



# CONGREGATION NETIVOT SHALOM

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## CAJE Conference

From left: Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld (Coordinator of Rimmonim), Lauren Kindorf (Preschool Director), Rabbi Creditor, and Lara Hornbeck (Coordinator of Shabbat B'Yachad) pose on the Campus of the University of Vermont where they attended the 33rd Annual CAJE (Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education) Conference this past August. Many of the conference sessions focused on "Eco-Judaism," the intersection of Judaism and the environment. This year Rimmonim, Amitim, and other educational and social action initiatives will be looking at ways to bring Jewish values concerning our connection to the environment more into the learning and work of our community at Netivot Shalom. ✨

## Growing Greener

By Susan Lawrence

Joel Gerwein and the green team have been working to make our synagogue a place that puts into action the mitzvot regarding protecting and repairing our world. Our synagogue recently had a PG&E audit to see what we could do to save energy. We found out that our systems are pretty efficient, but we need to be sure that we are operating them as efficiently as possible. There may be an opportunity for the synagogue to save about \$800 a year by switching to variable energy pricing based on time of use, so that our heating and cooling is based on how many people are in the building at different times of day. We now have an energy-efficient refrigerator, are working on placing lights on timers.

At our annual meeting, members will have the opportunity to make Netivot Shalom part of California Interfaith Power and Light (CIPL), the award-winning group of congregations that promote energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy. CIPL helps congregations save money by becoming more energy-efficient and even offers congregants discounts on energy-efficiency products. Last year CIPL's 460 congregations cut energy use, saving 2.7 million kilowatt-hours and \$320,000. We're excited about the opportunity to learn from CIPL and join in this growing movement to help our world. You can learn more about CIPL at [www.interfaithpower.org](http://www.interfaithpower.org).

On other greening fronts, we still use a tremendous amount of copy paper and need all our copier users to make double-sided copies and use half-sheets for notices to reduce paper consumption. We are also try-

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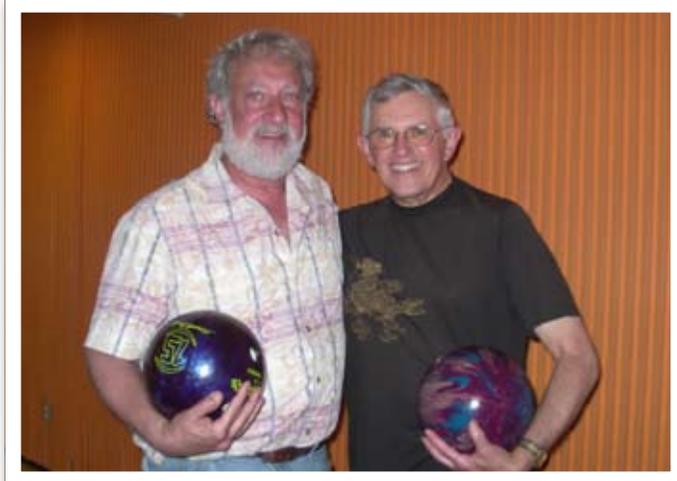
## The Menschen Guys Group



Dan Siegel, Jeff Rosenbloom, Mark Priven and Carl Buchin are too cool at pool.



Jeff Rosenbloom shoots for the corner pocket.



Michael Meltzer and Art Braufman are the bowling champs.

## Board Report

By Karen Bovarnick

The Board did not meet in August. At the September meeting, the Board approved the Budget for 2008-2009. The Board also met with Shalom Bochner, the new Director for Lifelong Learning, and learned about the programs planned for this school year, including the new Shabbat Camp designed, among other things, to bridge the generations in learning activities. The Board also discussed its desire to develop programs for children with special needs, and learned about plans for a midweek learning program for retired adults. It was reported that membership is fast increasing and in light of this growth, there was discussion of how to keep our “*haimish*” feel and sense of community as we expand.

The Board, Staff, and Committee chairs met in August to share ideas, report on activities, and coordinate efforts. Among other things, participants discussed their hopes for Netivot, expressing a desire to create financial stability, to experience community/diversity (in its many guises), to maintain longevity, and to retain our sense of intimacy while growing. Treasurer Judy Lieberman also put together a fantastic “know your budget” game in which committee chairs, Board members, and staff distributed monopoly money into the five primary shul budget categories. We discovered that collectively, we were amazingly close in our allocations to what we as a shul actually spend. Participants expressed a desire to continue meeting regularly, and to that end, will meet again in early November.

Janet Schneider, newsletter editor, attended an

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## My God Doesn't Take

Rabbi Menachem Creditor



I cringe every time I recite “The Lord gives, the Lord takes, blessed be the Name of God,” in the Book of Job. And I recite it often, at funerals and in mourning rituals. When my mentor Rabbi Neil Gillman challenged a class of almost-rabbis to translate the Hebrew phrase “*Baruch Dayan Emet*” roughly “Blessed is the True Judge”, also a tradi-

tional response to hearing of a death, I refused. I don't mean it. I won't mean it. But I do say it. I recite both formulae, gritting my teeth every time, at funerals and other moments of mourning.

Loss and sadness call for ritual response, but associated Jewish rituals are typically full of words that betray even the best intentions to comfort. Do I believe that God takes people's lives or that a “True Judge” would end a life mid-course? I do not. And while when during the Amidah we recite “God who takes life and resurrects”, I find myself both emotionally tense and strangely committed to the traditional formula. Why?

Because the words make me feel. They make me angry. They make me cry. They remind me to look at others and feel with them. I am not alone when tradition calls me to connect to community. And community creates and practices together. And because of this I am less alone in dark moments.

I recently read Cormac McCarthy's “The Road”, became nauseous, and still haven't quite recovered my equilibrium. It is an apocalyptic vision of a world whose present devours its future, where a father and son can barely speak, let alone survive. But reading through this nightmare pushed me to grow, to reach out to those around me, to hold my children more tenderly. Do I agree with McCarthy's dark portrait? Not a chance. I've dedicated my life to supporting the very opposite trajectory. But I've recommended this awful book to strong-hearted students and friends because it makes one feel love all the more intensely.

Mainstream Jewish tradition has asserted Divine perfection, a claim that produces ugly religious responses when human evil or natural disasters occur. Is God to be seen as an active Source of Evil? And, more importantly in a modern spiritual conversation, what does relationship with God mean when the classic theological depictions are contested? How do we, as modern

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## Reflections, Assessments, and Thoughts for the New Year

By Joe Meresman, Board President

I am thankful for the opportunity, as Netivot Shalom's president over the past two years, to help build and strengthen the community. We began 5768 with a participatory, caring community, dedicated to the practice of Judaism and building community, a beautiful new building, a new rabbi, and the opening of a new preschool. We also faced the challenges of a slowly declining membership and the financial obligation of a large mortgage.

To respond to these challenges, we needed to grow our membership by reaching out to meet the needs of not-yet-affiliated Jews, while at the same time continuing to focus on better meeting the existing members' needs.

As we begin year 5769, I want to reflect on the path that our congregation has traveled this past year, as well as on the path that lies ahead. I am pleased to report that over the past year we have made good progress and now face exciting new challenges resulting from that progress. I would like to highlight a few of our successes and new challenges.

We strengthened our Youth Education programs with the hiring of Rabbi Shalom Bochner as our Director of

Lifelong Learning. We enter the new school year with a second bi-lingual class, a new Shabbat camp, and growing enrollment in our youth education programs.

Our preschool successfully completed its first year and this year we have added a second classroom. We now have 24 happy, energetic, two and three year olds enrolled in our preschool and look forward to further growth.

Rimmonim and Shabbat B'Yachad continue their success at helping families with young children and like-minded congregants experience family Shabbat and build community. In order to reach out to more young families, Mimi Greisman leads a new parent-baby group.

Over the past year, Rabbi Creditor has become a popular and regular adult education teacher, adding to our already rich adult education curriculum. Later this year, Rabbi Bochner plans to begin teaching his own adult education classes.

As much as the Netivot community is about learning together, it is also about working together, caring for each other, and playing together. We continue the many programs and committees that provide ways for us to express who we are and to create the community that provides so much meaning in our lives. As a participatory congregation, there are a great many individuals

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## There is Certainly A Lot Going on Around Here!

By Rabbi Shalom Bochner, Director of Life Long Learning

I view this congregation, this community, not only as the new Director of Life Long Learning, but as a participant and as a parent. My 2 year old son Yuval is part of the *Nachshonim* class at the Netivot Shalom pre-school and Nitzan, my six year old son, is a student at the Bilingual Hebrew School Program. Orli and are here on Shabbat mornings taking turns in the services as the other one attends Shabbat B'Yachad or Rimmonim.

While there are many communities that claim to be egalitarian, traditional, participatory and creative, it is so exciting to see how these values are truly lived here. From the nature of the Shabbat Services, to the many different activities that take place in this building, it is clear that this place embraces these concepts in a deep and heartfelt way. There is a recognition that different members are looking for different things. From the way we educate our children to the way we educate the adults it is apparent that there is not a "cookie cutter" approach to Jewish living and learning here. Here is a summary of our youth education:

- The Pre-School provides a wonderful setting for our youngest learners.
- The Hebrew Bilingual Program for kindergarten through second grade focuses on language acquisition.
- The Kadima School Program for 3rd – 6th grades focuses on Tefillah skills, Jewish history, Torah study, music, and peoplehood.

- The unique Amitim Bat/Bar Mitzvah program creates a powerful fellowship group and teaches both Tefillah leadership and the importance of social action.
- There are monthly Rosh Chodesh gatherings for girls in 6th through 8th grades with trained facilitators.
- The synagogue hosts monthly Friday night services and dinners for families and Young adult sponsored monthly Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Services and potlucks.
- Weekday minyanim on Sundays and Wednesdays create inviting and warm spaces for prayer and community.

And with all the adult education occurring, Netivot Shalom is truly a provider of life-long learning from zero to 100 years of age. In addition to all that was in place when I arrived here, there are some exciting changes, improvements and additions to look forward to this year:

**Bilingual Program:** now includes a one day a week (Thursday) option for the Kindergarten age students.

**Kadima School:** Has all new Hebrew language and Tefillah materials and books as part of the Heneini Series by Berman House

**Shabbat Camp:** a revitalized Saturday morning program for 3rd through 6th graders featuring *Ruach* (spirited youth Services) and *Chugim* (elective activities) led by parents and teens such as sports, drama, and singing.

**Amitim:** I am excited to teach the *divrei* Torah writing myself in class allowing for input from classmates. The Sunday social action projects this year will be done in partnership with the Social Action Committee,

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## All Things Kiddush

By Susan David, Kiddush Coordinator

Some of you may have heard that I have been wanting to "retire" as Kiddush Coordinator and perhaps by the time you receive this issue, it will have happened! It has been close to three years that I have been serving as the coordinator and I feel the time has come for someone else to step up and take over. In the meantime I extend a big thank you to the following who have participated in the life of the congregation by sponsoring a kiddush. This list is since the last newsletter. As always, please forgive any errors of omission.

Cyndi and Peter Berck, Teri and Michael Cooper, Liora Brose and Rabbi Daniel Isaacson, Ronna Kabatznick and Peter Dale Scott, Janet Harris and Brad Rudolph, Marcia Brooks, Tobie Lurie, Edna Stewart, Lisa Tranter Sibony and Mel Sibony, Margalit Mathan and Peter August, Milt and Marge Greenstein, Jeff Burack and Shelly Ball, Lee Bearson and Babbie Freiberg, Jonathan and Heidi Wexler, Lydia and Batya Brose, Margaret and Hayden White, Deborah Weinstein, Claire Sherman and Ed Anisman, Michelle Wolfson and Tony Hecht, Carol and Jim Cunradi, Mary and Tom Breiner, Vicki Sommer, David Stein

Thank You, Susan David

## Sunday Afternoon Middah Related Social Action Projects

By Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld

Looking for a way to provide service to the community, strengthen your ties with fellow congregants, and learn new sustainability practices? Amitim, together with Rimmonim and the Social Action Committee, have coordinated a yearlong ambitious series of social action projects, one Sunday each month, tied in with the *middah* of that month. More detailed information will be in upcoming in the Shabbat announcements and on the CNS website, but here is an outline with dates, the *middot*, and the projects. **All interested congregants are invited to participate.** Feel free to contact Rabbi Shalom Bochner for details: [education@netivotshalom.org](mailto:education@netivotshalom.org).

Date (All events are at on Sundays at 2:00 pm)	<i>Middah</i>	Activity
10/26/08	<i>yirah</i> awe	nature hike and trail clean-up
11/23/08	<i>tza'ar ba'alei chayim</i> kindness to animals	zoo program with focus on endangered species
12/14/08	<i>shmirat ha'adamah</i> guarding the earth	Humane Society visit
1/11/09	<i>ba'al tashchit</i> not destroying	composting and landfill visit
2/8/09	<i>ba'al tashchit</i> not destroying	Tu B'Shevat visit to Chaparral House and native plant restoration
3/15/09	<i>samayach b'chelko</i> gratitude with one's lot	Food bank visit and food donations drive
4/19/09	<i>tzedek</i> justice	Fair trade and compilation of shopping lists of fair trade foods
5/3/09	<i>tikkun olam</i> repairing the world	Green audit of Netivot Shalom and participants' homes

## Bikkur Cholim Update

By Carol Dorf

### The Essence is to ... Listen

When we find out that a friend or family member is seriously ill, we often feel overwhelmed. Sometimes when a shul-member we don't know very well is ill, we feel sympathetic but unsure what to do. Sometimes there are actions that we can take, but usually, if the medical system is working, what the person needs is time and support to heal.

The essence of the bikkur cholim mitzvah is to be with the other person--to listen. Serious illness separates us from our usual pursuits and contact with others can become attenuated. By listening, we reassure the person who is ill, of their connection to the community. By listening, we lighten the burden of the illness. There is a rabbinic saying that each visitor takes away 1/60 of the illness. The story implies that healing is a shared

community responsibility. In addition to the work of the medical personnel, we each have a responsibility to restore the sick person to a sense of wholeness, 1/60th at a time.

If you would like to take on this mitzvah in a more formal way contact: [bikkurcholim@netivotshalom.org](mailto:bikkurcholim@netivotshalom.org)

### Extending the Mitzvah of Bikkur Cholim

One way we can extend this mitzvah is to volunteer and/or fundraise with organizations in the larger community. This year we participated in the "Swim-A-Mile for Women With Cancer" event on Sunday, October 5. Netivot Shalom members Lena Fink, Jeannie Reisman, Carol Dorf, and Rebecca Landau swam in the event. Helen Schneider worked as a volunteer for Women's Cancer Resource Center (WCRC), and the event. Netivot Shalom members raised over \$2000 to help the WCRC with programs such as support groups, classes, and supportive services for women with cancer. \*

## You Won't Be Dissatisfied!

By Art Braufman for Adult Education and Ritual Committees

An attendee's typical response at the Sunday morning programs is best described as one of wonder. The general admiring comment is "I didn't know that (speaker XYZ) was such an expert about...", and "That was such an interesting presentation." So check out the following list and plan on joining us. You won't be disappointed; I guarantee it or your money back. *Shacharit* starts at 9:30 AM followed by breakfast and the talk is from 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Hope to see you there.

**November 9: Rabbi Creditor: "The Sacred Embrace"**. The embrace of humanity is surely a Jewish imperative, but not to be misconstrued as conferring Jewish identity. I embrace the other as a fellow Divine Image and accept the ideas of the other as potentially equally valid paths to God. But the other is not me. And cherishing those who observe differently, think differently, and talk differently, is neither more nor less holy than discovering how I am called to observe, think, and talk. Join this conversation on pluralism, Judaism, and holiness where Rabbi Creditor will share his recently published article in Conservative Judaism entitled "*The Sacred Embrace*."

**November 23: Ari Kelman: "Contemporary Christian Worship"**. Contrary to popular opinions about contemporary Christian worship music being lightweight, the world of worship music is populated with talented people dedicated to producing singable, Biblically sounding "worship songs" that suit contemporary styles and tastes. These songs are arranged to encourage participatory worship and engage people in worship that is both aesthetically pleasing and personally moving. Come find out what is happening at the forefront of American Christian worship, and reflect on what worship is and what it might be. Ari Y Kelman, an assistant professor of American Studies at UC Davis, serves on the Jewish Studies Program Committee and the Executive Committee of the Cultural Studies Graduate Group. Ari is author of "*Station Identification: a cultural history of Yiddish Radio* (2009) and editor of "*A Milt Gross Comic Reader* (2009) He is co-author, with Steven M. Cohen, of a number of analyses of contemporary Jewish identity and culture, and a co-author of "*Sacred Strategies*" a book about synagogue transformation.

**December 14: Leslie Gordon and Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh: "Serving those with Disabilities"**. Come and hear how two of our fellow congregants

with severe disabilities are serving the disability community. Both these dynamic women have cerebral palsy. Their stories and service to others are truly remarkable and an inspiration.

Leslie is the Interim Co-Executive Director of Easy Does It Emergency Services. Easy Does It is a non-profit public benefit organization that provides assistance to disabled Berkeley residents via a comprehensive system of support services including individualized case management, on-call emergency attendant care, transportation, and wheelchair repair services. Easy Does It currently operates the city of Berkeley's emergency services program for the severely physically disabled using the independent living model/philosophy. She has a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from SFSU and a Master's in Jewish Studies from the Graduate Theological Union.

Julie owns and operates Inclusive Community Resources, an agency which supports people with disabilities to be contributing members of their communities. Her specialty is transition planning and adult services for individuals with developmental disabilities. She has been an advocate and service provider for individuals with significant disabilities for over 15 years as a professional in the disability field. Julie has a Masters Degree in Special Education with an emphasis in Vocational Education from San Francisco State University.

**December 28: TBA** (Check the weekly announcements for an update) \*

## SAVE THE DATES

### CNS Music Festival

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## VALENTINO ACHAK DENG: Rebuilding a Shattered World

By Sharon Priven

On October 5, 2008, many of us had the honor of hearing Valentino Achak Deng speak here at Netivot Shalom about the humility and faith that helped him survive the atrocities of the Sudanese civil war. In the preface to *“What is the What,”* the novelized story of his life written by author Dave Eggers, Valentino conveys those same qualities:

*“What Is the What* is the soulful account of my life...

As you read this book, you will learn about me and my beloved people of Sudan. I was just a young boy when the twenty-two-year civil war began that pitted Sudan’s government against the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army. As a helpless human, I survived by trekking across many punishing landscapes while being bombed by Sudanese air forces, while dodging land mines, while being preyed upon by wild beasts and human killers. I fed on unknown fruits, vegetables, leaves and sometimes went with nothing for days. At many points, the difficulty was unbearable. I thought the whole world had turned blind eyes on the fate that was befalling me and the people of southern Sudan. Many of my friends, and thousands of my fellow countrymen, did not make it. May God give them eternal peace...

My desire to have this book written was born out of my faith and beliefs in humanity; I wanted to reach out to others to help them understand Sudan’s place in our global community... I am blessed to have lived to inform you that even when my hours were darkest, I believed that some day I could share my experiences with others. This book is a form of struggle, and it keeps my spirit alive to struggle. To struggle is to strengthen my faith, my hope and my belief in humanity. Since you and I exist, together we can make a difference! Thank you for reading *What Is the What...*”

Valentino’s commitment to telling his story led not only to *“What is the What,”* but also to starting a foundation to rebuild his village, Mariel Bai. We watched a slide show of his recent trip to Mariel Bai, while he informed us of the foundation’s goals of building what will be the only secondary school in the area, as well as a teacher training facility and community center. He stressed the importance of creating equal educational opportunities for girls, and explained that they are considering the possibility of starting micro-lending opportunities for widows caring for orphaned children. He showed photos of the children in his village, celebrating at the news that the school would be built and told us that it is their smiles, their happiness, and their potential to have the childhood they lost that motivates his work. Valentino also expressed the strong connection he feels with the Jewish community based on our shared histories of both exodus and holocaust.



Photos by Lisa Sibony.



I am thrilled to report that we raised over \$2000 in donations to the Valentino Achak Deng Foundation on the day of his talk. I strongly encourage those who want to learn more about the situation in Sudan to read *“What is the What”* (proceeds go to the foundation) and to explore Valentino’s website: [www.valentinoachakdeng.org](http://www.valentinoachakdeng.org). Many thanks go to congregant Dan Schifrin, program director at the Contemporary Jewish Museum, for making this event possible. ✨

## Our Cuban Friends

By June Safran, Cuban Affairs

This has been a good year for the Jews of Cuba. Slowly, the economic situation is improving with new, more liberal laws, including a revision of the social security system that workers all over the country are having an opportunity for input. The general attitude is hopeful and the promise is that pensions will rise but retirement will be put off a few years as the number of young workers to foot the bill is smaller than that of older workers. The Jewish community continues to grow in spiritual strength as more and more young people study to become b'nai mitzvah. More and more, their training is giving them the ability to participate in community and conduct services. Right now, we can say a mazel tov to Juan David, a young man who is actively shows a great interest in Judaism. He was one of the highlights of the spring trips. Everyone who talked with him wanted him to be with us more often than possible. Here is his bar mitzvah invitation. I only wish that I could have been there.

The other news is that the Birthright program this past summer was successful, as usual. Eugenia Farin, president of the Santiago de Cuba community went along as a chaperone. As well as enjoying the experience of Birthright, she had time to visit friends and relatives living in Israel. Here is a picture of Eugenia with Clara Behar who moved to Beersheva from Santiago eight years ago.

Eugenia also had a chance to visit her sister, Matilde Farin, who made aliyah in July 2008 along with her husband, Julio Aloma, who had been the religious leader of Santiago's Jewish community.

They are delighted to finally be in Israel with their son, Alejandro, and while they are working hard to adjust to the Israeli way of life and language, they also are enjoying being together once again with the many Santiageros who have moved to Israel over the past eight years. ❁



Eugenia with Clara Behar who moved to Beersheva from Santiago to Beersheva eight years ago.



Julio Aloma and Eugenia's sister, Matilde Farin.



Juan David's Bar Mitzvah invitation.

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## Rimmonim Kicks Off Its Third Year

By Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld, Coordinator of Rimmonim

Rimmonim got off to a great start on Sunday, Sept. 7, with its annual fall kick-off. Shalom Bochner, our new Director of Lifelong Learning and a Rimmonim parent, led us in singing beautiful and lively songs about nature. Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld told a story about giving of ourselves involving a pomegranate (*rimmon*). We also created several art works linked with the *middot*, which we will learn about this year. These *middot*, connect us with the larger world around us and inspire us to take care of it. We painted pieces for a group mural depicting the wonders of Creation, with a painting station for each of the six days of the original Creation. Come see for yourself the wall of the large classroom upstairs. It really is a miracle in itself!

There is also a large tree signifying the *Etz Chayim*. All year long when the children do something connected with a *middah*, they will note what they did or what *middah* it was connected to on a leaf which they will place on the tree. Hopefully by the end of the year, our tree will be blooming with *middot* and *mitzvot*. ✨



Ariel and Zahava Newman paint the darkness and the light of Day One of Creation for the Rimmonim mural.



Ariel and Rabbi Creditor paint the waters above and the waters below.



Rabbi Shalom Bochner leads the group in lively song.

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## “The Middot Initiative: Multi-Generational Programming”

By Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld, Coordinator of Rimmonim

Rimmonim is now in its third of four years of funding from the Legacy Heritage Innovation Project (LHIP). LHIP’s goal, in its own words, is “through creative family-based strategies, the LHIP seeks to engage Jewish parents in ongoing Jewish learning embedded in home and communal Jewish practice, integrate adult and children’s learning, and encourage congregations to operate in a more collaborative, systemic mode.” The Legacy Heritage Innovation Project is sponsored by Legacy Heritage Programming, an affiliate of Legacy Heritage Fund, a non-profit organization based in New York.

Our Rimmonim initiative began with Shabbat morning *tefillah* and learning for families with children in grades K-2 and others interested in spirited intergenerational *davening* and learning about *middot* (core Jewish values). The broader goal of the initiative, however, is to make the awareness and practice of *middot* one of the core missions of our community by bringing *middot* more into the active consciousness of our shul.

To that end, we adorn the glass panels at the entrance to the building with “*middah* of the month” signs and post “*middah* of the month” blurbs in the weekly announcement sheets.

Rabbi Creditor frequently speaks about *middot* in his *d’vei* Torah and at various meetings and classes. Last year several Sunday Minyan gatherings focused on *middot* and this year one post-kiddush learning session a month will focus on the *middah* of the month. In addition, there will be numerous intergenerational social action projects this year tied in with the monthly *middah*. All of these efforts are part of what we are calling “The Middot Initiative,” an ongoing effort, which hopefully will extend long past our grant funding so the awareness and practice of *middot* is infused with everything we do.

The Middot Initiative is sponsoring a concert by the hugely popular Jewish rock star Rick Recht here at Netivot Shalom on Feb. 1, 2009. Additional information is in the pages of this newsletter. Look for other events sponsored by “the Middot Initiative” in upcoming announcement sheets, newsletters, and on our website. Please contact [rimmonim@netivotshalom.org](mailto:rimmonim@netivotshalom.org) with your ideas and questions. ✨

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## Do You Have a Middah Learning You Could Share?

By Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld, Coordinator of Rimmonim

If you still think that Rimmonim is “just for families,” I invite you to be a part of our adult learning on Shabbat mornings. Now through June in the large classroom upstairs, on the 1st and 3rd Shabbat of the month from about 11:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., adults learn together about the *middah* of the month (while the children are next door snacking and enjoying secular picture books on the *middah*).

Volunteers facilitate these lively and fun adult learning sessions. These volunteers include parents with children in Rimmonim and other community members. We usually begin by looking closely at a number of *middah* textual sources. Then we branch out into how we personally relate to the material, what connections we make with it, and how it relates to our lives. This studying has helped bring together people in our congregation who might not otherwise have ever connected with one another.

This year we have studied with or will learn with Rabbi Daniel Kohn, Lee Bearson, Rachel Brodie, Joel Gerwein, Dan and Marjorie Stamper-Kurn, Vicky Kelman, Rabbi Stuart Kelman, Rom Rosenblum and Steve Bileca.

The group continues growing in size. While it is always great to chat with each other at kiddush, we form a deeper connection when we talk about something substantive and meaningful. So, please, I invite you to come and learn with us. Feel free to pop in and check it out any time. We would be thrilled to see you! And if you would like to lead a learning session, please contact [rimmonim@netivotshalom.org](mailto:rimmonim@netivotshalom.org). ✨

Announcing the  
**Netivot Shalom Israel Trip!**

Aug. 2- Aug. 16th, 2009

Please contact Rabbi Creditor  
for more information.

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Next year in Jerusalem!*

## Need teen help? Check out Midrasha Job Bank

By Diane Bernbaum

Midrasha is off to a wonderful start. There is a buzz in the air and people are happy to be back with old friends and great teachers. Many of you may be thinking you're not going to read any further because Midrasha has nothing to do with your life, but it does even if there are no teens in your life.

Do you know that Midrasha has a job bank? When students register they tell us if they would like us to circulate their names to people who are looking for babysitters, party help, yard workers, those who can do heavy moving and lifting, tutoring either in Judaic and secular subjects, pet sitters, office workers, computer experts and those who do housework or need community service opportunities. And this year we offer

a new category: sukkah builders. My own sukkah needed 3 people to put it up and now that our nest is empty, my husband and I have students willing to get hired to help out with that *mitzvah*. If you would like a copy of the Midrasha job bank, call the Midrasha office, 843-4667 or e-mail [diane@midrasha.org](mailto:diane@midrasha.org) and we'll send you one.

Besides Sunday mornings, there are weekday classes --hidden gems of Midrasha. On Thursdays from 4:15-6:15 at Beth Israel, David Henkin and Zvi Septimus teach a *Talmud* and *Tanach* study group. Each year they choose another theme and Zvi follows it in the *Talmud* some weeks and David in the *Tanach* on the other weeks. And brand new this year is Rabbi Menachem Creditor's wonderful class on Mystical Visions of God, taught on Tuesday nights from 6:15-7:15 at Netivot Shalom. We are so lucky with the wealth of learning from community members that is available to our teens. \*

## Midrasha Update

By Diane Bernbaum

Midrasha is off to an amazing start this year. Our students are really energized and now it's YOUR turn to see what they're so excited about! On Sunday morning, November 2, we open our classroom doors to parents, grandparents, siblings, and anyone who is interested or curious about Midrasha. After a welcome brunch, you will have the opportunity to choose from among a host of classes that will stimulate and delight you., Doors open at 9:15 am at Beth El at 1301 Oxford St. See you there!

Look for the Midrasha annual solicitation coming soon in your mail. It's something that we work hard at crafting and hope you'll like reading. We look at it as an annual newsletter, not just asking you for money, but instead, giving us an opportunity to tell you about the great things that have happened over the last year. It contains my favorite quotes from graduation speeches and e-mails from parents. So I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I do putting it together and please give generously.

## Adult Education Keeps on Growing

By Judy Breakstone for Adult Education

First of all, I want to welcome and thank Rabbi Shalom Bochner, our Director of Lifelong Learning, who has been an immediate asset to the Adult Ed programming. He's already positively impacted us in the areas of publicity, organization, program ideas and class room instruction.

Every Shabbat this year, there will be a rotating thematic after-kiddush program. First Shabbat of the month will be focusing on the nature of God, 2nd week of the month will be on the environment and/or social action, 3rd week will be in conjunction with Rimmonim on the *middah* of the month, and the 4th week will be

the Sage of the month. These programs are a wonderful way to extend your Shabbat learning, and to get to know more members of our community.

Adult Ed is working closely with the Social Action committee and with Lehrhaus Judaica this year. We have programs scheduled almost every weeknight and on most Sundays that are not already booked by the Sunday minyan programs besides every week after kiddush. We will be offering teachings about every holiday and we expect to have a Scholar-in-Residence weekend sometime in January or February.

It all adds up to a very exciting year and we continue to welcome your ideas, enthusiasm and participation! Contact me at [adultprograms@netivotshalom.org](mailto:adultprograms@netivotshalom.org). \*

## Save the date! Save the date! Save the date!

Netivot Shalom is very lucky to have booked the top-touring musician in Jewish music, Rick Recht, for a concert on Feb. 1, 2009. Mark your calendars now and buy your tickets early because this concert will definitely sell out. Performing about 150 concerts a year all over the U.S., Rick has wide appeal with youth, family, and adult audiences not only because he is an exceptional musician, singer/songwriter, and entertainer, but also because he has become known as an inspiring role model for involvement in Jewish life. He uses the powerful medium of Jewish music to enhance Jewish pride and identity among Jews of all ages. "We're lucky because our fan base ranges in age from little kids to adults which allows us to do all kinds of different concerts," said Recht. He sings about hope, change, tearing down the walls that separate us, peace, the joy of Shabbat, and the magic and power of Judaism. This concert is sponsored by The Middot Initiative: Youth and Adult Education and should be a powerful community experience.

For more information about Rick Recht and to hear his music, please go to his website: [www.rickrecht.com](http://www.rickrecht.com).

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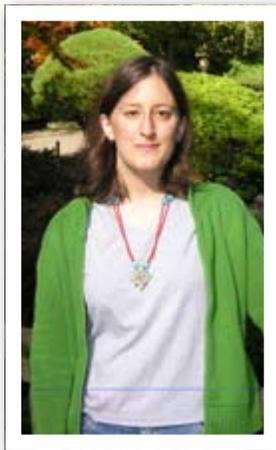
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## Jennifer Massie

Meet our new member Jennifer Massie. Jennifer recently joined Netivot because she likes its community feeling and she has many friends here. She has actually been involved in Young Adults for quite a while, and when she became the co-chair of the group, she figured it was a good time to join!



She grew up in the Bay Area, mainly San Francisco's Richmond district, and Mill Valley, and attended high school in SF. She graduated from Wesleyan University with a BA in Latin American Studies, concentrating in history. She loves to cook and spent 6 months in culinary school in NYC after college but never truly worked as a chef. She returned to the Bay area to attend UC Berkeley where she earned her MSW in 2004. Currently, she is a case manager/service coordinator for the Regional Center of the East Bay and provides early intervention to clients under 3 years of age that either have disabilities or are at risk for them. She's bilingual in Spanish, and uses Spanish every day at work with the families she works with ([www.rceb.org](http://www.rceb.org)).

She also loves to travel and spent a semester in Nicaragua in college. She's been to Canada, Mexico, and Japan. Closer to home, she recently went river rafting on the Middle and South Forks of the American River.

Jennifer's current project is her newly purchased house in Emeryville that requires a great deal of work. It's starting to feel like home and she likes being close to her father who lives in San Francisco and her mother who lives in Mill Valley. Her sister lives in St. Louis.

Tracing their family's genealogy they discovered that they are distantly related to a famous 16th Century Rabbi named Rabbi Moses ben Israel Isserles. He was a talmudic scholar with a yeshiva who also studied philosophy and kabbalah. By that token, she's also extremely distantly related to the composers Mendelssohn and Meyerbeer.

Jennifer loves pets and Israeli dancing. And she's about to embark on a new adventure -- adopting a dog!

## The Edidin Family

The Edidin family is in Berkeley for a sabbatical from the University of Missouri, where Tanya and Dan are both professors of mathematics. They both do research in pure mathematics and they came to Berkeley to participate in the Mathematical Sciences

Research Institute (MSRI) programs and also to visit the Cal math dept. They enjoy walking and hiking. They enjoy walking around Berkeley and its proximity to San Francisco, the beach, hikes, etc...



The Edidins' have two children. Ben is 5 and in kindergarten, and Rachel is 8 (she was born on Yom Kippur) and is in 2nd grade. Both kids are attending Rosa Parks this year.

They joined Netivot because they wanted to join a Berkeley congregation and felt like Netivot was a friendly place for families with young children. They also enjoy the fact that the services are community led.

## The Plotkin-Oren Family

The Plotkin-Oren family joined Netivot Shalom this summer and looks forward to getting to know more members and becoming a part of Netivot Shalom's warm community.

Arnon Oren grew up in Rosh Pina, a small village near Tzafat in Northern Israel. He studied at a culinary school in Lyon, France. Tammy Plotkin-Oren grew up in Houston, TX. She attended UC Berkeley. Tammy studied at Hebrew University on a one-year exchange program and fell in love with Israel. She returned to Israel after college and worked at an investment bank in Tel Aviv. Tammy and Arnon met in Israel and



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returned to Berkeley together in 1997 when Tammy enrolled in UC Berkeley for her MBA. Today, Tammy has a financial and insurance planning business, affiliated with New York Life Insurance Company. Arnon has a catering and private chef business, Oren's Kitchen. They live in El Cerrito with their three girls - Ella, (6 1/2), Dahlia (5) and Nava (1 1/2). Ella and Dahlia attend Madera Elementary School in El Cerrito and Nava is in a home daycare. Ella and Dahlia attend the Kadima Hebrew immersion program, which has been wonderful.

### **Amy Nelson & Chris Romer**

Amy grew up in New York. Chris grew up in London, and is now a repatriated American. Amy is a doctoral student at UC Berkeley in the Political Science Department. Chris is a sculptor. Chris and Amy moved to Berkeley from Brooklyn two years ago when Amy started her PhD program at Cal. Amy loves to cook, and works for a catering company when school work permits. Chris collects ice fishing decoys--a classic bit of Americana, which feeds his nostalgia for the Great Lakes Region, where he went to art school. He just bought a bike to keep up with Amy.

Amy and Chris took a series of classes with Rabbi Creditor, which inspired them to join Netivot Shalom. They love Netivot's progressive yet traditional approach to Judaism.

Amy and Chris are getting married on August 23, 2009 in California. They actually met at the wedding of mutual friends in New Hampshire 4 years ago, but Amy moved to Jackson Hole shortly thereafter, so their early dating all took place in Wyoming.

In this photo, Amy and Chris were hiking in Jackson, Wyoming, with a view looking over Jenny Lake in Grand Teton National Park.



### **Michal & Daniel Shuldman**

Dan and Michal have been married for 6 years. Dan grew up in South Brunswick, NJ and Michal in Newbury Park, CA. They met working on the Outdoor Adventure staff at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. They are both graduate students – Michal studies Plant Ecology at UC Berkeley, and Dan studies physics at San Francisco State University. They moved to Berkeley from Davis, where Michal did her masters degree. Before that, they lived in Prescott, Arizona, where Dan completed his BA, and on the east coast. They like to do outdoor activities like hiking and backpacking. They also like cooking with friends and traveling (which they don't get to do very much lately). In this photo, Michal and Daniel are hiking in Denali.



### **Welcome New Members**

In chronological order of joining this year:

Matt and Carly West  
Dan Edidin and Tanya Christiansen  
Ellen and Warren Reier  
Ester Alkanli  
Nina Birnbaum  
Janis Burger  
Jennifer Mangel and Robert Ratner  
Jennifer Massie  
Sophia Lehmann and Jonas Duke  
Yiskah Rosenfeld  
Lee Shulman and Meredith Stern  
Daniel and Michal Shuldman  
Debra and Oren Massey  
Christopher Romer and Amy Nelson  
Tamir Scheinok and Janet (Mimi) Choi  
Marjorie and Dan Stamper-Kurn  
Benjamin R. and Ruth Phillips Teitelbaum  
Dr. Philip Rosenthal and Sherrin Jean Packer-Rosenthal  
Arnon Oren and Tammy Plotkin-Oren  
Lisa Frydman and Mark Brilliant

## Mazel Tov

on the birth of a baby girl to Jan Ihmels and Neta Erez-Ihmels on September 26, 2008.

# The Rosh Chodesh Group

**Thursday October 30** – we welcome Cheshvan  
**Monday December 1** – we celebrate Kislev  
**Tuesday, December 30** – we observe the month of Tevet

Meetings are held in members homes and are open to all women in the congregation. The programs will be announced through emails and the Weekly Announcements.

For additional information contact Toby Gidal at [roshchodesh@netivotshalom.org](mailto:roshchodesh@netivotshalom.org).

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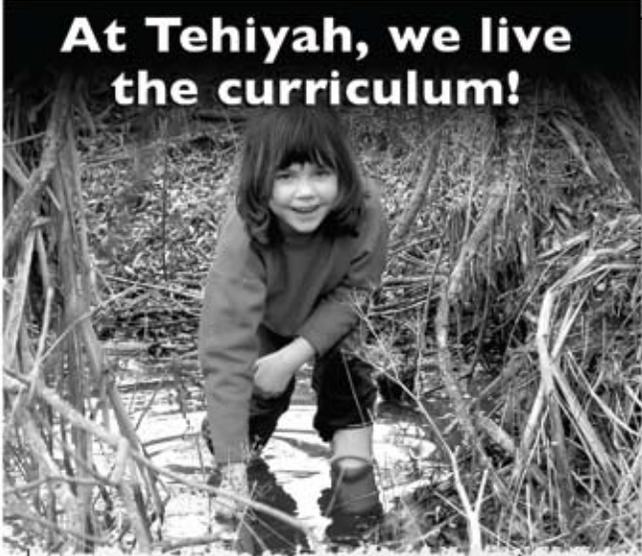
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**NOVEMBER****November 1**

3 Heshvan  
Aaron Levy-Wolins  
Bar Mitzvah  
Shabbat Services  
Torah Study  
10:30 AM Rimmonim /  
children in grades K-2  
6:52 PM *Havdalah*

**November 2**

4 Heshvan  
Midrasha Parent/Student  
Study Brunch at Beth El  
USCJ Biennial Meeting and  
Conference, SF  
7:00 PM Josh Kornbluth  
Benefit for Darfur at Netivot!

**November 3**

5 Heshvan  
Education Office Closed  
10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
7:15 PM Jazz-Klez Band  
7:30 PM BiblioDrama!  
taught by Jake Birnberg

**November 4**

6 Heshvan  
Election Day  
9:30 AM Mom's in Career  
Transition (JVS)  
3:30 PM Kadima Classes  
6:15 PM CNS: Midrasha  
7:45 PM Judaism 101: When  
Do I Bow? or Navigating  
Shabbat Morning

**November 5**

7 Heshvan  
7:15 AM Morning Minyan  
9:30 AM Mom's in Career  
Transition (JVS)  
10:00 AM Baby Group  
7:30 PM Lehrhaus Class - Out  
of the Mouths of Babes  
7:30 PM Israel Trip  
Informational Meeting

**November 6**

8 Heshvan  
10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
12:00 PM ELT Meeting  
3:30 PM Kadima Classes

**November 7**

9 Heshvan  
9th Grade Midrasha Retreat  
12:30 PM Preschool Shabbat  
4:46 PM *Candle lighting*

**November 8**

10 Heshvan  
9th Grade Midrasha Retreat  
Shabbat Services  
9:00 AM Torah Study  
10:00 AM Meditative Minyan

11:00 AM Shabbat B'Yachad  
– Program for families and  
children under 5  
1:30 PM “The Next Flood:  
What Jews Can Do About  
Climate Change and Sea  
Level Rise”  
4:30 PM Asa Stahl Bar Mitzvah  
5:45 PM *Havdalah*  
7:00 PM Youth Night I

**November 9**

11 Heshvan  
9th Grade Midrasha Retreat  
9:30 AM Shacharit Minyan  
and Program  
7:00 PM Seymour Kessler  
Reservation for Speaker

**November 10**

12 Heshvan  
Education Office Closed  
10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
7:30 PM BiblioDrama!  
taught by Jake Birnberg

**November 11**

13 Heshvan  
Veteran's Day  
9:30 AM Mom's in Career  
Transition (JVS)  
3:30 PM Kadima Classes  
6:15 PM CNS: Midrasha  
7:45 PM Judaism 101: When  
Do I Bow? or Navigating  
Shabbat Morning

**November 12**

14 Heshvan  
7:15 AM Morning Minyan  
9:30 AM Mom's in Career  
Transition (JVS)  
10:00 AM Baby Group  
7:00 PM “Darwin's Nightmare,  
and discussion with AJWS  
7:30 PM Lehrhaus Class - Out  
of the Mouths of Babes

**November 13**

15 Heshvan  
10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
3:30 PM Kadima Classes

**November 14**

16 Heshvan  
12:30 PM Preschool Shabbat  
2:00 PM Amitim Family  
Retreat  
4:40 PM *Candle lighting*  
6:00 PM Second Friday  
Kabbalat Shabbat Services  
and Meal - Sponsored by  
the Young Adults Havurah

**November 15**

17 Heshvan  
Amitim Family Retreat  
Shabbat Services  
Torah Study

Erez-Ihmels Simchat Bat  
(During Tefilot)  
10:30 AM Rimmonim/  
grades K-2  
5:39 PM *Havdalah*

**November 16**

18 Heshvan  
Amitim Family Retreat  
9:30 AM **Netivot Shalom  
Annual Meeting**

**November 17**

19 Heshvan  
Education Office Closed  
Pre-School Time  
7:15 PM Jazz-Klez Band  
7:30 PM BiblioDrama!  
taught by Jake Birnberg

**November 18**

20 Heshvan  
9:30 AM Mom's in Career  
Transition (JVS)  
3:30 PM Kadima Classes  
6:15 PM CNS: Midrasha  
7:45 PM Judaism 101: When  
Do I Bow? or Navigating  
Shabbat Morning

**November 19**

21 Heshvan  
7:15 AM Morning Minyan  
10:00 AM Baby Group  
7:30 PM Lehrhaus Class - Out  
of the Mouths of Babes

**November 20**

22 Heshvan  
10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
3:30 PM Kadima Classes  
7:30 PM Chevra Shirim

**November 21**

23 Heshvan  
12:30 PM Preschool Shabbat  
4:36 PM *Candle lighting*

**November 22**

24 Heshvan  
Shabbat Services  
Adoption Shabbat (see boxed  
item on 19)  
9:00 AM Torah Study  
11:00 AM Shabbat B'Yachad  
– Program for families and  
children under 5  
5:35 PM *Havdalah*

**November 23**

25 Heshvan  
9:30 AM Shacharit Minyan  
and Program  
10:00 AM SBY Service Leader  
and Story Teller Workshop  
5:00 PM Social Action cooks at  
Dorothy Day Men's Shelter

**November 24**

26 Heshvan  
Education Office Closed

10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
7:30 PM BiblioDrama!  
taught by Jake Birnberg

**November 25**

27 Heshvan  
3:30 PM Kadima Classes  
6:15 PM CNS: Midrasha

**November 26**

28 Heshvan  
Offices and Schools Closed  
7:15 AM Morning Minyan  
10:00 AM Baby Group

**November 27**

29 Heshvan  
Thanksgiving Day  
Offices and School Closed  
No Kadima Classes

**November 28**

1 Kislev  
Offices and Schools Closed  
Rosh Chodesh Kislev  
9:30 AM Rosh Chodesh Kislev  
Minyan  
11:00 AM Fendel Upshirin  
12:30 PM Preschool Shabbat  
4:33 PM *Candle lighting*

**November 29**

2 Kislev  
Shabbat Services  
Torah Study  
4:30 PM Rachel Siegel  
Bat Mitzvah  
5:33 PM *Havdalah*  
7:00 PM Rachel Siegel  
Bat Mitzvah Party

**November 30**

3 Kislev

**DECEMBER****December 1**

4 Kislev  
Education Office Closed  
10:30 AM Pre-School Time

**December 2**

5 Kislev  
3:00 PM Pre-School Board  
Meeting  
3:30 PM Kadima Classes  
6:15 PM CNS: Midrasha  
7:30 PM Talmud Tools with  
Robin Braverman and Rabbi  
Creditor

**December 3**

6 Kislev  
7:15 AM Morning Minyan  
10:00 AM Baby Group  
7:30 PM Lehrhaus Class - The  
Wisdom of Rebbe Nachman  
with Rabbi Carol Caine

**December 4**

7 Kislev  
 10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
 3:30 PM Kadima Classes  
 7:30 PM NS Preschool -Gan  
 Parents Association  
 7:30 PM Back to the Torah  
 (Lehrhaus)

**December 5**

8 Kislev  
 12:30 PM Preschool Shabbat  
 4:32 PM Candle lighting

**December 6**

9 Kislev  
 Shabbat Services  
 9:00 AM Torah Study  
 9:30 AM Midrasha and JCHS  
 Shabbat  
 10:30 AM Rimmonim /  
 children in grades K-2  
 5:32 PM Havdalah

**December 7**

10 Kislev

**December 8**

11 Kislev  
 Education Office Closed  
 10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
 6:00 PM AIPAC East Bay  
 Dinner

**December 9**

12 Kislev  
 3:30 PM Kadima Classes  
 6:15 PM CNS: Midrasha

**December 10**

13 Kislev  
 7:15 AM Morning Minyan  
 10:00 AM Baby Group  
 7:30 PM Lehrhaus Class - The  
 Wisdom of Rebbe Nachman  
 with Carol Caine

**December 11**

14 Kislev  
 10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
 3:30 PM Kadima Classes

**December 12**

15 Kislev  
 12:30 PM Preschool Shabbat  
 4:32 PM Candle lighting

6:00 PM Second Friday  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Services  
 and Meal - Sponsored by  
 the Young Adults Havurah

**December 13**

16 Kislev  
 Shabbat Services  
 Torah Study  
 10:00 AM Meditative Minyan  
 11:00 AM Shabbat B'Yachad  
 - Program for families and  
 children under 5  
 5:33 PM Havdalah

**December 14**

17 Kislev  
 9:30 AM Shacharit Minyan  
 and Program  
 10:00 AM SBY Chanukah  
 Party

**December 15**

18 Kislev  
 Education Office Closed  
 10:30 AM Pre-School Time

**December 16**

19 Kislev  
 3:30 PM Kadima Classes  
 6:15 PM CNS: Midrasha

**December 17**

20 Kislev  
 7:15 AM Morning Minyan  
 10:00 AM Baby Group  
 7:30 PM Lehrhaus Class - The  
 Wisdom of Rebbe Nachman  
 with Rabbi Carol Caine

**December 18**

21 Kislev  
 10:30 AM Pre-School Time  
 3:30 PM Kadima Classes

**December 19**

22 Kislev  
 12:30 PM Preschool Shabbat  
 4:35 PM Candle lighting  
 5:30 PM Family Kabbalat  
 Shabbat

**December 20**

23 Kislev  
 Shabbat Services  
 Bar Mitzvah of Noam Samuels

9:00 AM Torah Study  
 10:30 AM Rimmonim/  
 grades K-2  
 5:35 PM Havdalah

**December 21**

24 Kislev  
 Chanukah: 1 Candle  
 9:00 AM Building Reserved

**December 22**

25 Kislev  
 Chanukah: 2 Candles  
 Education Office and  
 Preschool Closed

**December 23**

26 Kislev  
 Chanukah: 3 Candles  
 Preschool Closed  
 Kadima on Winter Break

**December 24**

27 Kislev  
 Chanukah: 4 Candles  
 Preschool Closed  
 7:15 AM Morning Minyan  
 10:00 AM Baby Group

**December 25**

28 Kislev  
 Chanukah: 5 Candles  
 2nd Annual Communitywide  
 Yiddish Culture Festival  
 Offices and Schools Closed  
 Preschool Closed  
 Kadima on Winter Break

**December 26**

29 Kislev  
 Chanukah: 6 Candles  
 Preschool Closed  
 4:39 PM Candle lighting

**December 27**

30 Kislev  
 Chanukah: 7 Candles  
 Shabbat Services  
 Rosh Chodesh Tevet  
 Torah Study  
 11:00 AM Shabbat B'Yachad  
 - Program for families and  
 children under 5  
 5:39 PM Havdalah

**December 28**

1 Tevet  
 Chanukah: 8 Candles  
 Preschool Closed  
 Rosh Chodesh Tevet  
 9:00 AM Shacharit followed  
 by presentation  
 3:00 PM Executive Committee  
 Meeting

**December 29**

2 Tevet  
 Chanukah: 8th Day  
 Education Office and  
 Preschool Closed

**December 30**

3 Tevet  
 Preschool Closed  
 Kadima on Winter Break

**December 31**

4 Tevet  
 New Year's Eve  
 Preschool Closed  
 7:15 AM Morning Minyan  
 10:00 AM Baby Group

SAVE THE DATES  
**CNS Music Festival**  
 the evening of  
 February 21, 2009  
 7:30-10:30 pm  
 Music! Dessert! Drinks!  
 Featuring a great lineup  
 of CNS Musical Talent

**CNS Weekend Retreat**  
 May 22-24, 2009  
 Camp Newman near  
 Santa Rosa

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.

November 22, Netivot Shalom celebrates its 3rd Adoption Shabbat!  
 We are looking for any and all volunteers to join in. You do not need to  
 be part of an adoptive family! Come help lead the service or share sto-  
 ries of how adoption touched you. Please help by donating money for  
 the kiddush luncheon or help shop, cook, set up or clean up Kiddush  
 luncheon. Direct kiddush contributions (money, food prep., etc.) to  
 Susan David, Netivot Shalom's Kiddush Coordinator. Service partici-  
 pation requests should be e-mailed to Lydia Brose (lyd47@sbcglobal.net).

Please join us in celebrating our diversity !!!

## Designated Funds at CNS

The next time you make a donation to our synagogue, consider designating it to one of our funds.

### Stephanie Davis Fund

For programs which teach ritual and connects Judaism and the environment and with action to help the environment. This fund helps underwrite programs in Tilden Park for Sukkot and Lag B'Omer.

### Ethelyn Simon Fund

Supports programs that emphasize Biblical Hebrew language learning and Textual Studies.

### Sifrei Kodesh

To be used for purchase and repair of *Torahs*, *chumashim*, *sidurim*, and other ritual books.

### Open Door Fund

Supports programs that enable our services, classes, and programs to become more accessible to adults and children with various disabilities (learning, physical, intellectual, or emotional).

### Tzedakah Fund

Collections from our religious school, pushkes, and individuals that are used for various charitable purposes. In the past we have supported *Mazon*, *Mogen David Adom*, Food Bank, etc.

### Kelman Liturgy Fund

Liturgy or *tefillah*, worship, prayer and spirituality have become central to our identity as a congregation. This fund can be used to invite a scholar-in-residence or

hold a weeklong programmatic concentration or have a special retreat or even a musical program focusing on the general topic of 'prayer'.

### Youth Education Fund

Supports the needs of our various youth education programs.

### Preschool Scholarship Fund

Provides assistance if needed to underwrite the tuition for children to attend our Preschool.

### Social Action Fund

Supports the various activities that the Social Action Committee determines important for the year. In the past this fund helped underwrite our Feed the Homeless program, the Annual Turkey Drive, etc.

### Tiferet Fund

To apply the action plans developed by our Tiferet Project to support programs that show that intermarried families can have a spiritual home at Netivot Shalom.

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Funds are used for charitable purposes at the rabbi's discretion.

### Executive Director's Discretionary Fund

Funds are used to benefit the congregation at the executive director's discretion.

### Building Fund

Funds to be used for the purchase of the land and the building for the Congregation.

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## ASPAKLARIA, cont.

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people of a particularly ancient faith articulate a personal connection to the indefinable Divine?

I begin by acknowledging that Truth coexists with injustice. Instead of either the "God's reasons are unknowable to man" response or the Abrahamic "Far be it from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?" response, I advocate an entirely different way of looking at God as involved in the world. I believe in a God who is the Light and Healing in the world, who defies definition because infinity not only exceeds expectation but because infinity does not act. God does not act in this world. God's Holy Presence heals without taking form or action.

Whether one believes that God created the world

and then let it go like a pocket watch or that God is a redemptive force like hope, it is possible to believe that Apocalypse is a human decision, and that death is not. That belief does not make God the active Giver and Taker of Life. The metaphor for God as "Source of Life" is not to be confused with "Controller of Life." If we believe that the actions that occur in this world are God's doing, then we damn God to an image of cruelty and dispassion. Our pain is real and worthy of expression. Just as I thank God for the blessings in my life, which are often the results of loving human action, I scream at God for the curses of the world that are just as often the results of harmful human action. The theology of God's perfection is a broken myth from which we must emerge as we rescue God and our world from the acceptance of abusive and destructive definitions.

I believe we are called to do no less. ✨

***Adult Education Fund***

**Barbara Wezelman**, in memory of Daniel Wezelman Bartlett

***Building Fund***

**Harold and Mimi Jaffe**, in honor of Ruth and Burt Dorman

***Rabbi's Discretionary Fund***

**Ed Anisman and Claire Sherman**, in beloved memory of Rose Anisman

**Carla Cassler and Rabbi Dean Kertesz**, in memory of Jim McCram and Imre Kertesz

**Cantor Jennie and Steve Chabon**, in honor of Lev's bris

**Joan and Joel Diengott**, in honor of Jeff Rosenbloom's 50th birthday

**Michael and Anna Fogelman**, in honor of Naomi Sybil Fogelman's 1st birthday

**Karen Friedman and David Marcus**, in honor of the publication Ephraim Friedman's article in the Journal of American Ophthalmology

**Claryce Keeth and the Schwartz Family**, with our deepest appreciation in memory of Roslyn Schwartz

**Lawrence Polon and Ernestina Carrillo**, in honor of Carol Cunradi and Debby Graudenz for their selfless acts of loving kindness

**Michelle Rappaport**, in memory of Marc Rappaport

**Ben and Helen Stern**, in honor of Rosh Hashanah

***General Fund***

**Anonymous**, for Sukkah at your home

**Tamar Allen**, in memory of Les Millberger

**Lee Bearson & Beatrice Freiberg**, in honor of the following people's help with Dafna's Bat Mitzvah – Rabbi Creditor, Lisa Gershony, Vicki Sommer, Ruth Weisberg, and Janet Harris

**Yael Biederman and Jon Galinson**

**Steve and Karen Bovarnick**, in honor of Seymour Kessler's 80th birthday

**Jerry Gerblich and Alexis Milea**

**Ralph and Rosette Fischer**, in honor of Claude Fischer and Ann Swidler

**Anna and Michael Fogelman**

**Naomi Fried**, in honor of Dafna Bearson's Bat Mitzvah

**Dale Friedman and Joan Bradus**, in memory of Shirley Bradus, Jerome Friedman, and Rose Anisman

**Toby Gidal**, with gratitude for my Rosh Hashanah aliyah

**Ronna Kabatznick and Peter Dale Scott**, in honor of Seymour Kessler's 80th birthday and in memory of Minna Kabatznick, Norman Kabatznick, and Jeffrey Kabatznick

**Barry Kamil & Nancy Gurian**

**Rabbi Stuart and Vicki Kelman**, in memory of Patti Kelman Mintz

**Seymour and Hilda Kessler**, in honor of Milt Greenstein's second Bar Mitzvah

**Seymour and Hilda Kessler**, in memory of Hope Alper's mother, Lillian R. Finegold

**Kittner Family**, in honor of Dafna Bearson's Bat Mitzvah

**Sari-Lois Mattal-Next**, in honor of Milt Greenstein's second Bar Mitzvah

**Deborah and Milton Potak**, in memory of Rebecca Schreiber and Abraham Potak

**Shari Rifas**, in memory of Ruth Berg

**Beth Rose and John Levy**, in appreciation of Julie Batz

**Dov Rosenfeld and Cathy Shadd**, in honor of Maya Ball-Burack's Bat Mitzvah

**Dov Rosenfeld and Cathy Shadd**, in honor of Dafna Bearson's Bat Mitzvah

**Ben and Helen Stern**

**Claudia Valas and Carl Buchin**, in honor of Josh and Nicole's first anniversary

**Claudia Valas and Carl Buchin**, in honor of Theda Haber and Kathy Khuner's marriage

***Gemilut Hasadim***

**Elijah and Ginette Polak**

***Kelman Fund***

**Lee Bearson and Beatrice Freiberg**, in honor of Rabbi Kelman and his help with Dafna's Bat Mitzvah

***Kiddush Fund***

**Carol and Jim Cunradi**, in honor of Lydia Brose

***Preschool Fund***

**Mina and Jack Gobler**, in memory of Lena Gobler

***Yad Ethelyn Fund***

**Lee Bearson and Babbie Frieberg**, in honor of Vicky Kelman

Thank you to **Mary and Jim Breitlow** for the donation of the garden shed

**President, cont.**

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who provide consistent leadership and support to sustain these programs, committees and the larger Netivot community. As Netivot Shalom's president, I have been honored to be one of those individuals. It has been both a joy and a burden, as everything meaningful in life is.

In the course of my presidency, I have gotten to know many congregants and to share with them the heady combination of camaraderie, responsibility, and satisfaction of creating community together. I have also been blessed with the opportunity to work with our wonderful paid volunteers, for to call our staff "employees" would miss the point that beyond the expectations of their jobs, they volunteer tremendous time and energy to building the Netivot Shalom community. Together, paid and unpaid volunteers create a sacred community more personal and more meaningful than we could ever expect to create as individuals.

As a participatory congregation, we rely on unpaid volunteers to supplement our paid volunteers to create and support the programming and services that we value and rely on. Adult Education, Youth Education, Ritual, Membership, and other committees and coordinators all support the congregation's work. As we reach out to support one another, we rely on Bikur Cholim, Gemilut Hasadim, and Chevra Kadisha committees to provide needed support. We have also gotten better at playing together. Our Community Building committee sponsors an active calendar of social programming and is coming up with ways for congregants to have fun together.

Creating Jewish community is more than building our own community; it is also about *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. This past year, Sharon Priven has helped Netivot Shalom members channel their passion for *tikkun olam* through a growing array of Netivot Shalom social action programming.

All of this energy and expanded programming is helping Netivot Shalom reach out beyond our own membership. Our membership is now growing. Over the past two months alone (I am writing this in late September), eighteen families and individuals have joined our congregation. Several of these are familiar faces returning to Netivot Shalom. Most, however, are new to our congregation. This is an exciting opportunity to practice the art of both welcoming new congregants and welcoming back old friends.

Membership growth means that sometimes we will fill the entire sanctuary for Shabbat services. Sometimes there will be overflow crowds at Kiddush. Frequently, you will not recognize Shabbat attendees.

Some of these challenges can be addressed by rethinking our physical space, some require individual actions, and some require that we make conscious choices as a community.

We have already begun to rethink our use of space. We now have fewer dedicated spaces and more dual use spaces. On Friday afternoons, our second preschool classroom is transformed into a catering preparation space. We are rethinking how to physically organize the Shabbat kiddush space so that we have more room for the growing crowds that come to celebrate our increasing number of simchas. We plan to add a Learner's Minyan and other additional Shabbat options so that we can better meet the needs of our growing congregation and spread Shabbat observance over more time and space.

During the announcements at the end of services each Shabbat, one of our board members welcomes our visitors and invites them to introduce themselves so that we can perform the mitzvah of welcoming the stranger. With our membership growth and the increasing interest in Netivot Shalom among the larger Jewish community, we are likely to have the opportunity to fulfill that mitzvah upon entering our building. I encourage you to introduce yourself to unfamiliar faces.

We need to become better at cherishing our long-term members who devoted themselves to building our community. It is easy to gain pleasure from seeing the small children that now fill our building and lift our hearts each day or to form tight bonds among a group of peers that are all going through the same life steps. To continue to be a community, we need to reach out to members who are standing or sitting alone, as well as to long time members who no longer come into our building.

Now that we have become more successful at reaching out to the broader Jewish community and increasing our membership, our challenge, both as individuals and as a congregation, is to become better at reaching out to each other within our Netivot Shalom community, so that no one gets lost in the growing crowd.

Being president for me has been like being head of a large extended family. I don't have any authority over what other family members do, nor would I want that authority. I want each member of my family to live a full life, to blossom into their individual potential, to be supportive of the other family members, and to be committed to family continuity. What I want for Netivot Shalom is a larger version of what I want for my own family and a more personal version of what I want for the Jewish people as a whole. \*



## Congregation Netivot Shalom Annual Meeting

Please join fellow members at Netivot Shalom for the Annual meeting, scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2008, at 1316 University Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702.

Registration 9:00 a.m. • Meeting Begins 9:30 a.m.

**Josh Kornbluth  
Fundraiser**  
helping children  
in the  
Darfur crisis

**November 2nd:**  
Josh Kornbluth will  
perform in  
"Citizen Josh" and host a  
"talkback" dialogue  
with MoveOn.org  
co-founder Joan Blades  
following the show.  
Concluding remarks  
will be made by  
Rabbi Lee Bycel,  
AJWS Western Region  
Executive Director.  
Proceeds support  
AJWS programs  
for Darfuri children  
in refugee camps.  
Tickets are \$36  
and available now at  
<http://www.brownpaper-tickets.com/event/45068>  
or during office hours  
at Netivot Shalom.

Performance  
starts at 7pm.  
**Join us!**



## Save the date: Sunday, November 2

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
Northern California Region  
*Biennial meeting and conference*

Program features:  
Honoring volunteers from each of our Congregations  
and



Combining music, drama, and study to  
"...promote Jewish cultural literacy through original theatrical performances and educational programs for multi-generational audiences. Using twenty-first century performance art techniques, StorahTelling brings personal contemporary meaning to 5,000 years of Jewish tradition."

Docent-led tours of the new Beth Sholom building

Location:  
Congregation Beth Sholom  
14th Avenue & Clement Street  
San Francisco  
Minyan 9:00 AM  
Program begins 10:00 AM

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ing to improve our compost/recycling/garbage systems.

Watch for the Rimmonim *middot* this year, as our K-2nd graders focus on environmental values. The Social Action committee and the religious school will be sponsoring opportunities to do environmental service projects as well. Once a month, our Shabbat afternoon talks will have a green theme with a variety of speakers and study sessions on environmental issues.

If you have ideas, time, or would like to share in this effort, email [joelgerwein@post.harvard.edu](mailto:joelgerwein@post.harvard.edu). \*

**Board Report, cont.**

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Executive Board meeting to initiate discussions about revamping the newsletter. She pointed out that with the weekly electronic Shabbat Announcements the newsletter's purpose should be changed. The electronic weekly announcements provide timelier committee updates and calendar events. Therefore, she proposed making it more attractive to kids with interactive components, and suggested having the Amitim students write articles. The newsletter also could contain recipes and participants' reactions to an event such as a Sunday morning talk. She also suggested that issues could have themes in which we solicit germane articles and include drashes. The Executive Board was receptive, appointed Andrea Altshuler to be a liaison to the newsletter, and asked Janet to work with the Executive Director and Rabbi to implement changes. \*

**Lifelong Learning, cont.**

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Rimmonim and open to the entire congregation.

**YNL:** Will include age-appropriate more complete Youth Services.

**Youth Group:** Be on the look out for a Town Hall meeting and kick-off later this year of a youth group in addition to a greater involvement with regional Kadima (6th-8th graders) and USY (United Synagogue Youth for High School students) weekend events and retreats.

**Adult Ed:** We have a new partnership with Lerhaus Judaica, and also I will be teaching an introductory class series on the body and soul of Shabbat (using Heschel's book as a primary text) and a more advanced/intermediate level ongoing class on *Mishneh* Shabbat. Rabbi Creditor and I will be offering a Wednesday mid-day weekly class on the Torah portion.

There is certainly a lot going on around here! \*

**MITZVAH MILERS RAISE \$51,000!**

Dear Friends & Family,

Last weekend, I surprised myself by riding all 150 miles at the Waves to Wine MS Bike Ride for the 7th straight year since my MS diagnosis! While I had intended to cut back to 90 miles because of a funkier left leg, I was stubborn and gave the long routes a shot. While I rode a little slower, and it all felt somewhat tenuous, I was able to keep going and eventually finish. Wow, what a satisfying feeling!

The team that I captain for the event, the Mitzvah Milers, had 40 riders from all over the Bay Area, and has already matched last year's \$45,000 fundraising total, with donations from over 600 families. We have now raised over \$175,000 in our first five years! Further, this year we are in 2nd place for fundraising out of 145 teams and the only non-corporate team in the top five. Thanks to your generosity, I have now raised \$7,000 myself. I am so appreciative of what these numbers mean, in terms of so many people helping in the fight against this potentially devastating disease. Waves to Wine involved 1700 riders and is close to its \$1.5 million goal.

On Saturday, I rode the 75 mile route with my brother-in-law, Jon Barash, for the 7th year, leaving from AT&T Park in San Francisco at sunrise, over the Golden Gate Bridge, then up along the Coast and Tomales Bay on Highway 1, and finally inland to Rohnert Park. The weather was cool and cloudy for much of the ride, which was a good thing. While I was pretty worn out by the late lunch stop at 55 miles, I revived over the lunch break and finished strong. Saturday night I camped out for the first time at Waves to Wine, which was fun amongst the 300 tents, and I got a little sleep. Then Sunday morning it was off for another 75 miles, through farms, orchards and vineyards. The second day was warmer and again I pepped up from the lunch break, leading eventually to a proud finish alongside Mitzvah Miler Charlene Stern as the final riders of the event!

Again, thanks so much for everyone's support in this year's effort, both donors and riders. I hope you will consider joining us next year. You can ride as few as 40 miles.

Ride On!

Dan Siegel  
Chair of Community Building Committee

(See photos on back cover.)

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.

**Rimmonim**, a program for families with children in grades kindergarten to second grade. It meets on the 1st and 3rd Shabbat of each month, 10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m., for *tefillah*/Torah story, family learning about the core values of Judaism (one per month), and parallel adult and children's learning. Contact Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld at [rimmonim@netivotshalom.org](mailto:rimmonim@netivotshalom.org) for more information.

**Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service** for all ages (especially 3–9 year olds), with singing, a Torah story and the minimum *halachic* 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.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education classes are currently taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Please see the Netivot Shalom Calendar or call the office at (510) 549-9447 Ext 101 for additional details.

## MINYAN OPPORTUNITIES:

### 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 activities after Shabbat 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](http://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 *kasbrut* 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 & PROGRAMS

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

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

**Rimmonim:** 10:30 a.m., 1st and 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

### Young Adult Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Services:

2nd Friday of each month, followed by a meal. Email [ya@netivotshalom.org](mailto:ya@netivotshalom.org) for times and details. Hosted by the Young Adults Havurah, all ages welcome.

**Family Kabbalat Shabbat:** 7:00 pm, 4th Friday of each month, services preceded by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

## SOCIAL ACTION

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

**Dinners for the Homeless** Dorothy Day House of Berkeley, 1st Sunday of the month. Volunteers needed for shopping, cooking and serving. Donations needed for food purchases. Make contribution to Netivot Shalom, marked, "Dinners for the Homeless." Contact [socialaction@netivotshalom.org](mailto:socialaction@netivotshalom.org)

**Feed the Hungry** Food barrels are available in the lobby. Bring unopened nonperishable food any time the office is open. The food bank needs our help!

**For updates on social action events, join our e-tree!** Contact [socialaction@netivotshalom.org](mailto:socialaction@netivotshalom.org) to be added to the list.

**Volunteer in our neighborhood!** The Women's Daytime Drop-In Center on Acton St. and the Youth Emergency Assistance Shelter on University Ave. could use support in a variety of ways. Be a good neighbor! For more info contact [socialaction@netivotshalom.org](mailto:socialaction@netivotshalom.org).

## Yahrzeits *Zichronam l'verakbah* — May their memories be blessed

Leib Geliebter	Nov. 1	Heshvan 3	Arnold Bloom	Dec. 4	Kislev 7
Kent R. Granzow	Nov. 2	Heshvan 4	Max Brodofsky		
Wolf Kujawski			Gershon Shragai		
Bernard Kittner	Nov. 3	Heshvan 5	Ann James Howerton King	Dec. 5	Kislev 8
Marilyn Waldman Bearson	Nov. 5	Heshvan 7	Harold Cohen	Dec. 6	Kislev 9
Lillian Levin			Frieda Gurian		
Alan E. Strauss	Nov. 6	Heshvan 8	Lillian Grossell Lesser		
Adele Eisenberg	Nov. 7	Heshvan 9	Sam Marson		
Adolfo Guendelman	Nov. 8	Heshvan 10	Ned Rosen		
Ruth Strauss			Sarah Scheinok		
Flora Concus	Nov. 9	Heshvan 11	Charles Aronstein	Dec. 7	Kislev 10
Jeffrey Kabatznick			Samuel Bernstein		
Esther Lifschitz			Florrie Kohn		
Deborah Slater			Mitchel Lansing	Dec. 8	Kislev 11
Harry Vogel			Dolan Edgar McIntyre		
Moe Lubin	Nov. 10	Heshvan 12	Jennie Samuels		
Nathan Schwartz			Wulf Concus	Dec. 9	Kislev 12
Peggy Alper	Nov. 11	Heshvan 13	Jordan Packer		
Sylvia Ball			Max Waldman		
Harold Burkhardt			Ruth Black	Dec. 10	Kislev 13
Max Levine			Harry H. Cohen		
Isadore Sherman			Gwendolyn Fischer		
Sophie Bardach	Nov. 12	Heshvan 14	Pauline Braufman	Dec. 11	Kislev 14
Lawrence Freiberg			Irene Gabrielle Reier		
Eleanor Jeffrey			Marian Dale Scott		
Ernest Keller			Seymore Taubman		
Fred Schuman			Rebecca Abramovitz Weiner	Dec. 12	Kislev 15
Morris Wollach			William Edell		
Lillian Gottlieb	Nov. 13	Heshvan 15	Chaim Scheinok	Dec. 13	Kislev 16
Anita Ku Brodofsky			Sylvia Weiner		
Bessie Raphael			Ethelyn Simon	Dec. 14	Kislev 17
Lawrence Zacks			Gertrude Swidler		
Susan Shuldman	Nov. 14	Heshvan 16	Wittia Zak		
Tamar Kaufman	Nov. 15	Heshvan 17	Jack Becker	Dec. 15	Kislev 18
Ralph Klatt			Sylvia Lorwit		
Oded Reinin			Estelle Seder		
Audrey Silverstein Umanoff			Charlotte Vogel		
Jacon Joseph Birnbaum	Nov. 16	Heshvan 18	Morris Burack	Dec. 17	Kislev 20
Max Harris			Toni Magorian		
Jerome W. Sidel			Thelma Proweller		
Aaron Harry Gobler	Nov. 17	Heshvan 19	Rose Lang Braverman	Dec. 18	Kislev 21
Charles Mishkin	Nov. 18	Heshvan 20	Louis Lieberman		
Isadore Teger			Deborah Rock Mann		
Dr. Frank Karp	Nov. 19	Heshvan 21	Samuel Namiot Koslow	Dec. 19	Kislev 22
Max Israel	Nov. 20	Heshvan 22	Merritt Rowland	Dec. 20	Kislev 23
Arthur Rotenberg			Jeanette Hart Laner	Dec. 21	Kislev 24
Merle Yager			Anne Schoenfeld		
Adam Daniel Cooper	Nov. 21	Heshvan 23	Roslyn Sterling		
Jack Rosenthal			Gitel Gerstel	Dec. 22	Kislev 25
Joanne Gordon	Nov. 22	Heshvan 24	David Wald		
Irving Hanover			Phillip Gressel	Dec. 23	Kislev 26
Chaim Pripstein			Beulah Pride	Dec. 24	Kislev 27
Sally Louise Raimi Brose	Nov. 24	Heshvan 26	Yosef Shein		
Harry Safran	Nov. 26	Heshvan 28	Sam Levin	Dec. 25	Kislev 28
George Scammell			Getel Goldstein	Dec. 26	Kislev 29
Benjamin Wright			Jacob Levine		
Mary Ann Freiberg	Nov. 27	Heshvan 29	Elaine Miller Dorfman	Dec. 28	Tevet 1
Robert Glickler			Philip Dorph		
Doris Rice Kudisch	Nov. 28	Kislev 1	Gerald Alvan Tranter		
Sadie Weinstein			Eric Wood		
Murray Dvorkin	Nov. 29	Kislev 2	Harry Beck	Dec. 29	Tevet 2
Joseph Papo	Nov. 30	Kislev 3	William Bruch		
Samuel Samuels			Essie Lev	Dec. 30	Tevet 3
Shalva Sorani			Leo Lowsky		
Norman Kramer	Dec. 1	Kislev 4			
Sam Schoenfeld					
Harvey Senturia					
Pauline Kunofsky	Dec. 2	Kislev 5			
Philip Magorian					

*We Extend Our Condolences to the families of:*

Eugene Berg, on the death of his mother, Ruth Berg, z"l

Golda Blum, on the death of her mother, Esther bat Sha'ul ve Golda, z"l



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