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ASPAKLARIA: THE LOOKING GLASS

Innovation Begins With a Table

By Rabbi Menachem Creditor



It all began with a table. When a table was broken at Northbrae Community Church during our Yamim Nora'im celebrations, an important conversation began. It wasn't the unstructured time that jolted Communal attention. The disregard for another's property certainly warrants a response, and I pray that we all consider any other spiritual home

as worthy and precious as our own. But there is a cusp we, as a flourishing, dynamic shul, have reached. And a broken table brought it into sharper relief.

Our response could have been a conversation of assigning blame, but it wasn't. One committee could have reacted to the specific event, limiting the scope of response to three days a year and a piece of furniture. Instead, this broken table spurred a shared revisioning of the formal and informal experiences we believe we, as a shul, must cultivate. The Ritual Committee responded to a need as articulated by the House Committee, and convened a networked conversation, including the Youth Education committee, board representatives, our ritual coordinator, and others who help implement the spiritual aspirations of our community, to ask the following questions:

- What do we dream someone who visits Netivot Shalom feels?
- How do Netivot Shalom members—of all stripes—connect to community?
- How do we teach Jewish responsibility?
- What behaviors emanate from the learning we do at every age?
- How do committees learn together?
- Where are the teenagers in our shul?
- How can we invite wider representation and creativity into our shul's ritual life?

- And perhaps, most importantly, where is the address for this global educational visioning?

We read in the Talmud: “*One that repeated his chapter a hundred times is not to be compared with one who repeated it a hundred and one times.* (TB Chagiga 9b)”.

We've had some of these conversations before. We have, during the history of Netivot Shalom, considered Adult Education, considered Youth Education, dreamed of a PreSchool, convened the Mature Meyvens, networked with Midrasha, and developed Rimmonim and Shabbat B'Yachad. Similarly, the 'chapter' within our Talmud text has been examined and re-examined. How might any possibility for change manage to survive an already arduous review? As Emmanuel Levinas z"l taught, “*the totality of the true is constituted from the contribution of multiple people.*” It is precisely within the practice of collective innovation that new traditional meanings emerge. Judaism is an innovative system whose form has consistently retained fertility in the face of doubtful landscapes and multiple incarnations.

It is time now to consider the whole of Netivot Shalom's programs as an expression of a holistic Jewish identity. Each facet of our educational program is a facet of a larger whole.

To this end, we are planning a series entitled “**Lishmoa: Sharing the Vision**” based on the rabbi neighborhood gatherings, to be designed as meeting places for certain constituencies (seniors, teens, parents of young children, day school parents, etc.) to share their dreams for learning at Netivot Shalom. (The first informal meeting, inspired by Cathy Shadd and convened by Andrea Shupack, was held on Oct. 16th as a first conversation about Shabbat mornings for grades 3-6, which expressed many parents' convictions that the power of Jewish social capital, the joy of unstructured Jewish time, should be valued as a component of our Shabbat program as well.)

Just as the parachute predated powered flight, the contemporary limitation of possibilities is largely determined by the developmental stage and spiritual readiness we choose to acquire. While Jewish communities often say that we've “reinvented ourselves” it is perhaps more exact to point to how we've turned ourselves and our tradition

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over and over again in an effort to remain true to both inherited tradition and holy growth. Something both new and familiar is empowered to emerge when we accomplish this integration successfully.

The *Lishmoa* meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows: Dec. 11, Dec. 13, Jan. 3, and Jan. 15. These gatherings are designed as a listening campaign to be timed with a national search for a new education professional whose role is partially designed by the collective vision of the gatherings. Stay tuned to share your dreams! ✨

Rabbi Transition Committee Report

By Josh Gressel

Remember all the Y2K hullaballo just before 2000? There was fear planes would fall from the sky and the earth was going to stop turning when computers, which did not have four digits in their internal dates, would think the year was 1900 instead of 2000. Similarly, we at Netivot had a lot of anxiety around losing our founding rabbi and adjusting to a new one.

The Rabbi Transition Committee is pleased to report that we have been largely unemployed. We have been overjoyed by how thoughtfully our community has reached out to welcome Rabbi Creditor and by how smoothly the transition has gone. We believe credit for this goes to Rabbi Kelman, who graciously paved the way for Rabbi Creditor; to synagogue leadership, including Joe Meresman and the entire Board, who have worked closely with Rabbi Creditor to help in his transition into his role; to congregants, who have opened their hearts to Rabbi Creditor and his family. Most of the credit, however, goes to Rabbi Creditor, who has brought to our community passion and compassion, humor and wisdom, and a combination of *menschlichkeit* and tireless commitment that has been inspiring.

The Rabbi Transition Committee will continue to facilitate the neighborhood getting-to-know-you meetings through the spring and is planning an installation ceremony for sometime in early 2008. *Yashar koach* to everyone. ✨

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Ritual Committee Activity

Glenn Massarano

First off, I want to say *chazaq uvarukh/yiasher cochakhem* to all who helped make *Yamim Nora'im* possible, from *davenners* to *Torah* readers, *darshanim* and *gabbaiim* to everyone that helped with setup and logistics. A special thank you to: Ruth Weisberg and David Stein who coordinated *Yamim Nora'im* this year; Lee Feinstein, who organized the *davenners*; and Eric Seder who found the *darshanim*. The *Torah/Haftarah* readers and *gabbaiim* were scheduled by myself.

The job of these last three people is a big one that I want to take a moment to describe. (I don't want to diminish other tasks — especially that of coordinating all of the services. But, for the moment, I want to focus on these tasks.) Basically, it means finding volunteers to do these activities. Sometimes, new people step forward, sometimes we depend on people who have participated in the past, and sometimes we recruit people. This process spans many months. Often, it's only after we have gathered names that we start to put people into slots. In our community, we are blessed both by numbers and by talent. We have multiple services to staff, but we also have many qualified people. So from these lists, we match people with slots. While this may seem easy enough, it's usually a non-trivial task. We make calls and send e-mails to assure people are available. We work to maintain a good mix of gender, age, viewpoints, and styles. We balance participation over several years. We talk with each other, the Rabbi, the Ritual Committee, and other people to help make our decisions. Often, it is a learning experience. We do this job out of love of our community and, I think, with a measure of humility and awe.

Another set of thanks that I need to express is to Milt Greenstein, Burt Dornier, and Lee Feinstein for constructing (and deconstructing!) our beautiful *Sukkah*.

As for committee discussions in the past few months, one item of interest is how we, as a committee, could best help in the transition to Rabbi Creditor as Rabbi of Netivot Shalom. One suggestion was that we ask Rabbi Creditor to give an extra *derashah* this *Yamim Nora'im* (in addition to the traditional *Kol Nidrei derashah* that the Rabbi gives in both the Main Sanctuary and Haver Hall) which we did implement. We also voted to ask Rabbi Creditor to give the Shabbath *derashah* about once a month for his first year here. The Ritual Committee, in consultation with the Board and the Rabbi Search/Transition Committee, thought that this would be a great way to allow the congregation to get to know Rabbi Creditor by giving him additional opportunities to share his thinking. We (including Rabbi Creditor) wanted to be very sensitive to the participatory nature of our congregation and so tried to balance this desire while still maintaining an important characteristic of our community.

If you have any thoughts on any of these items, or any other ritual committee activities, please feel free to contact me. ✨

Mitzvah Milers Raise \$43K!

By Dan Siegel

Led by team captain Dan Siegel, 21 Netivot Shalom members did great cycling and fundraising as part of the 54-person Mitzvah Milers cycling team at the Waves to Wine MS Bike Tour on September 30, making a difference in the fight against multiple sclerosis. The team was the fourth largest of 100 teams. In fundraising, it came in fifth place, raising \$43,000 from over 600 donations. This brings the team's total since 2004 to \$125,000! Dan and the team thank everyone who donated. The event raised over \$1 million for the first time ever, with a record 1500 cyclists.

Netivot Shalom's riders included Noah Alper, Joel Bashevkin, Jeff Burack, Marsha Converse, Teri and Michael Cooper,

Charlene Stern and Michael Irwin, Lisa and Howard Miller, Chalyn and David Newman, Joshua Polston, Sharon Priven, Ivan Rothman, Janet Schneider, Traci and Dan Siegel, Jonathan Stern, Chuck Wunderlich and Elad Ziv. Judith Lesser McCullough and Michael McCullough also volunteered at the event.

The 75-mile route over Sonoma County's rolling hills began at sunrise near Rohnert Park and traveled through ranches, apple orchards, hilly farmland for about 50 miles, then seemingly endless acres of vineyards for the last 25. The team celebrated its finish at Lake Sonoma in a *sukkah* decorated by the children of team members.

The Mitzvah Milers will continue with regular recreation rides, and take part at the Foothill Century ("The Only Kosher Ride in the West") in May. For more info and to get on the team email list, go to the team's website at www.mitzvahmilers.com Next year's "Waves to Wine MS Bike Tour" will be on September 15.

See you there? *



Team Captain Dan Siegel at the finish with his children Rachel and Sam and niece Evelyn



Allen Gellman, Joel Bashevkin & Jeff Burack celebrate finishing the ride



Team before the Sunday start.

Shalom v'Shalom!

We rely on volunteer congregants to provide the oversight and conduct our Congregational business for our membership. Congregants who take on the roles of Board member or Committee chair are particularly helpful and appreciated in this regard.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire congregation, I want to thank our outgoing board members and committee chairs for their efforts on behalf of Netivot Shalom. All of you have devoted much time and energy ensuring we continue to offer the best programs and services we can.

Joe Meresman, President

Outgoing Board Members and Officers

Toby Gidal, Treasurer (for two years!) and Board member
David Levine, Secretary and Board member
Michael McCullough, Budget Chair and Board member
Deb Yager, Vice President and Board member

Outgoing Committee Chairs

Andrea Altschuler, Arrangements
Marcia Brooks, Administration
Lisa Fink, Fundraising
Josh Kirsch, Public Relations
Howie Miller, Membership
Jonathan Stern, Social Action
Peter Strauss, Bikur Cholim
Susan Lawrence, House *

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 September 9 and October 7, 2007. Highlights from these meetings are:

September 9:

- Membership Report: Chalyn Newman reported on the committee's efforts to contact and reach out to potential and actual new members, as well as to improve retention of members. Jeff Rosenbloom reported on discussion of marketing ideas. The board engaged in further discussion of ideas to enhance connections with new members and visitors.
- President's Report: Joe Meresman highlighted special committees he will be appointing, including for financial planning and for the capital campaign.
- Secretary's Report: David Levine presented proposed changes in the by laws for the board to recommend to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. The changes provide for a Second Vice President, recognizing the ex officio status of the Executive Director and Rabbi with the board, and allowing for electronic notification to the congregation. After discussion, the proposed changes were approved for presentation to the Congregation.
- Treasurer's report: Toby Gidal presented the latest figures for revenue coming in for FY 2008.
- Rabbi's Report: Rabbi Creditor discussed trying to infuse the values of Rimomim more broadly in the shul.

October 7:

- The Board expressed its deep appreciation to David Stein and Ruth Weisberg for their extraordinary efforts to make Yamim Noraim a great success this year.
- Ritual Committee: Glenn Massarano reported that his committee will be reviewing the *Yamim Noraim* services. This led to discussion of the need to improve youth pro-

gramming, especially during services. Both Ritual and Youth Education will be meeting to discuss how to plan in an inclusive way.

The Ritual Committee has decided to invite Rabbi Creditor to continue to do drashot during Shabbat services at the rate of approximately one per month. This will be reevaluated at the end of another six month period.

- November Board and Committee Chair Retreat: Jeff Rosenbloom reported on the plans for Havdalah at the shul on November 17 followed by an all-day meeting at UC Berkeley on November 18. New and continuing board members and chairs as of the annual meeting will be invited to attend. Jeff noted that the theme will be: "Even Free-Range Chickens Need Fences." This is about implementing value-based decision-making.
- Membership Report: Chalyn Newman reported on the committee's efforts to do follow up outreach to potential and actual new members.
- President's Report: Joe Meresman discussed the appointments of Marty Myers and Charlene Stern as co-chairs of the capital campaign. He also noted that the Nominating Committee had completed its work. Third, he noted that licensing of the pre-school has been approved. After discussion, the board unanimously authorized the Executive Director and the Pre-school director to seek expansion of the school's licensed capacity to 20 children. Finally, the President thanked outgoing board members and committee chairs for their work for the shul.
- Treasurer's Report: Toby Gidal presented the latest figures for revenue coming in for FY 2008. There are 297 dues paying membership units, an increase of ten units from last year at this time. Members will be reminded to send in their Yom Kippur appeal pledges.
- Vice-President's report: Jeff Rosenbloom noted that a guide for announcements from the bimah on

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Envisioning the Netivot Shalom Community

By Joe Meresman

On Yom Kippur, I began a conversation with the congregation about our vision for the Netivot Shalom community. This is not a simple question, both because the needs and potential of our community are not simple, and because we can construct a truly shared vision only if we each participate in the conversation. I shared my part of that conversation on Yom Kippur and will do so again here. Netivot Shalom needs each of your voices to be part of the conversation, as well. This is what it means to me for Netivot Shalom to be a participatory congregation. This is what is necessary for us to become everything that we can become.

So, for now, let me tell you my part of our conversation; what I see as our needs as a community, and how I see Netivot Shalom responding to those needs.

Netivot Shalom was founded as a home for participatory, egalitarian, common worship. We do this every Shabbat and holiday. I experience Netivot Shalom's services to be the most meaningful, engaging, and moving worship services that I have ever had the privilege of participating in. This participatory experience gives me the emotional energy to encourage and sustain my commitment to Netivot Shalom and to the wider community.

It is clear that others share this commitment, and so Netivot Shalom has grown into an extended synagogue family that is there for its family members. And this is true whether those needs exist every day or only occasionally—they are important whenever they occur. We want to be here for each other, our fellow members.

In our community no one feels like a stranger. In our Netivot extended family we have cousins of all ages. We have nieces and nephews and grandparents. Of course we are closer to some of our Netivot relatives than we are to others, but we are there for all of them. And they are there for us. We are all family.

Together, we know you count on us to be there for you, so together we have the additional honor and the satisfaction of knowing we are truly needed.

Here's what I see: In my vision, I love our shul because I know that you also love our shul. And you love our shul because you know that I, and every participant in the Netivot Shalom conversation, shares that love for our shul. Our community is a gift that we give to each other and to ourselves. Our shul is a community that our members themselves create, in which the shul is a lens that focuses our humanity.

In this vision, our building is only one of the places that Netivot Shalom lives. Netivot Shalom also lives in our neighborhoods, on the telephone, during Shabbats that we share at each other's homes, during visits to the hospital, and at the mortuary where we tenderly care for our friends who have

died through the incredible love of our Chevrah Kaddisha.

I believe that during the past year we have moved toward bringing this vision to reality.

We have: expanded our programs for young families, presented adult education, celebrated births, *b'nai mitzvah*, and weddings. We have: cared for the sick, honored the dead, and come together for funerals. We influenced United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism to be more inclusive of gays and lesbians. We said goodbye to our founding rabbi and found a new rabbi who shares our commitment to building a participatory, egalitarian vision of Jewish life and practice. We have gardened, painted, cooked, eaten, watched movies, played music, organized and led services, and, of course, prayed together. We have been there for our congregants when they asked for our help and also when they needed our help but could not ask. To accomplish all of this, our members have given generously of their time, leadership, and money.

I want to thank each of you, not for supporting my vision, but for supporting our shared vision through your own actions. On behalf of the Netivot Shalom Board of Directors, thank you for making this a good year for the Netivot Shalom community.

This year we are beginning to learn with our new rabbi, we are working to build a warm welcoming Jewish preschool, we are continuing to expand our programming, and continuing to enrich our definition and our expression of our Netivot Shalom community.

This year we are again asking you to participate in the Netivot Shalom community, and to give of your time, your leadership, and, yes, your money. We need all of this to prepare the foundation for growing our membership while nurturing our cherished intimacy. We need all of this to maintain and expand our programs and achieve financial stability, and to do these things in a Netivot Shalom way.

This year we did not have a talk dedicated to the Yom Kippur appeal, which would have intruded on the Yom Kippur service, by asking congregants to pass pledge cards down the aisles. Instead, we mailed a Yom Kippur appeal pledge card to you and asked that you mail your pledges back to us. A successful Yom Kippur appeal is critical to our financial stability. We cannot continue to do everything we now do without your sustaining financial support. If you have not already done so, please mail in your pledge card today.

As our membership grows, it is all the more important that we continue to feel like an intimate extended synagogue family. Many of you have found ways for your voice to join our conversation by volunteering to serve on our Board or one of our many committees, or to help with a special project. Many of you help to lead services or come to our services, educational programs, or other community activities. It is a good conversation to be a part of. I invite you to find additional ways to participate and, by doing so, to help shape the Netivot Shalom community. *

Sunday Morning Minyanim Speaker Schedule

By Art Braufman

The Sunday *minyanim* and speakers program in November will be on the first and third Sundays and return to the second and fourth Sundays in December. *Shacharit* starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by breakfast and the talk from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming schedule:

November 4: Cathy Shadd: “Shalom Bayit: Where it Starts and Where it Can Lead”. Cathy will introduce texts and share thoughts about the *middah* of *shalom bayit* (peace in the home). Peace in Judaism is not the absence of strife, but rather a wholeness, which we are obligated as God’s partners to create. “*Seek peace, and pursue it.*” (Psalms 34:14). How do we do this? How can Judaism help us in this effort?

Cathy is the Director of our Rimmonim program. This program, supported by a grant from the Legacy Heritage Foundation, was created to increase awareness of the core values (*middot*) of Judaism and the ways they can enrich and inform our lives as Jews. Cathy served as coordinator of our *Shabbat B’Yachad* program for preschool children for the past five years.

November 18: Jonathan Stern: “On the Waterfront—San Francisco’s Evolution from Port City to Destination”. Jonathan, Director of Waterfront Development, manages the development group at the Port of San Francisco, planning the Port’s future and negotiating public/private real estate development agreements on San Francisco’s piers and adjacent waterfront development. He will discuss wrestling with this multi-headed hydra, which entails compliance with a myriad of regulatory stakeholders, balancing revenue producing and public trust uses and developing complex financing to fund public improvements. Jonathan worked at consulting firms for 16 years and was a principal at Bay Area Economics. He has a B.A. in Political Science.

December 9: Carla Cassler: “Homeopathy and Acupuncture”. Details will be in the weekly e-mails.

December 23: Lisa and Sylvia Schwartz: “Home on the Range”. The documentary film “Home on the Range” about the Petaluma Jewish chicken ranchers in the 20th century and their unusual political, religious and occupational background will be shown. Lisa Schwartz and her mother, Sylvia Schwartz, (both grew up on a Petaluma chicken ranch) are featured in the film, and Sylvia is the narrator. They will relate personal inside stories and discuss how the film came to be. The film has been shown during past Jewish Film Festivals and has always been a big hit. It is a treat for us to be able to hear their stories in person. This program will be from 10:30 a.m. - noon. *

DRIVE Through Fall... Spring Into ACTION!

By Sharon Priven

Social Action at Netivot Shalom in the New Year

Join us this Fall as we focus on providing resources and comfort to those in need. Be a DRIVING force for change:

- **Ongoing Food Drive:** Keep up the great work filling the red food bins (Over 130 lbs. donated at High Holidays!). The Alameda County Community Food Bank is low on food and needs our help.
- **WDDC Baby Shower:** Celebrate the birth of Isaac (VAYERA) by donating diapers, pull-ups, baby bottles, sippy cups, or unopened formula to the Women’s Day-time Drop-in Center in Berkeley, which provides supportive services to homeless women and children. Bring supplies to Netivot Shalom October 21-30.
- **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive:** Make a small donation to help the food bank provide turkeys for those who need them. Send checks to Netivot Shalom marked “turkey drive.” Watch for more information!
- **Hanukkah “Adopt-a-Family” Program:** Provide for holiday wishes of new immigrant families. Stay tuned for what to bring when you attend this year’s Netivot Shalom Arts Festival on December 2!
- **Cuba Medicine Collection:** Donate medicines and toiletries for congregants to bring on the February Cuba Trip. Details to come...

Stay tuned for ways to engage in *Tikkun Olam* through local ACTION this Spring (hints: Family Day at the Food Bank, *Sukkot* in April, baby blanket making for Project NightNight, Chaparral House visits, Claremont House services, Blood Drive, and more...).

Volunteer Opportunities Available in our Community:

YEAH! is Berkeley’s only shelter for young adults ages 18-25 that are living on the streets. Together we can create a community, where young people who are homeless will have a safe and warm place to sleep, home cooked dinners and breakfasts, counseling and community so that they can begin to move beyond their current situation.

To make this happen, we need volunteers to commit to a couple of hours per week: cooking meals, serving meals, hanging out with the young adults

Shifts needed are: 6pm-8pm (cooking only), 7:45pm-10:30pm, 10pm-6am, or 6-8am.

If homelessness is a situation that speaks to you and you would like to be part of the solution, please email: yeahvolunteers@yahoo.com or visit us at www.yeah-berkeley.org.

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Cuba Calling

By June Safran

How many years have you heard Cuba calling to you to come and enjoy its' balmy Caribbean weather, beautiful countryside, exciting music, and friendly inhabitants? For some of you it has been a lot of years and it might be a good thing that you have put it off, because we are going to have a very special trip in February 2008.

We will begin in Holguin, a part of the island that few Americans have visited. After recovering from our travels at our resort hotel, we will have the opportunity to see this area where Jewish merchants succeeded in building business in the early 20th century. We plan to visit the few Jews who still live there. Then we will drive to Santiago where we will meet our very warm sister congregation members from Comunidad Hebrea Hatikvah. There are new marriages since we were there last and two new little girls. The days will be filled with numerous activities like ending Shabbat with the community at the 16th century fort overlooking the sea where we will watch the beautiful sunset. After Havdalah we will share dinner with our Cuban friends at an outdoor restaurant by the fort that always has music. We will also drive to Guantanamo to visit this Jewish community before we take off for the western end of the Island to visit Santa Clara with its remarkable Holocaust memorial and inspiring leader, David Tacher. We will end our trip in Havana where you will have the opportunity to enjoy time with members of three different synagogues and the fascinating city of Havana.

What more could you ask for? But the time is short. Applications must be completed by Monday, December 10th, 2007. So give yourself a Chanukah present by checking to make sure your passport is valid until August 2008 and sign up to join us on this adventure.

Contact June Safran at cajm13@aol.com for an itinerary, an application, or even simply to get your questions answered.

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Ruben reads from the Sefer Torah as his father watches.



The daytime view from El Morro Fort.



Bimah of Synagoga Hebrea Hatikvah de Santiago do Cuba.

Photos provided by June Safran.

Stories B'Yachad

By Lara Hornbeck, Shabbat B'Yachad Co-ordinator

Stories are a long honored and time-tested pedagogical Stool. Young and old alike respond to the rhythm of the words and to the beauty of the images that a good story has to offer. To quote Howard Schwarz, a well-known collector and “re-teller” of Jewish tales throughout the ages, “The Jewish people are known as the People of the Book, but they might also be known as the People of the Stories. Jews have been a wandering people, but wherever they have gone, they have brought two things with them; their faith in the Torah that God gave them and their stories.” Clearly one of our central beliefs as Jews is in the power of the word, of the story, in the words and stories of our Torah.

We hear the same stories from the Torah and Haftarah year after year. Why isn't once enough, already? The answer lies in part in that we gain understanding as we gain experiences, we are not the same “we” this Yom Kippur as last. We listened to the story of Yonah with new ears, the changes that we have been through in the last year bringing us fresh insight and new depths of understanding. This is possibly even more pronounced for young children, as they change so dramatically from one year to the next. Shabbat B'Yachad cultivates the life of the story within the spirit of the child, planting the seed for their changing relationship to the words and stories of Torah.

Of course not all of the stories from the Torah are appropriate or helpful for little ears. Themes of violence and retribution, with which our tradition is rife, are especially challenging for the young. At our Yom Kippur services this year, Yossi Fendel (one of our SBY avot) did an amazing job with the story of Yonah. At SBY, the stories we tell draw from traditional and contemporary midrash either of the Parsha or its related themes and symbols. We try to find the heart of the story and tell it in such a way that it speaks to the heart of the child.

Central to the story of Yonah is his unwillingness to be what God calls him to be. In Yossi's Yom Kippur story there is a young boy who refuses to be a boy, but is instead a chicken. Long story short, the parents call on their rabbi for help. Rabbi sits with the boy under the table, from which spot boy/chicken will not budge. Rabbi cannot convince boy that he is a boy and not a chicken, but does finally convince chicken/boy to take a walk. While they are out walking, the rabbi points out kids playing baseball, eating ice cream and generally doing lots of fun kid things. The rabbi is, of course, quick to point out that boys can do these things, but not chickens. Under the rabbi's wise guidance, the boy finally relents and admits that life might be better as boy rather than as a chicken.

The beauty of this story lies in its ability to speak to children about their own lives, about the difficult transitions they

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Preschool is now KOSHER!

By Lauren Kindorf, Preschool Director

During the last days of September, visits from both our state Community Care Licensing Analyst and the local fire inspector proved to all what we already knew. A new school at 1316 University Avenue in Berkeley was ready to be born! Now, with our official Child Care Center License from the State of California, a wonderful preschool is open for children and families to come together to learn and grow in their Jewish community at Netivot Shalom.

From the early planning stages, to our “official” school status, there have been so many individuals who have contributed their knowledge, time, and talents to this endeavor. *Mazal Tov* to each and every one of you! What an amazing collaborative effort this has been!

Teachers, Ofra Fisher and Thea Gold, and myself are thrilled to be working in the classroom with your children each day. In addition there are a number of parents who are joining in to share special time with us. It's amazing to watch our little group of two-year-olds as they play, explore and find comfort from within the routines of their school day. The relationships they are building with each other, the families and our staff are a joy to witness. Smiles, laughter and hugs are always a part of our days together, made brighter by the constant energy of Joe Meresman, David Stein and Rabbi Creditor.

We are never at a lack for something exciting to do. It seems that while we ordered so many new things for our classroom at the same time, items have been coming to us bit by bit. Each shipping crate has brought us one new adventure after another (and creating and playing with those big boxes has been great fun in itself). Books, music, art exploration, building experiences and dramatic play are only a few of our favorite indoor activities. When outside, the beautiful outdoor play structure always presents us with a new play options and physical challenges, and those new trikes are quite popular items.

All the while, Ofra and Thea are enriching the children's experiences with the Hebrew language. It's such a pleasure to hear the children sing a *Henei Mah Tov*, say the *Brachot* before eating, join in together as we play the circle game *Ooga, Ooga, Ooga* or march into the sanctuary each and every morning to send a *nishika/kiss* and say “*Boker Tov/ Good Morning, Torah!*” The many Jewish holidays provided us the basis to create special experiences to share Jewish stories, culture and traditions with the children. We created Johah's BIG FISH to hang on our wall (and boy, is it big). We shook our *lulavs* on the way to each lunch in the shul *sukkah* each day and we constructed our very own playground *sukkah* complete with decorations and photos of our *Ushpizin* inside.

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Rimmonim has Officially Kicked Off!

By Cathy Shadd, Rimmonim Director

Rimmonim “launched” itself this year with a kick-off event on Sunday, September 9. Families with their K-2nd graders ate, schmoozed, made mobiles, and sang and danced. The art project, pictured here, absorbed the children’s attention for a long time. The project introduced the curricular focus of Rimmonim this year– *middot* which can help us more meaningfully connect with others. The mobiles they made visually illustrated all the “roles” the children play and must tend to in their lives– daughter, sister, cousin, granddaughter, classmate, student, neighbor, friend... Each child decorated a small cardboard figure representing them self, adding a face, yarn hair, clothing and a heart, and hung it with yarn from the center of two crossed blue dowels. Then they cut out shapes, wrote a role they play on each one, and suspended them from the arms of the mobile. The mobiles became a strong visual representation of the wealth of relationships the children have in their lives- even at age six! These are the relationships the *middot* can help deepen and strengthen.

Once our guest entertainer arrived, the projects and food were put aside and the children were immediately drawn into Jonathan Bayer’s infectious energy and spirit. A dynamic entertainer and musician, Jonathan led us in singing songs about friendship, peace, and the power of *mitzvot*. Jonathan may join the Rimmonim-sponsored visits to Chapparral House later this year, bringing his beautiful voice and skill at getting everyone involved to the residents of this neighborhood nursing home.

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Shoshana Fendel proudly displays her mobile.



Yakov Segal, Yehezkel Segal, Arthur Waterman, and Jordana Meltzer join in the singing.



Kolya Crawford-Hirshfeld and Ariel Creditor enjoy musical entertainment by singer Jonathan Bayer.



Talya Sandel and Tanya Bearson dance to the music.

Midrasha

By Diane Bernbaum

So many times in our lives we forget to say “Thanks” while we’re in the middle of a process. We manage to say thanks at retirement dinners, but what about while someone is doing their job, day in and day out? Because of this several organizations, including Midrasha, are stopping to say “THANKS” to Sacha Kopin, an extraordinary educator in the community for the past 15 years. So mark your calendars for Saturday evening, November 3rd, from 7:00-9:00 PM and come to Stern Hall at Temple Sinai as we honor and celebrate Sacha with The Sacha Kopin Costume Ball. Bring a fabulous dessert, wear a more fabulous costume (required) and be ready to dance. This is for parents, students (past and present), colleagues and admirers, in short, all of you. It is sponsored by Midrasha in Berkeley, Midrasha in Oakland and Temple Sinai, all places where Sacha teaches. I look forward to seeing you there.

But that’s not the only thing we’re inviting you to. The annual Midrasha Brunch and Silent Auction will be that same weekend, on Sunday morning November 4. You can come eat with us and then study with two of our Midrasha teachers. Choose from among a host of classes that will stimulate and delight you. At the same time, our Silent Auction will be going on so that you can pick up some great bargains and support Midrasha at the same time. This is the one time each year that we let non-teens into our Midrasha classes, so come take advantage of this opportunity and come get a taste of Midrasha.

And here’s another way Midrasha says “thank you” to the community. Did you know that Midrasha has a job bank? If you are looking for a babysitter, party help, tutor for your children, office or computer help, assistance moving those heavy boxes, or a pet sitter, give us a call, 843-4667. *

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The Grant for Rimmonim for 2007-08

As you may know, Rimmonim was launched one year ago with a generous grant from the Legacy Heritage Foundation in New York City, a foundation devoted to using Jewish family education to enhance Shabbat, foster closer bonds among various constituent groups within the congregation, and catalyze “systemic” change within the shul. After last year, our grant was renewed for an additional three years, enabling us to continue the efforts we began last year to infuse the culture of our shul with an active awareness of *middot*.

Our Shabbat morning *tefillah* and learning is open to all interested congregants. You are welcome to come and watch, to lead the davening, to tell a Torah story, or to lead the family or adult learning about the month’s *middah*. We enjoyed many wonderful learning sessions last year led by congregants (without children in the target age group) and look forward to more this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know families with whom you may not otherwise regularly interact. Please contact Cathy Shadd at Rimmonim@netivotshalom.org to find out more.

In addition to our Shabbat morning meetings, we will work closely this year with Sharon Priven, the new Social Action Chair, to carry out social action projects that will give us hands-on experience in linking *middot* with *mitzvot*. All congregants are invited to participate in these projects as well. Details will be in the weekly announcement sheets.

Another goal for Rimmonim this year is to bring an awareness of core *middot* more deeply into our functioning as a community. To that end, Rimmonim funds will be used to provide training in “values based decision making” to our Board and lay leadership over the course of the year.

We are excited about the possibilities that Rimmonim offers all of us to connect our Jewish learning with our daily lives and with our interactions with others, both within and outside of our Netivot Shalom community. Please contact Cathy (see above) to find out more. *

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may have made, about the challenges of meeting, or not meeting, expectation. They may not have learned Yonah’s name, but they learned about his struggle.

Please join us in bringing Jewish symbols and imagery alive in the hearts and minds of our children! We meet in the SBY/Pre-school room at the back of the shul on the 2nd and 4th Shabbatot of the month. Services and storytelling begin at 11:00am. See you there! *

Preschool, cont.

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Our families are hard at work organizing their efforts to support the children’s program and connect with others in the shul. The unending energy and support of these wonderful parents are true blessing to the children and the community of Netivot Shalom.

Please feel free to stop in and say, “Shalom.” I am quite sure you will find Congregation Netivot Shalom Preschool a wonderful place to visit. Come sing and share with us! *

Youth Education

By Andrea Shupack

The first two months for Youth Education have been a hustle and bustle of excitement and activity. With the school year beginning, the *Yamin Noraim L'Yeladim* program, and youth Shabbat programming starting up, there has been a lot going on.

The religious school is doing very well. Our teachers are wonderful and working very hard to make the curriculum engaging and hands on. *Amitim* is well on their way with learning the *Tefilah* and have been exploring issues of ethics from *Pirket Avot*, their identity and connection to our Netivot Community and wider circles. They have also begun an empowering Social Action program, teaching them about leadership and responsibility while giving them experience taking local issues into their own hands. They will be letting you know about their efforts and probably asking for your involvement and support in the future.

Our YNL High Holiday program was well attended and lots of fun. Students didn't want to leave at the end of the day! Also, Shabbat programs for 3rd-6th began again for the school year. We met with parents and students to discuss what kind of a Shabbat experience our congregation wants to create for our religious school and day school students. There was a tremendous response and we are working hard together to build this into a strong, engaging program that the students have ownership of and can enjoy and learn from. We are still involved in these discussions and want to hear your input.

Another new and exciting program that is doing amazing things, is *Rosh Hodesh*: It's a Girl Thing. 6th and 7th grade girls come together once a month near *Rosh Hodesh* to explore pertinent topics they are dealing with as adolescent Jewish girls. We have a full group and not only are they having a great time, they are building self-esteem, learning about their identity, and bonding deeply with other Jewish peers. I am thrilled to bring this to our girls at Netivot, and I know, due to it's tremendous success, that it will continue to be offered in future years. I also hope to be able to offer a similar program to meet the needs of our boys as well in the future.

Soon we will be celebrating *Chanukah* on Thursday, December 6th. This event is for all youth in Kindergarten through 6th grade. This is not just for the religious school students. One of our big goals this year is to create space for all of our students to engage together and get to know each other. There will be many activities that are fun for each of these age groups. Any parents who want to get involved and help with this event, or if you have any questions about this and other youth education related things, please don't hesitate to contact me anytime at education@netivotshalom.org.

We are currently looking for people to help with our Youth Education Fundraiser, occurring sometime in February or March. Anyone can help with this, and the funds we raise go to support all aspects of programming for our youth. As the wise proverb says, "It takes a whole village to raise a child". It takes the support of our whole community to make the experiences for our youth special and amazing. *

Adult Education

By Andrea Shupack

Adult Education is off to a great start this year. We continue to offer several successful programs and classes which have been offered previously, and are constantly adding new things. Our biggest goal this year to accommodate a wider need of learning at Netivot Shalom. This means broadening the topics to choose from, and also working harder to include classes at different levels of study. Some courses are purely for fun, engaging with others at Netivot, such as our cooking class with Deborah Lewis. Others are much more intellectual, such as Talmud or Torah study courses.

One of the most exciting new endeavors in adult education this year is our Hebrew Night. This began recently on Tuesday nights. People at all levels of Hebrew ability can come to Netivot Shalom between 7-8:30 p.m. and choose from a variety of classes offered by wonderful and experienced teachers. The energy in the building as we all come together at the end for snacks and schmoozing is wonderful. All are encouraged to come and check it out. Drop in is

welcome, but RSVP is appreciated so we know how full the classes will be and can help you find the right match.

Another excellent ongoing course offered by Rabbi Creditor is an introduction into the big Jewish topics. On Monday nights, "Judaism 101: A class not just for beginners" is currently exploring the torah. In February this class will start delving into the holidays.

Highlights from the past month were:

- Renowned Israel analyst Yossi Alpher speaking on peace and Israel's security needs
- An amazing Synaplex: Sharing our Journeys
- Rose Levinson's Lehrhaus class, "What Shall I Do with This People?"
- The beginning of our Hebrew, Trope, and a new and active Bibliodrama program

There are many wonderful events and classes coming up that you don't want to miss out on. If you are interested in finding out more about Adult Programs at Netivot Shalom, please contact Judy Breakstone at adulthood@netivotshalom.org or Andrea Shupack at education@netivotshalom.org. *

Netivot Shalom Goes Green!

By Susan Lawrence

Have you wondered why there are different colored receptacles for what we used to consider just trash? Are you trying to figure out what to put where?

Netivot Shalom is the first local congregation to turn *kiddush* into compost. We're trying to make our meals "zero-waste" affairs, meaning that everything that we use will be re-used in some way.

Here's what that means:

- You've probably noticed the nice linen tablecloths; that's so that we no longer fill the trashcans with the plastic-backed paper tablecloths. Plus, they look so nice!
- The large green-colored bins are for most of what you're holding in your hand after you've finished eating. In the green bins go food scraps, paper plates, cups and napkins, and even the beige flatware. The forks, knives and spoons are a special compostable material (not plastic after all—it's made from potato starch!) Also any paper or cardboard that has touched food goes in there. The city of Berkeley has a program where dumpsters for compost cost less than trash dumpsters. The composted material goes to making wonderful garden soil for projects such as school and community gardens. So when you make sure that your plate and fork goes in the green bin, you are saving the synagogue's money and making the world grow better!
- While Oaklanders have been doing this for a couple of years, Berkeley just introduced the same program to residents, so you're probably learning the ropes in your own kitchen.

- In the familiar blue recycling bins go only cans (all kinds), aluminum foil and plastic bottles (only narrow-necked bottles marked 1 and 2) no hummus containers or plastic wrap.
- We hope that you won't encounter much actual trash during *kiddush*, except perhaps when you are helping set up the food, and so you'll find the trash can itself in the kitchen.
- The one exception is *kiddush* cups: those small plastic cups used for wine or grape juice are just plain trash. (We haven't found a suitable recyclable/compostable option.) So you will see small trash bins near the table used during the blessings over wine and challah, for clear plastic *kiddush* cups only.
- Other trash items include any other plastics, including plastic wrap and plastic tubs such as hummus or yogurt containers.

Baal Tashchit, the Biblical prohibition against wasting, is explained by the *Sefer Hachinuch*:

"The basic principle behind this *mitzvah* is to teach us to love that which is good and worthwhile and to cling to it, so that good becomes a part of us and we will avoid all that is evil and destructive. This is the way of the righteous and those who improve society, who love peace and rejoice in the good in people and bring them close to Torah: that nothing, not even a grain of mustard, should be lost to the world, that they should regret any loss or destruction that they see, and if possible they will prevent any destruction that they can." This teaches us to fully aware of the consequences of our actions.

Thank you for helping our congregation to become *shomrei adamah*, guardians of the earth. *

Big Thanks!

We appreciate these volunteers for assisting in preparations needed for our High Holiday services. We apologize if we have inadvertently missed a name on this list.

Scott and Turi Adams, Eugene Berg, Judy Breakstone, Jerry Brickner, Andy Cohen, Jim Cunradi, Michael Feeley, Lee and Paul Feinstein, Dale Friedman, Ednah Beth Friedman, Jerry Garfield, Mark Geliebter, Josh, Noga, and Gilad Gressel, Susan Lawrence, David Levine, Perl Perlmutter, Wayne Pickus, Jeff Rosenbloom, Avi Samuelson, Emma Schnur, Michal and Dan Shulman, Bruce Starkman, Naomi Teplow, Diana Wood, Howard, and Rita. *

Board Minutes, cont.

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Shabbat had been prepared. He noted that the shul needs a newsletter editor, as well as an editor for the content of the web site.

- Executive Director's report: David Stein reviewed repairs and maintenance items that need to be performed: replace section of sewer line under the patio; complete installation of lighting fixtures and control mechanisms; repair and reinstallation of rusting underground lighting; and replace light bulbs in ceiling. The board authorized the expenditure of up to \$17,000 out of the building fund or maintenance budget, as appropriate, to pay for these items. The Executive Director will obtain approval from the Executive Committee of the exact amounts and allocation when bids are obtained. To the extent possible, the Executive Director will seek reimbursement from contractors for any warranty-related work. *

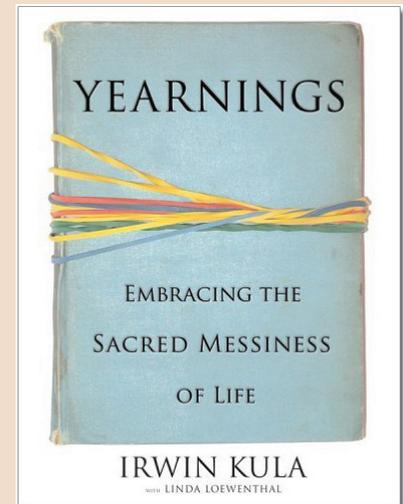
Yearnings; Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life by Rabbi Irwin Kula

By Barry Kamil

On Yom Kippur, Rabbi Creditor gave a *drash* that was both exciting and thought provoking. He talked about God in a new way that I have never heard before, but which set off feelings which resonated deeply within me. He spoke of God's vulnerability and yearning for us to hear the desperate call for a better world. Rather than invoking the traditional image of an omnipotent authority figure, Rabbi Creditor spoke of God as intimately connected to our daily personal struggles.

When he recommended reading *Yearnings; Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life* by Rabbi Irwin Kula, I knew I had to follow this path. I am finding this a most stimulating book, with a new perspective on applying Jewish values to real life. Surveying the stories of *Torah* and *Midrash*, Jewish prophets and sages, and his own life experience, Rabbi Kula puts God and Jewishness squarely in the midst of "the chaos of modernity" in which we live. As the book unfolds we are shown that it is not in rare moments of serenity and peace that we most profoundly find holiness in our world, but in the daily tumult, the losses, the unexpected, the messiness of our own everyday lives.

I want to share this illuminating, psychologically penetrating Jewish learning adventure, by placing two copies of the book in our congregational office for you to borrow and read for yourselves. The books will soon be available. *



All Things Kiddush

Susan David, Kiddush Coordinator

Many thanks to all of you who have recently sponsored a kiddush. In the past few months that includes Toby and George Gidal, Art and Sheila Braufman, Elizabeth and Daniel Handwerker, Turi and Scott Adams, Jonathan and Rachel Heinstejn, Josh and Noga Gressel, Nir Krakauer, Laura and David Callen, Kara Vuicich and David Radwin, Nancy Facher and Glenn Wolkenfeld, Dean Kertesz and Carla Cassler, Mary Breiner, Perry and Malka Scheinok, Avraham Sorani, Mike and Betsy Rosenheimer, Marshall Platt and Elana Reinin. Apologies to anyone I may have missed.

Extra special thanks to the following people who helped with the preparation and/or clean up of the break-fast held at Northbrae after the conclusion of Yom Kippur: Barbara Wezelman, Joanna Weinberg and David Levine, Claude Fischer, Marcia Brooks, Vicki Sommer, Ednah Beth Friedman, Mary Breiner and family, Lee Feinstein, Tobie Lurie, June and Bob Safran, Alice Webber and Stephen Tobias. I know that there were many others who helped move tables and chairs, picked up trash and took out garbage, and more; although I don't know all of your names, I want to thank you as well. It takes a village...

Have you thought about the statement "The congregation sponsors today's Kiddush"? These words appear from time to time, especially during the holidays. It means that no one stepped up to be a sponsor that day. It reminds you that there is an opportunity to make a direct contribution to help cover costs of the food, linens, paper goods, etc. If you are someone who has been reluctant to undertake the responsibility of being a sponsor, here is a way for you to feel connected to the congregation: just send a check to the office and indicate that it is for the kiddush fund. Thank You. *

Social Action, cont.

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Monthly Meal Prep/Service for Dorothy Day House:

Congregant Sharona Barzilay must reluctantly pass on this beloved project after 12 years of service! She reports that the opportunity to prepare and serve a monthly dinner to the homeless men at Dorothy Day House has been truly rewarding:

"As the men are getting their food, I always ask each one 'how's it going?' What never ceases to amaze me is how many respond to this question by saying: "I'm blessed." Their gratitude for getting a hot and hearty meal always helps me to maintain perspective about my own life and about how much I have to be grateful for. Over the years I have been privy to many interesting life stories, I've shared numerous musings about sports teams (always a hot topic of conversation there), and even helped celebrate when one resident several years back learned that he had been approved for his own apartment (what a lot of joy there was in the room on that night). It's a wonderful experience..."

Participate monthly with a few friends or rotate months with a larger group. If you are interested, contact socialaction@netivotshalom.org. *

Who We Are

The "Who We Are" column will return with our next issue, January/February 2008. Our member, Meredith Trauner, has offered to interview and write about members from our Netivot Shalom community. *

We appreciate these donors for contributing to our various synagogue funds during the months of August and September 2007. We apologize if we have inadvertently missed a name or dedication.

Building Fund Donations

Simon Firestone

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Deb Fink and Aaron Katler in honor of the opening of the preschool

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Arthur and Sheila Braufman in honor of the *Simchat Bat* of Raya Meital Creditor

Toby and George Gidal in honor of Jan Fischer, her health, and her return to the bimah

Liora Brosbe and Rabbi Daniel Isaacson in honor of Elizabeth and Daniel Handwerker

Sharon and Mark Priven in honor of the *Simchat Bat* of Raya Meital Creditor

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Gloria Rose and Steve Azer in honor of their marriage at Temple Israel in Sharon, MA

Jeannie Reisman and Leonard Goldschmidt in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Sam Cedar and in honor of the birth of Raya Meital Creditor

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The Executive Director's Fund

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Community Building: Mitzvah Milers

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The Rabbi Stuart Kelman Liturgy Fund

Sharona Barzilay and Thomas Graff

Dana and Michael Gill in honor of Rabbi Stuart and Vicky Kelman

Note: The Rabbi Stuart Kelman Liturgy Fund was established in honor of Rabbi Kelman upon his retirement. His description of the Fund follows:

Prayer and its liturgical expressions have been central to why we were originally gathered. Liturgy or tefillah, worship, prayer and spirituality have become central to our identity as a congregation. To honor the years of service to our congregation by Rabbi Kelman, the congregation has established a dedicated programmatic fund, the proceeds of which shall be used yearly to invite a scholar-in-residence or hold a week-long programmatic concentration or have a special retreat or even a musical program focusing around the general topic of 'prayer'. The exact formulation shall be determined by a small committee established yearly specifically for this purpose. The committee will be chaired by the rabbi and include the adult education chair and other individuals selected by them. The purpose of this fund is to ensure that the congregation continues to fill one of its original goals: that of remaining an evolving spiritual center for Judaism in Berkeley.

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Break-the-Fast Contributions

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B'nei Mitzvah Anniversaries

Samuel Priven, Heshvan 27, 5767, Haye Sarah

Rebekah Stroik, Kislev 11, 5767, Vayetze

Elana Cooper, Kislev 16, 5762, Vayishlah

Leo Goldberg, Kislev 26, 5761, Vayeshev

Sam Finn, Kislev 30, 5762, Miketz

Simon Pickus, Kislev 4, 5763, Toledot

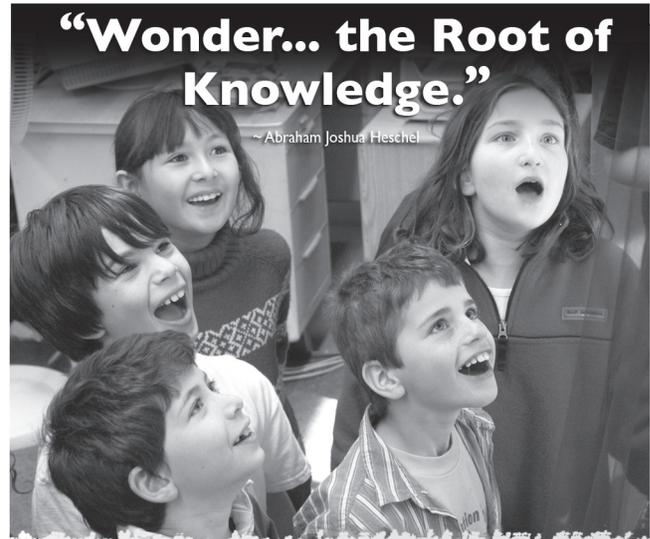
Joshua Buchin, Kislev 5, 5757, Toledot

Madelyn Knaster, Kislev 9, 5759, Vayetze

Yona Rappaport, Kislev 9, 5762, Vayetze

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Upcoming meetings of the Rosh Chodesh Group are:

Monday, November 12 to welcome Kislev

Tuesday, December 11 to welcome Tevet

Monday, January 7 to welcome Shevat

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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- Alef Bet, the Letters, Language & Literature of the Jewish People
- Common Threads: the Fabrics of Jewish Life
- Heroes, Who Needs 'Em
- Our Family Matters, Jewish Memory & Storytelling
- Kids and the Law: An A-to-Z Guide for Parents
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Émigré information:

- Creating Success: Russian-English Guide to Financial Security

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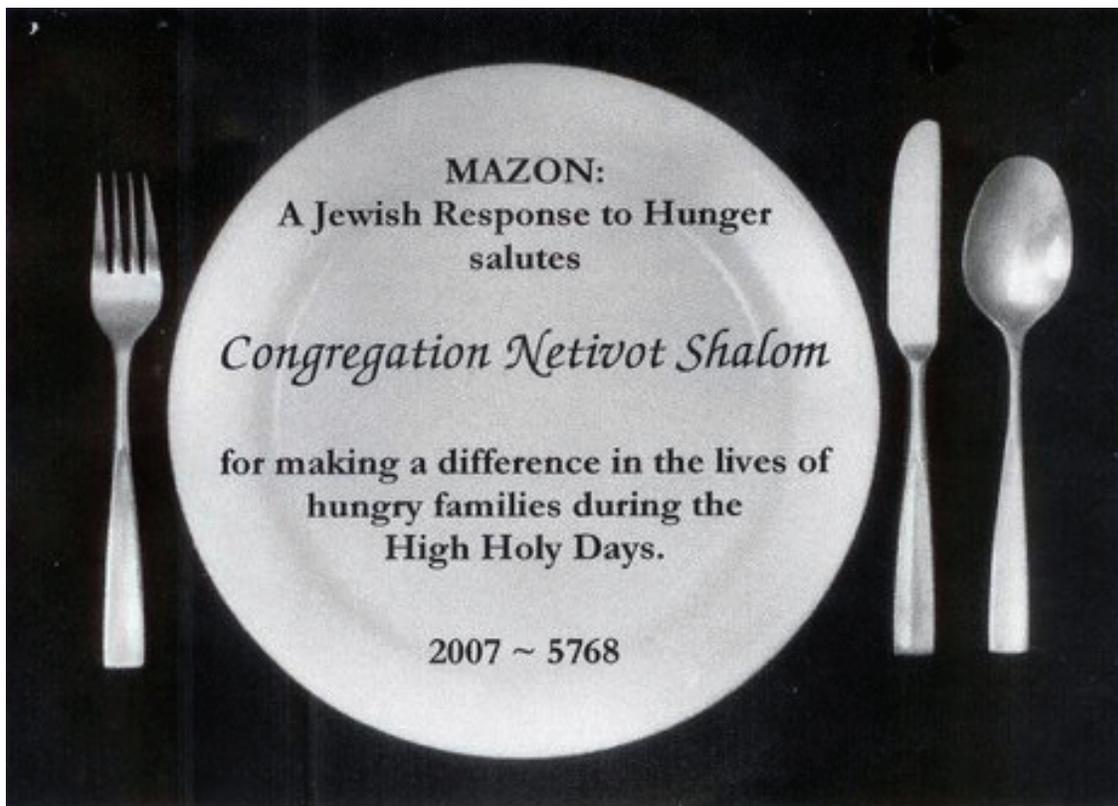
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More Meal Cooks Needed!

For many years now, our Netivot Shalom community has been providing meals for member families welcoming a new child into their lives. For the past two years, I have had the pleasure of organizing volunteers to prepare and deliver these meals. It's a rewarding volunteer position, because families truly appreciate the food and warmth provided. I'd love to increase my pool of willing volunteers. All that is required in a willingness to provide a meal to a family once in a while. YOU decide how simple or fancy to make it; YOU decide when and how often you would like to help; YOU decide how far you are willing to go to deliver; YOU decide whether to prepare it at home or at the synagogue, and you do not have to keep kosher to participate (I find out what each family needs, and match up suitable cooks).

It's easy! If you can volunteer for future meals, please contact Ruth Konoff, at newbabies@netivotshalom.org Thank you.

Afikomen presents:

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20 Heshvan
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4:00-6:00 PM Religious School
1st-6th

November 2

21 Heshvan
12:30-1:00 PM: Preschool
Shabbat
5:52-6:10 PM: Candle lighting

November 3

22 Heshvan
9:00-10:00 AM: Torah Study
6:30-9:30 PM: Youth Night
6:51-6:52 PM: Havdalah

November 4

23 Heshvan
Rabbi Creditor away at
STAR PEER Retreat
7:30-9:30 AM: Shacharit
minyan and program
10:30 AM-12:15 PM:
Rimmonim
6:00-8:00 PM: Ritual Committe
Meeting

November 5

24 Heshvan
Rabbi Creditor away at
STAR PEER Retreat
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
7:00-9:00 PM: Jazz-Klez Band

November 6

25 Heshvan
All Day: Election Day
Rabbi Creditor away at
STAR PEER Retreat
7:15-8:30 AM: Morning Minyan
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:30-6:30 PM: Amitim
7:30-9:00 PM: "What Shall I Do
with This People" Lehrhaus
Judaica with Rose Levinson

November 7

26 Heshvan
Rabbi Creditor away at
STAR PEER Retreat
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

November 8

27 Heshvan
12:00-1:00 PM: Staff Meeting
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:00-6:00 PM: Religious School
1st-6th
7:30-9:30 PM: Rabbi meet w/
Rosh Chodesh group

November 9

28 Heshvan
11:00 AM-3:00 PM: Rabbi
Creditor visits Tehiya
12:30-1:00 PM: Preschool
Shabbat
4:45-5:03 PM: Candle lighting
6:00-10:30 PM: Second Friday
Minyan Sponsored by YA

November 10

29 Heshvan
9:00-10:00 AM: Torah Study
11:00 AM-12:30 PM: SBY
5:44-5:45 PM: Havdalah

November 11

1 Kislev
All Day: Veteran's Day
All Day: Rosh Chodesh Kislev
9:30 AM-12:00 PM: CNS
Annual Meeting
1:30-3:30 PM: Holiday
Baking Class, Part 3

November 12

2 Kislev
12:00-1:00 PM: Tzurba
DeRabbanan
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
7:00-9:00 PM: Guys Ping-Pong/
Dinner night
7:45-9:00 PM: Judaism 101:
Torah Discovery

November 13

3 Kislev
7:15-8:30 AM: Morning Minyan
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:30-6:30 PM: Amitim
7:00-9:00 PM: Rosh Chodesh
Group-Kislev

November 14

4 Kislev
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

November 15

5 Kislev
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:00-6:00 PM: Religious School
1st-6th

November 16

6 Kislev
12:30-1:00 PM: Preschool
Shabbat
4:39-4:57 PM: Candle lighting

November 17

7 Kislev
All Day: Kiddush: Fendel
9:00-10:00 AM: Torah Study
10:30 AM-12:00 PM:
Rimmonim
5:39-5:40 PM: Havdalah

6:00-8:00 PM: Board &
Committee Chair Retreat
Havdalah and Kickoff

November 18

8 Kislev
All Day: Board and Committee
Chair Retreat
9:30-11:30 AM: Shacharit
Minyan & Program

November 19

9 Kislev
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
7:45-9:00 PM: Judaism 101:
Torah Discovery

November 20

10 Kislev
7:15-8:30 AM: Morning Minyan
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:30-6:30 PM: Amitim

November 21

11 Kislev
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

November 22

12 Kislev
All Day: Thanksgiving Day
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:00-6:00 PM: Religious School
1st-6th

November 23

13 Kislev
12:30-1:00 PM: Preschool
Shabbat
4:35-4:53 PM: Candle lighting

November 24

14 Kislev
All Day: Adoption Shabbat
9:00-10:00 AM: Torah Study
11:00 AM-12:00 PM: SBY
5:35-5:36 PM: Havdalah

November 25

15 Kislev
6:30-9:30 PM: Rabbi neighbor-
hood conversation El Cerrito

November 26

16 Kislev
12:00-1:00 PM: Tzurba
DeRabbanan
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

November 27

17 Kislev
7:15-8:30 AM: Morning Minyan
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:30-6:30 PM: Amitim

November 28

18 Kislev
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

November 29

19 Kislev
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:00-6:00 PM: Religious School
1st-6th

November 30

20 Kislev
CNS Arts Fair Set Up
12:30-1:00 PM: Preschool
Shabbat
4:33-4:51 PM: Candle lighting

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December 1

21 Kislev
CNS Arts Fair Set Up
9:00-10:00 AM: Torah Study
5:32-5:33 PM: Havdalah

December 2

22 Kislev
10:00 AM-12:00 PM: SBY
Chanuakkah Celebration
10:30 AM-12:15 PM:
Rimmonim
1:00-5:00 PM: CNS Arts &
Crafts Festival
7:30-9:30 PM: Rabbi neighbor-
hood conversation

December 3

23 Kislev
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
7:45-9:00 PM: Judaism 101:
Torah Discovery

December 4

24 Kislev
All Day: Chanukah: 1 Candle
7:15-8:30 AM: Morning Minyan
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:30-6:30 PM: Amitim

December 5

25 Kislev
All Day: Chanukah: 2 Candles
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

December 6

26 Kislev
All Day: Chanukah: 3 Candles
1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement
3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual
4:00-6:00 PM: Religious School
1st-6th
8:00-9:00 PM: Lishmoa:
A Shared Vision

December 7

27 Kislev
All Day: Rabbinic Students
Kabbalat Shabbat &
Shabbaton

All Day: Chanukah: 4 Candles
12:30-1:00 PM: Preschool
Shabbat

4:32-4:50 PM: Candle lighting

December 8

28 Kislev

All Day: Rabbinic Students
Kabbalat Shabbat &
Shabbaton

All Day: Chanukah: 5 Candles
**SYNAPLEX: CHANUKAH
SHARING THE LIGHT**

9:00-10:00 AM: Torah Study

11:00 AM-12:30 PM: SBY

5:32 -5:33 PM: Havdalah

6:00-9:00 PM: Membership
Chanukah Event

December 9

29 Kislev

All Day: Chanukah: 6 Candles
9:30-11:30 AM: Shacharit
Minyan & Program

December 10

1 Tevet

All Day: Chanukah: 7 Candles

All Day: Rosh Chodesh Tevet

12:00 PM-1:00 PM: Tzurba

DeRabbanan

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

7:45-9:00 PM: Judaism 101:

Torah Discovery

December 11

2 Tevet

All Day: Chanukah: 8 Candles

7:15-8:30 AM: Morning Minyan

12:00-1:30 PM: Lishmoa: A

Shared Vision

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual

4:30-6:30 PM: Amitim

December 12

3 Tevet

All Day: Chanukah: 8th Day

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

December 13

4 Tevet

9:00 AM-5:00 PM: Lishmoa:

A Shared Vision

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual

4:00-6:00 PM: Religious School

1st-6th

8:00-9:00 PM: Lishmoa: A

Shared Vision

December 14

5 Tevet

12:30-1:00 PM: Preschool

Shabbat

4:33-4:51 PM: Candle lighting

6:00-10:30 PM: Second Friday

Minyan Sponsored by YA

December 15

6 Tevet

9:00-10:00 AM: Torah Study

10:30 AM-12:00 PM: Rimmonim

5:33-5:34 PM: Havdalah

December 16

7 Tevet

7:30-9:30 PM: Rabbi neighbor-

hood conversation

December 17

8 Tevet

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

7:45-9:00 PM: Judaism 101:

Torah Discovery

December 18

9 Tevet

7:15-8:30 AM: Morning Minyan

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual

4:30-6:30 PM: Amitim

December 19

10 Tevet

All Day: Asara B'Tevet

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

December 20

11 Tevet

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual

4:00-6:00 PM: Religious School

1st-6th

December 21

12 Tevet

12:30-1:00 PM: Preschool

Shabbat

4:35-4:53 PM: Candle lighting

December 22

13 Tevet

9:00-10:00 AM: Torah Study

11:00 AM-12:00 PM: SBY

5:36-5:37 PM: Havdalah

December 23

14 Tevet

9:30 AM-12:00 PM: Shacharit

Minyan & Program

December 24

15 Tevet

12:00-1:00 PM: Tzurba

DeRabbanan

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

December 25

16 Tevet

7:15-8:30 AM: Morning Minyan

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual

4:30-6:30 PM: Amitim

December 26

17 Tevet

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

December 27

18 Tevet

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

3:30-5:30 PM: Hebrew Bilingual

4:00-6:00 PM: Religious School

1st-6th

December 28

19 Tevet

12:30-1:00 PM: Preschool

Shabbat

4:39-4:57 PM: Candle lighting

December 29

20 Tevet

9:00-10:00 AM: Torah Study

5:40-5:41 PM: Havdalah

December 30

21 Tevet

December 31

22 Tevet

All Day: New Year's Eve

1:00-3:00 PM: BMS Movement

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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 Adoption-Shabbat@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.

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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 second grade. 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

Isadore Teger	November 1	Heshvan 20
Max Israel	November 3	Heshvan 22
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We Extend Our Condolences to:
 Michael Cohen, on the death of his mother, Evelyn, ז"ל
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 We are all saddened by the death of our member Leonid Plotkin, ז"ל



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