe ben David)	August 8	Av 24
Myer Israel Shandling (Mayer Yisroel)	August 10	Av 26
Yetta Edelstone	August 14	Av 30
Diane Lipton (Dina bat Rachel)		
Diane Lipton		
Robert Wachs		
Eli Block (Hillel)	August 15	Elul 1
Ethel "Billie" Silverstein (Yetta/Hadassah)		
Jarrett Wall		
Rita Lent (Rachael)	August 16	Elul 2
Minna Kabatznick	August 17	Elul 3
Gustave Adam Efroymsen (Gershon ben Reuven)	August 18	Elul 4
Al Perlmutter (Abah ben Asher Zelig)		
Mark De Lemos	August 20	Elul 6
Ruth Levine		
Sophie Slavin	August 21	Elul 7
Patty Beth Kelman Mintz (Penina Breina Chaya)	August 23	Elul 9
Haim Reingold (Haim)		
Norman Wezelman	August 24	Elul 10
Daniel Bloom	August 25	Elul 11
Lena Franc	August 26	Elul 12
Julie Carol Andelman (Yehudit bat Zegi v' Yael)	September 1	Elul 18
Avraham Braverman (Avraham ben Zelig v' Rachel)	September 2	Elul 19
Lawrence Manuel Dorfman (Eliezer Mendel)	September 3	Elul 20
Frank Jacobvitz (Efraim ben Akiva haLevi)		
Myer Kagan (Mayer)		
Bobbie Cahn	September 4	Elul 21
Sylvia Brenner (Simcha bat Avraham v' Hannah)	September 6	Elul 23
Rabbi Stephen Neil Levinson	September 8	Elul 25
Martin Spilky		
Esther Berger	September 9	Elul 26

We Extend Our Condolences to:

Michelle Wolfson on the death of her aunt, Maxine Miller, ז"ל

Tracy Ross on the death of her father, and Betsy Cottle Ross on the death of her father-in-law, Eliot August Ross, ז"ל

Michael Cooper on the death of his father, and Theresa

Cooper on the death of her father-in-law, Emanuel "Jay" Cooper, ז"ל

Hannah Aaron	September 12	Elul 29
Florence Harriet Andelman (Fegi Hensha bat Avraham v' Rose)		
Jacob Lawrence Cohen	September 13	Tishrei 1
Sam David (Shmuel)		
Philip Jaeger (Fifel ben klara)		
Morris Becker	September 14	Tishrei 2
Max Blachman		
Fannie Stein		
Adel Mayer Hornstein (Adel bat Mordechai v' Bertha)	September 16	Tishrei 4
Dora Goldschmidt	September 17	Tishrei 5
Meyer Kaplan (Meir ben Lev)		
Sonia Kitsis (Sarai bat Yehoshua v' Chana Leah)		
Samuel Satz (Shalom)		
Bernice Trow		
Rebecca Graudenz	September 18	Tishrei 6
Lottie Gidal (Rochel Leah bat Judah)	September 19	Tishrei 7
Norman Kabatznick		
Benjamin Solomon Klatt		
Bernice Epstein (Bracha)	September 20	Tishrei 8
Bertha Rosenstein (Perle bat David)	September 22	Tishrei 10
Egon Breiner	September 23	Tishrei 11
Rebecca Joy Feiler (Rivka Simcha bat Devora v' Michael)		
Irving Wolkenfeld		
Al Anisman (Avram Mordechai ben Yehudah ha Levi)	September 24	Tishrei 12
Pauline Hirsch Lang (Pesel bat Avram Lazer ha Levi v' Shayndle)		
Faye Ellen Hanfling (Tsipora)	September 25	Tishrei 13
Samuel Graudenz (Harav Shmuel Yitzchak ben Tzvi u' Mahla)	September 26	Tishrei 14
David Matthews		
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Samuel Lent (Shmuel)	September 27	Tishrei 15
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