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Three Highlights of an Exciting Summer

By Steve Tobias

Renowned Torah teacher, scholar and sometime lawyer both in Israel and California, Nitzhia Shaked, taught a six-session course on the Ten Devarim (“Commandments”), the Foundations of Jewish law. The class probed the meanings, variations and ramifications of these familiar yet surprising verses.

We could easily have spent weeks on each one. Shabbat, for example, the fourth commandment, is to be “remembered” and “sanctified” as the day of rest because God rested on the seventh day of creation (Ex. 20:11) but it is to be “kept” so that Israel’s slaves could rest (Dt. 5:13-15). Shabbat is also linked with the seventh-year fallowing of the land and the remission of debts. Finally, it’s a public sign of the covenant (in contrast with the private sign of the covenant in the flesh). Its violations are punishable by death and karet – the cutting off of a family line; only idolatry incurs the same punishments. And keeping it is repeatedly paired in the Torah with honoring our parents, the fifth commandment.

Rabbi Steven Greenberg, the first Orthodox rabbi to come out publicly as gay, a scholar in residence at the Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL) and at Hazon, a visionary environmental organization, was our scholar in residence for a glorious Shabbaton. After mincha and dinner (lovingly catered by Marcia Brooks and friends), Rabbi Greenberg taught about the tension between using and preserving creation. The mitzvah of the royal blue thread in the tallit’s fringes, made with dye from a rare snail that sea, sand and sky combine to yield, remind us of our responsibility to manage this tension.

He introduced the portion, Balak, at services and taught about the Torah, gay sexuality and his personal journey. The Torah, he taught does not forbid gay love (and does not mention lesbian love at all); rather, it forbids oppressive relationships in which one man truly dominates another. From the start of the Shabbaton to its conclusion, Rabbi Greenberg’s intensity, originality, courage and warmth were memorable.

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Nitzhia Shaked



Rabbi Steven Greenberg

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Finally, we marked the beginning of the month of Elul and the publication of Lev Shalem, our new machzor, a 12-year labor of love by Rabbi Stuart Kelman and colleagues, with four nights of “local sustainable Torah” on the liturgy of the Days of Awe. Each night began with dinner (thanks again, Marcia!) and mincha and ended with maariv. A full spectrum of learners, from beginners to rabbis and scholars from the Netivot Shalom community, took active part each night.



- Rabbi Kelman taught on Lev Shalem itself;
- Rabbi Creditor on Neilah;
- Rabbi Bochner on Musaf for Rosh Hashana;
- Cantor Martha Birnbaum on the Hin'ni prayer;
- Joel Gerwein on the ritual of the scapegoat;
- Professor Naomi Seidman on the Unetaneh Tokef;
- Claire Sherman on melodies of Kol Nidrei evening;
- Professor Uri Alter on Uv'chein: “Imagining a Perfect World,” and
- Carol Dorf on machzor poems, traditional and contemporary.

These nights were haimish and somewhat like the liturgy itself, awesome!

If you missed some of this and wish you'd been there, mark your calendar now for the great life long learning opportunities scheduled for autumn!

125 People Attended the Iftar Event with BAYCC at CNS!

19 Elul, 5770
August 30, 2010

Dear Chevreh,

Last night's Iftar (Ramadan fast breaking program) sponsored by the Social Action Committee was such a beautiful gathering! Click to see pictures from the event on our online gallery!



To see 125+ people engaged in lively discussion and enjoying such a delicious dinner; to share our prayer traditions and history with our Turkish Muslim sisters and brothers; to celebrate our close partnerships in the past and hopefully in the future, was fully inspiring on so many levels.

Many thanks go to Karen Hecht for organizing this event and the many people who cooked and set up the dinner! We are so blessed with talented, giving, hard working people such as John Erlich who provided Turkish and Hebrew music, Glenn Massarrano who offered a tour of the sanctuary, and all the many members of Netivot Shalom who offered their heart-felt sharing and conversations.

I hope that we can make this type of gathering happen again and even more often. We live in times with such troubling news and many peoples in deep conflict. Hearing the Muslim call to prayer offered in our synagogue sanctuary and the incredible presentations about Muslim and Jewish history rekindled my belief that we really can all get along. I'm looking forward to many such gatherings and deepening our connections and conversations.

We offer a “Ramadan Mubarek” (a blessed Ramadan) to our Muslim friends and neighbors as we prepare for our own High Holidays in less than two weeks. And we enter this sacred time on our calendar with the deep satisfaction of having welcomed these guests and celebrated their holiday with them.

Rabb Shalom Bochner, Director of LifeLong Learning
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Prayer is an antidote to loneliness, a call to wonder, and an opportunity to wake up

Rabbi Menachem Creditor

The snooze button is my dear friend. I wish I could alter my reality by pressing that blessed button. I wish the rest of my life's needs could be suspended until I'm ready to wake up, have my coffee, and face them, one at a time. But there is a not-so-secret way to wake up every day, with energy, despite being tired.

Prayer might not come to mind for you, but I believe it can change your life. I want to point out why davening is a worthy goal. Netivot Shalom is a community of diverse beliefs and interests. "God" is a loaded term in our world, and prayer/davening is all too often limited to one notion of "God". Given our precious shul's celebration of individuality, we need not end the conversation here.

Over and over, when we experience nature's wonders (for example, the Ramon Crater in Israel or the birth of a child) we encounter glory that can't be explained or translated into language. Unfortunately, so often these incommunicable rapturous moments are all too often drowned out by PDA's and cell phones, designed ironically for increased communication.

As my children evolve into their next developmental phases, whether by gleeful belly flop or sophisticated sketch, I try not to blink or type too much. I don't want to dull my sense of radical amazement, "falling asleep" while awake. If I don't "wake up", I may miss something shimmering, something fleeting I was meant to encounter. So I struggle to keep my eyes open and my heart expanded. And like a saturated sponge that can't hold any more liquid, I cry.

That is what davening is meant to do. That is why I care so passionately about our community's prayer-life. When I experience moments of beauty, I try not to raise my hand to wipe my tears away. I, instead, feel the already-drying tears on my cheeks and reflect on my shimmering children and the miracle of the cosmos. I am aware of the time and energy it takes to witness present moments yet I also know how indescribable they are when they occur. When my mind and heart really start to work, pulsing in time with the universe, I become more attuned to everything alive and open myself to discovery. How can one not stop in the presence of rapture? How could one not say "Oh my God" when moments of glory occur?

These moments are the integrated dimensions of prayer I re-learn every now and then. Thanks to programs like CNS's "*Yeshivat Lev Shalem*", in which over 80 people gathered in the month leading up to Rosh HaShannah to delve into the prayerful language, imagery and theology so wonderfully rendered in our new Machzor (thanks, in large part, to the caring work of Rabbi Kelman). Guidance comes when you surround yourself by people who are ready to let down their guard and let in (and put out) more than usual.

Prayer is the antidote to the "too-muchness" in our world. We're all so busy tending to every day life that we can't imagine pausing, breathing, listening. When we daven we hear our own voice saying words that weren't first chosen by us, allowing our hearts to respond honestly and openly. Being in community means never being alone. And davening is one of the ways we gather as community. Prayer is an antidote to loneliness, a call to wonder, and an opportunity to wake up.

Prayer is a safe space, a warm, inviting place. Prayer is about becoming aware of the drying tears on our cheeks, and it is that awareness to which we aspire to in our davening settings. It can take bravery to make a first approach. There's a lot of Hebrew, after all, and we don't call out every page. But it's worth finding your place in the experience, letting it wash over you, exploring your own comfort, questioning the words, and even forgetting to open the siddur.

Our goal at Netivot Shalom is to create nurturing spaces for those who don't yet know the way alongside those searching for newness in familiar places. We're all on the journey from sleep to waking, from ordinariness to wonder.

To a Sweet New Year

By Jeff Rosenbloom

It is hard to believe that another Yamim Noraim is upon us. It seems like only yesterday when we were all a bit excited, as well as anxious, as we embarked on our first High Holiday celebrated in our new home. Many thanks to Lisa Gershony, our Executive Director, and to Rabbi Creditor and the rest of our devoted staff, as well as countless volunteers led by Glenn Massarano, Lee Feinstein, and Mel Sibony who will make this yet another amazing spiritual and logistical experience! (Please start the New Year right and remember not to schmooze in the halls!!).

I am writing this as Melissa and I fly home from helping Adam move into his first off-campus house in Boulder, CO. Melissa commented, after spending a few days with Adam and his housemates, that she noticed an oversized sense of entitlement among some of them (six students in all!). She and I spent a lot of time talking and thinking about where this sense of entitlement comes from and to what degree it manifests itself in our kids. We wondered if this sense of entitlement was a reflection on our parenting (We decided of course not!) or just a sign of the times among a privileged generation raised with the greatest level of overall wealth our country has ever known. In addition, I noted that this phenomenon is not just pervasive among the 20-something crowd. We all have encountered people of all ages with this sense of entitlement.

Although searching for the cause is fascinating, what I feel is more important is examining the effects of an overblown sense of entitlement on our own lives. How can we be truly fulfilled if we constantly live with the sense that we deserve more and the very best in unlimited quantities? In an age of diminishing resources, what happens within our communities if some of us constantly and aggressively push for more? What will be left for the others? How do we regard ourselves when we have much and others have very little?

Melissa and I had this discussion with Adam while we were in Boulder. And not just once. Our perspective is that happiness is very often the distance between expectations and reality. Since altering reality is still illegal in most states (although often attempted by college students) and although it is only natural to do what you can to improve it, try adjusting your expectations and strive for what you really need, not what you think you deserve.

I mentioned this personal vignette from my own family drama as something to keep in mind. But during this year's Yamim Noraim, we can all accept the hallways will be too crowded. Yes, the machzor will be new and unfamiliar. Yes, there will be a line for the bathroom. And yes, there will be a huge crowd for food at the break-fast. And yes, of course, the President's speech will be too long.

But... We have all come together to create a wonderfully-fulfilling spiritual home here at CNS. Our schools are growing and provide an innovative and nurturing environment for our kids. Our minyanim

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and services are egalitarian, thoughtful and participatory. Our community is on the forefront of many issues facing Conservative Jews in America and in the world today.

So, during the High Holidays, when that little voice in the back of your head starts to complain that there are no parking spaces close in or that the service is not quite “floating your boat”, think about why you have certain expectations. Think about what you might do to improve the logistics during a particular service, or the ruach of an event or even the lines at the break-fast. Join a committee and work to solve a problem that bugs you at CNS. Help out with an event that you love but doesn't quite meet your expectations. Personally, I hope to quiet the chatter in my own head this year by reflecting on what an amazing home and community we have created in one of the most beautiful places on the planet.

And by remembering that all of us are imperfect. As well as divine.

Speaking of imperfect and divine, CNS just completed fiscal year 2009/10. It is with great pride, as well as relief, that I announce that we finished the year with revenues of more than \$4,000 above our budget projections. We kept our cost to within \$2,000 of our projected expenses (based on a budget of over \$1,000,000!!) and experienced success in both our pre-school and religious school operations. The only disappointment was that we did not realize our fundraising goal. We all know that this past year presented a tough economic challenge for many households in our congregation, including mine, and that many people were forced to delay their contributions. We are cautiously optimistic that next year will be an easier one.

This leads me to talking about next year's financial goals. I will not go into detail about this coming year's budget, which will be covered at the annual meeting. I will say, however, that we must hit our fundraising goals this year. Enrollment in our religious school is not as strong this year and we simply can't cut expenses any more without a drastic reduction in programming. The CNS board, the staff and rabbi are urging every member to reach a bit deeper this year to help us attain our goals so that we can have another successful year providing a spiritually fulfilling home for all of our members, making a positive difference in the local and global community and balancing our books.

Shana Tova. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Help fill the food bins!

Bring cans and un-opened packages (in date) for the High Holiday food drive – barrels will be available at Netivot Shalom during the chagim!



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Netivot Shalom's
SCHEDULE for
High Holy Day
Services can be
found online at
netivotshalom.org**

BOARD UPDATE

By Edna Stewart

Greetings from your Netivot Shalom Board of Directors. We have had a very busy last few months. We have had many successes, but still have a few concerns, which is par for the course.

We have continued our practice at each board meeting of presenting a Drash on "This House We Build" by Terry Bookman and William Kahn. The Board, as a whole, is assigned one chapter to read in preparation for the meeting, and the Darshan does the actual presentation followed by discussion. The readings for this period covered what it means to be a "community" and some of the challenges and stresses faced by members of the clergy.

Our biggest issue, lasting several months, was the development, modification and ratification of next year's budget. This was not an easy process, as we can never predict the shul's revenue for the next 12 months. While our membership has been growing, we will see a reduction in other funding sources. Some of our grants have run their course, e.g., Rimolim. We are also looking at a smaller Amitim Class next year.

There have been several successful events and plans for new programs these past few months. We held our Annual Dinner honoring Vicky Kelman, Gan Yarok is now official, and the Edah Kindergarten program (see related articles) begins this fall. The Torah Commentaries are in their final stages of publication, and our very first pre-school graduation was held on June 6.

Our biggest challenge still lies with fundraising. Suffice it to say we are far short of our goal from last year's budget, and have not solidified plans for major fundraising events for next year. That being said, Lisa Gershony, our Executive Director, has agreed to take on fundraising as a major focus of her position. Lisa has an excellent track record with fundraising and is confident she can make inroads for us here at NS. Cathy Shadd will continue as a part-time employee and will assume some of Lisa's administrative functions, such as facility rentals and additional support for fund raising.

We are hopeful that we will break even on this year's budget. The finance committee has focused on restructuring our mortgage and refinancing our mortgage debt with Fremont Bank. This was no easy task, and work on it continues.

The Board is discussing the need to have a major capital campaign this coming year. There is also a suggestion to move next year's annual meeting to the spring to allow the entire congregation to have more input into the budget process.

The Board also put together what we think is an excellent nominating committee: Mark Priven, Andrea Altshuler, Matt West, Alice Webber, Marcia Brooks, Betsy Cottle-Ross and Steve Bileca. They will be recruiting candidates for four Board positions: President, 1st VP, and two At-Large positions one of which will be an Assistant Treasurer position so the transition the following year will run smoothly. They will also be looking for a Youth Education Committee Chair.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday,
November 16, 2010

AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Julia Morgan Ballroom,
San Francisco, CA

Join American Jewish World Service (AJWS) as we mark 25 Years of Pursuing Global Justice with an extraordinary evening celebrating the work of AJWS and the 70th birthday of our President Ruth Messinger. AJWS will mark this quarter century milestone of pursuing global social justice with an extraordinary evening of food, music, performance and presentations featuring grantee partners from Asia, Africa and the Americas.

For more information about the event please contact Matt Balaban by phone, 415-593-3298 or email: mbalaban@ajws.org.





What Are “Continuum of Life” Options Available to Netivot Shalom Members?

By David Stein

This is a story about recent developments in an on-going endeavor to provide Netivot Shalom (“Netivot”) members with realistic options for planning stages in our “continuum of life.” It is also a story about how Netivot Shalom became the primary impetus in the East Bay regarding where and how we bury our dead.

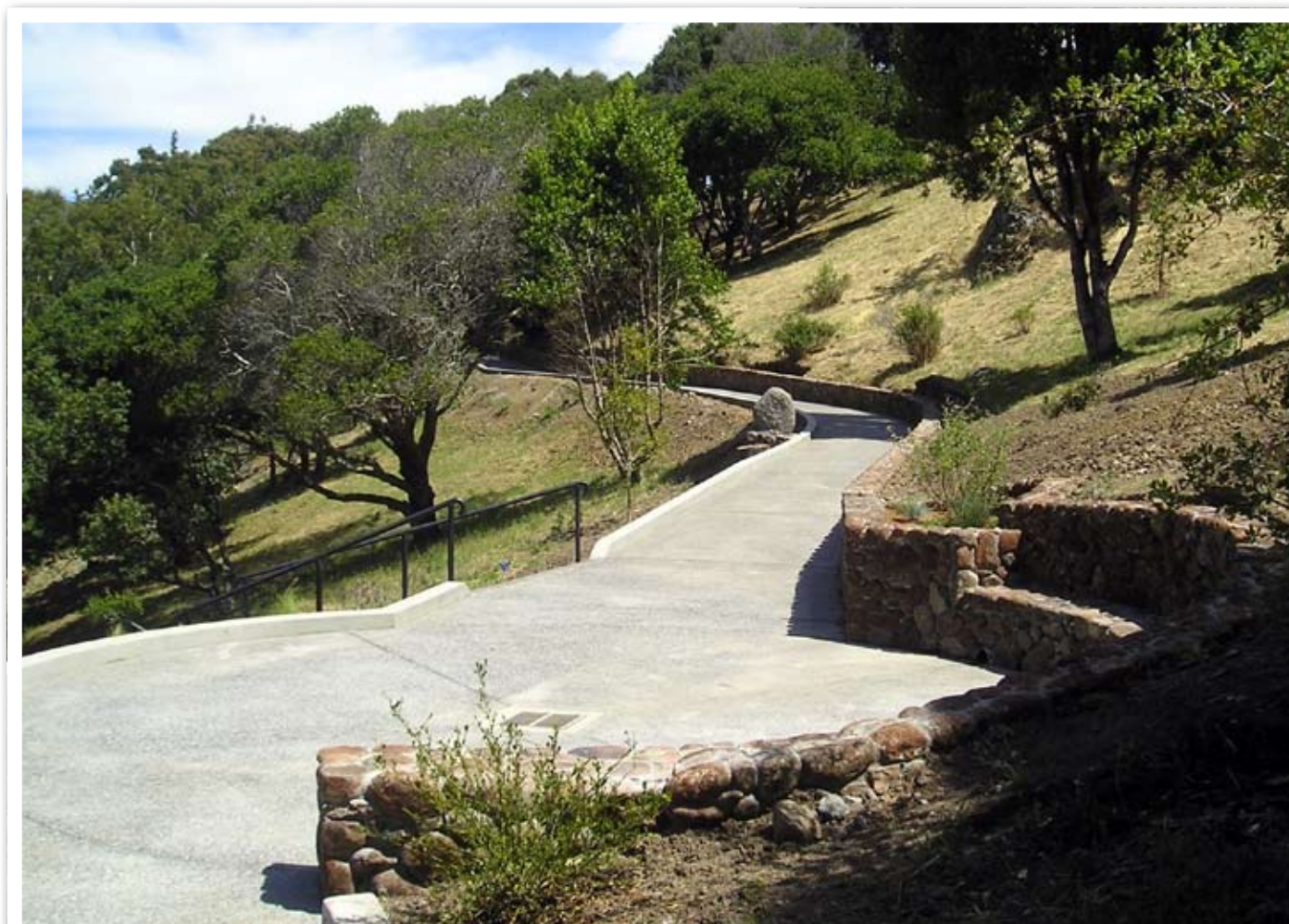
About 20 years ago, Netivot established a relationship with Congregation Beth El in Berkeley and its sponsored organization to open up the grounds of their Tel Shalom section, in the Rolling Hills cemetery in El Sobrante, to our members. Tel Shalom is not divided into sections representing the streams of Judaism. Many of our members and friends are buried there. However, since space is limited at Tel Shalom, Netivot decided to seek additional cemetery options for our members.

In 2008, Rabbi Kelman, under the aegis of the East Bay Board of Rabbis took the lead in developing a set of principles to govern the nature of the reform, conservative, and orthodox sections at any new cemetery. He formed a group of rabbis, representing all the streams of Judaism. Their set of burial rules and regulations were first applied

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The entrance to Gan Yarok is from a parking area; the Stone marks the beginning of an ADA approved path to the Jewish section.



At the end of the path is an area large enough for people to gather for an on-site funeral.



Rabbi Creditor (r), Elizheva Hurvich (l) at the site.

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to the Gan Shalom cemetery in Briones, which was developed by a consortium of synagogues in Contra Costa and Alameda counties and operated by Sinai Chapel. Gan Shalom now offers a consecrated Jewish cemetery with three sections: reform, conservative, and orthodox.

While Gan Shalom was being developed, Rabbi Kelman and I brought together five synagogues that formed Gan Yarok Burial Association (“Association”) to develop other options for Jewish burial. The Association currently includes: Netivot Shalom, Beth Israel (Berkeley), Rodef Shalom (San Rafael), Kehilah (Berkeley), and Beth Jacob (Oakland).

The Association takes an encompassing view of the continuum of life by:

- Promoting the development of Chevra Kadisha in local congregations and seeking to provide sacred spaces to bury our dead;
- Encouraging the development of green cemeteries (see below);
- Continuing to develop and refine appropriate halachic standards for the burial of Jews (and in specified cases, non-Jews) in the various streams of Judaism, ensuring that those principles are followed in perpetuity at the consecrated Jewish cemeteries in the area;
- Focusing on the needs of families by developing mortuary guidelines and negotiating reduced packaged prices for mortuary services so that our members can have access to a basic funeral at a minimal price.

The Association discovered Fernwood, a cemetery in Mill Valley, which was interested in developing a Jewish section within its borders. It was also involved in being accredited by the Green Burial Association (www.greenburialcouncil.org). After 18 months of work the Association opened America’s first Jewish green cemetery at Fernwood, which we named Gan Yarok – a Green Garden.



Note the upright bolder which also bears the engraved Gan Yarok.



Assembling for the consecration at the site, Rabbi Judah Dardik (center), Rabbi Kelman (l.) and Tyler Cassity (r.)

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What is a green cemetery? The Gan Yarok Association quickly realized the Green Burial Council's ("Council") goals and the Association's Jewish values were the same:

- We both want to see eco-friendly end-of-life rituals become a viable option for honoring the dead, healing the living, and inviting in the divine.
- We both want to protect the legitimate benefits of environmentally sustainable death care such as reduced carbon emissions, toxics use, and waste.
- We both want to use burial as a means of acquiring, restoring, and stewarding natural areas.
- We both want to bring about a new ethic in the field of funeral service; one rooted in transparency, accountability, and ecological responsibility.

The Association worked with the owners of Fernwood to ensure that the principles developed by the Rabbis in the Association and the Council goals could be met in perpetuity. Thus, burials at Gan Yarok follow the most traditional of Jewish burial practices, namely:

Burial in one of our sections follow the principles guiding burial established by the Gan Yarok Rabbinic Advisory Council;

- No buried cement liners can be used;
- Graves are dug by hand;
- Coffins are optional, but if used, can only be made of biodegradable materials, like the standard pine coffin.
- Markers are to be made from engraved boulders found in the area.
- Landscaping is to be left natural or restored by planting native species with no artificial maintenance allowed.

On March 26, 2010, we consecrated the land and began to adapt the access to the cemetery so that it can be wheelchair accessible. The Association's new Gan Yarok Cemetery at Fernwood is truly an option for our members.

During its initial years of operation, Fernwood offers incentive pricing for the members of the synagogues who are members of the Gan Yarok Association.

What is the next chapter of our story? Well, we have already negotiated a package price for mortuary services from Wilson Kratzer for our members. We are engaged in negotiations with Fernwood for use of its mortuary and with other mortuaries in the area. We will keep you informed as developments happen.

In addition, the Association is planning information workshops at Bay Area synagogues about eco-friendly (green) Jewish burial with one to be scheduled soon at Netivot. Please contact me with any questions and for information about the Gan Yarok membership at info@ganyarok.info.



Gathering at the site.

Ayal

By Michael Meltzer

Ayal was the teenagers' counselor on Netivot Shalom's trip to Israel last year. He was gentle, mischievous, and very funny. He was an easy going, excellent counselor for kids of all ages. I was so impressed with him and his outlook on life that I made a special effort to get to know him. I learned a great deal from this man in his mid-twenties. Although when he shaved his beard midway through our trip, he looked about 14. I had trouble imagining him as a tough soldier in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) carrying out a very serious and very dangerous job. But that is exactly what he did.

As a member of IDF's infantry, he had to carry heavy weights for long distances. He trained so that he could haul mobile missile parts weighing about 70 pounds for many miles. This was pretty impressive for a man who only weighed about 120 pounds himself, making him the lightest soldier in his unit.

Eventually, the IDF transferred him to service in Judea and Samaria—also known as the West Bank—and gave him quite a different assignment. He became the sergeant of a squad that hunted terrorists, including would-be suicide bombers. The IDF has many Palestinian spies embedded throughout the West Bank, and these men have proved vital for preventing terrorist incidents. The spies have saved quite a few lives by identifying terrorists preparing to kill and maim Israelis.

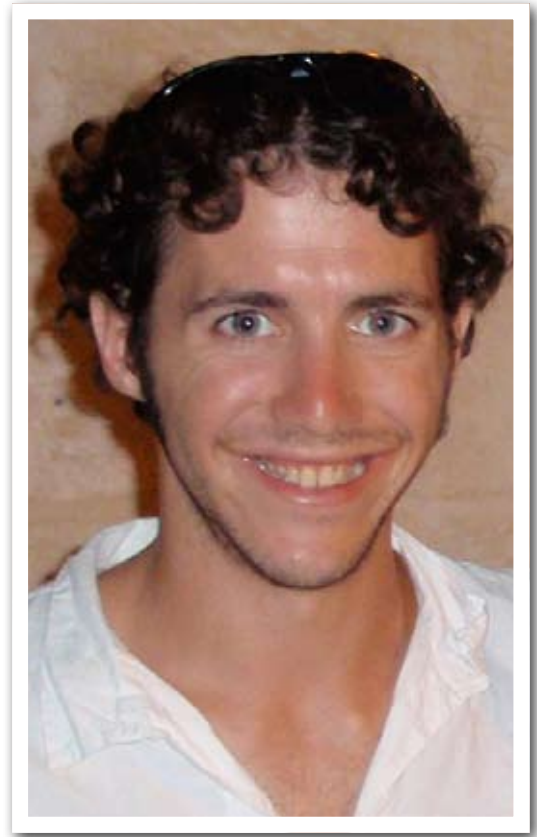
I thought that Netivot Shalom members would find Ayal's own account of his IDF life in the West Bank quite interesting. Here it is.

We'd get intelligence about a target and would then get organized for that specific operation. It might be searching a house for explosives or finding a particular person. As sergeant, I, along with the other officers, would study the information and decide the best way to do the assignment. Later on, we would give orders to the soldiers themselves.

We would go one by one through the whole unit until every soldier knew exactly what his job was in this operation. Sometimes we had a few days to train for an operation. Sometimes we had a few hours. We needed a common language between all of us. Everyone had to know where everything was around us. We would carry out a drill a few hours before the mission, using "familiar language." If something happened, we would know how to talk. If we would say, for instance, "shooting from the pink building," we would all know where the pink building was. Before undertaking an operation, we needed to be sure that everyone learned by heart the common language, everyone knew what his job was, and what were the jobs of other people.

Then we would go through "what if." Everyone would sit around bringing up "what if." What if there is shooting from a particular building? What if someone is injured—where do we run? After this discussion and the drill we got our personal gear together and checked that everyone had bullets and grenades. Additional gear depended on your job description. Everyone carried seven fully loaded clips, two

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grenades, and a personal gun. A sniper carried specific arms. If you were a gunman you had more ammunition. We also carried missiles with us, depending on the specific operation.

Usually we would leave our Israeli base a few hours before dark. We rolled into the operation via car, sometimes driving in the dark, sometimes in the light. We sometimes walked into the operation if the target had a high probability of fleeing. Sometimes we would find our target, sometimes not. We would usually return before daylight; get in, get out in only a few hours, successful or not. Unless something serious happened. Then the operation could drag on into the day. All kinds of things might cause a delay.

After completing an operation, we would return to Israel and go to sleep around 8 in the morning, wake up at around 2 o'clock, eat lunch, and get ready for the night's new operation. There were times when every night for weeks we had a different operation.

Intelligence sources provided the information. Sources such as SHABAK, which is like the FBI. Not exactly the MOSSAD, but internal intelligence. Either the information was from spies, or it was knowledge from another source, like a phone conversation that had been picked up. In this street, in this particular house, there might be someone who is armed, who might not be armed.

We carried out many arrest operations. If we found incriminating evidence such as bomb materials, we would arrest the suspect, then send him to be interrogated. The people that we took into interrogation on Sunday gave us information about who we went for on Tuesday, and on and on. Often when a would-be terrorist is arrested at a checkpoint,

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it is because he has already been identified by IDF intelligence and the border guards are expecting and watching for him.

We also conducted searches, like going into a house where there were indications of arms or an explosive lab. There were also ambushes. It might be known that in a certain neighborhood, there were terrorists walking around, going to a meeting point somewhere. You go out to an overlook and sometimes you would create a sniper's ambush. You try to take out certain people. At times we operated in alleys that we knew were terrorist places. We were not in cars in those cases. We might be leaning against the wall with guns, guarding each other. Or ambushing from within houses—from an innocent's house, picking windows we knew looked over a certain area.

There are very specific laws about who you are allowed to shoot, where you are allowed to shoot, and how you are allowed to shoot. It changes by political drifts and agreements. There are some operations where we are told you are not allowed to shoot at all, or only in the air or only if someone shoots toward you. There are operations in which if you see someone with a gun, shoot to hurt, not to kill. Terrorists are usually worth more alive; they have more information to reveal.

Our trained snipers were the sharpshooters in my group. Because you are working in a civilian area, you don't want just anyone to shoot. You only want very specific soldiers with scopes to shoot. That way there wouldn't be any chance of harming civilians, only the specific targets that we had a right to shoot.

What did a terrorist have to do to warrant being shot? It depended. Let's say you have IDF soldiers in an alley and local people above them are watching them. The soldiers are keeping an eye out to see that no one is going to throw explosives, grenades, or even bricks. If I, a soldier, see someone acting suspiciously, I would have the right to warn him by shooting in the air. And if I see a person with a gun walking above us, that would be enough, in order not to endanger my forces, to shoot him. What we are allowed to do is determined by the specific operation and perceived danger.

Ayal concluded by saying,

“In a war, people get hurt. But the U.S. is able to constrain Israeli actions because it supplies so much money and arms to us. If we could act as we saw fit, things would be settled quicker.”

My memory of Ayal remains very clear, perhaps because he was so gentle, fun-loving, and good with kids, but had also been a tough soldier operating in environments of extreme danger. He is emblematic of so many Israeli soldiers who must live dual civilian-military lives that contrast dramatically with each other.



A Start to Another Great Year

By Diane Bernbaum

This time of the year I'm always filled with anticipation for the start of the school year. I know I've hired great staff who are teaching creative and innovative classes. I know that we have eager, exuberant students. Now all that remains is to see the chemistry created among them. Which classes will turn on which students? Which teachers will be stunned by the wisdom of their students? It's all a story I wait to unfold.

This year we will be holding our retreats at Walker Creek Ranch, a site we have used in the past. It has ample space to accommodate our second big change – all grades will be on the retreats together so everyone will feel like a member of a large Midrasha community. We'll group students in different ways, sometimes just with students from their own grade, sometimes with other grades and sometimes with the entire community. Since all students will be on the retreats and there will be no Midrasha classes those weekends, I get to go along on the retreats, something I haven't done for years.

This year we have three new teachers. Aaron Levi recently moved to the Bay Area. He's been director of a Habonim camp, a guide in Israel and a journalist. He'll be teaching classes on Israel and in Advanced Hebrew. Both of our other new teachers are Midrasha grads. Josh Weisman, Midrasha Class of 1997, has worked as an organizer for nine years, training youth, parents, congregational leaders, rabbis and pastors to create social change. He'll be teaching classes in Jewish spirituality and thought and in ecology and the Bible. (How's this for a title? Singing Trees, Melting Mountains, and Whirling Oaks) Beth Midanik-Blum, Midrasha Class of 2005, just graduated from the University of Washington. She will be teaching a class about Anita Diamont's *The Red Tent*, classes in relationships and sexuality and on being Jewish in a multicultural world. Of course, most of our old faculty are returning, and they will be teaching classes with titles like "Hunting Eichmann," "Art meditation: Shiviti Mandalas," Experiment 2010: Live the Life You've Imagined," "Pop-Jewry: Music to the Jewish Ear," "Yoga: Shmirat Ha-Guf – Protecting the Body," and an art class called "Jewish Genes/ Jewish Jeans among others." And of course we have classes in Talmud, Hebrew and Tanach text study. Now in its third year, Abraham's Vision, our inter-group Muslim and Jewish conflict transformation program will continue.

Midrasha's Sunday classes begin on September 12 at 9:30 a.m. and our Monday afternoon Tanach Study Group with David Henkin, Midrasha's gem for students who love to delve into the Bible, will begin on Monday, September 13 at 4:15 p.m. at Beth Israel. Everything else will take place at Beth El.

I wish all of you a *Shana Tova U'Metukah*, a year that is sweet and good, filled with everything you wish for.

Sunday Minyanim Program: Continues Under New Leadership!

By Toby Hopstone

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Art Braufman, who has chaired this event since 2004, for all of his time and efforts. The Sunday Minyanim Program will now be chaired by Toby Hopstone, under the umbrella of Adult Education. Edna Stewart will be our liaison with Adult Ed., and Joan Bradus, George Gidal, Ray Lifchez, Barbara Wezleman, and Michael Hopstone, along with Art, will support program development and communication (Thank you, all!!!).

Despite the transition in leadership, Netivot Shalom's popular Sunday Minyanim Program will be continuing with a variety of substantial and insightful speakers during the 2010 – 2011 year. Both Rabbi Menachem Creditor's and Rabbi Shalom Bochner's popular programs will continue.

In addition, a kind, anonymous soul, who wants our breakfasts to be a joy and not a chore or a financial burden, has underwritten our budget for breakfasts for each Sunday program throughout the year. We are truly grateful for this person's generosity.

What makes this program successful? A fusing of prayer, (Shacharit Minyan), engaging with new ideas shared by one of our gifted members, and connecting with one another over brunch. The result has been a feeling of *menschlichkeit* that defines us as a caring community. Please join us!

If you would like to recommend a speaker, including volunteering yourself, for future programs, contact Toby Hopstone at (925)300-TOBY or tdhopstone@yahoo.com.

Life Long Learning Continues to Expand

By Rabbi Shalom Bochner

Adult Learning

We just completed a week of adult learning in celebration of our new High Holiday Machzor featuring a wonderful selection of local teachers and topics.

Our Adult Education fall programs offer a diverse and enticing selection. Our Wednesday 1p.m.-2 p.m. La'asok classes will conclude an exploration of the weekly Haftarah (prophets) and after the High Holidays begin to explore Ketuvim (writings) including the Psalms of the Siddur and the special readings for Sukkot, Purim, Passover, etc. Either Rabbi Creditor or Rabbi Bochner present this free class every week.

The weekly Intermediate Talmud class continues on Thursday at 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.; we are journeying through The Tractate of Blessings and learning about the origins of the prayer book. Every Saturday morning 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. join us for Torah Study; every Saturday afternoon is after-kiddush adult learning at 1:15 p.m. with a wide variety of topics and teachers. Our Sunday morning minyan, breakfast, and speaker series continues.

New this year will be four Tuesday evening Discover Judaism series on Theology, LifeCycles, and Prayer and a new series on Jews and Food. We will have a number of co-sponsored classes with Lehrhaus including a Wine class (including a night of wine tasting with Four Gates organic and kosher wine!), The Path of the Just with Gregory Newmark, a Rambam Class with Nitzchia Shaked, and Prayerbook Hebrew Classes. We will also offer a Shabbat Davanen Lab with Hannah Dresner. Please consult the on-line calendar or e-mail me at education@netivotshalom.org for more information.

Hebrew School

Hebrew School starts on September 14 and will include new teachers in Kindergarten, 1st-2nd grade, 3rd-4th grade and 5th grade. Our brand new Edah Program will offer those in Kindergarten a chance to learn and grow through a cutting-edge approach to after-school education.

Youth Group Planning

We are planning for a Kadima youth group for those in 6th-8th grade and a USY (United Synagogue Youth) group for those in 9th-12th grade.

Youth Resources

Our Youth Library has been cleaned and re-organized. Our Shorashim Hebrew School programs will be enhanced by a weekly Beit Midrash program, which brings students in 1st-5th grades together to explore a "Torah Mystery". This popular "one room school house" program will also include Hebrew Verb Yoga, music and Tefillah, and snacks. Future interactive sessions will focus on the monthly middot (Jewish values) displayed next to the front door of the building. The Beit Midrash program is Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; stop by and see what wonderful mysteries are contained in our ancient wisdom. There are very few things that are more inspiring than seeing our young students learning with and from each other across the grades.

As part of our youth activities we will again offer Youth Nights where 1st-5th graders can enjoy a fun evening at shul while their parents enjoy a fun night out. We are also looking forward to Shabbat Camp, which will involve elective activities for many ages of kids on Saturday morning.

Are you planning to celebrate a Bat Mitzvah or Bar Mitzvah at Netivot Shalom within the next few years?

If so, please contact Rabbi Shalom Bochner, Director of LifeLong Learning to find out more about our amazing Amitim Program and to request a Bar-Bat Mitzvah date: education@netivotshalom.org. Amitim is our Bnai Mitzvah program for Day School and Hebrew School students. The program runs from January of 6th grade through the Spring of 7th grade and includes learning how to lead Torah and Musaf Services, write a D'var Torah with peer input, engage in meaningful social action projects, and build a community of teen and parent support for the joys and challenges of becoming a Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah through retreats, social gatherings, and parent workshops.

Introducing Edah and the new After-School Program Director and Youth Director at Netivot Shalom!

By Rabbi Shalom Bochner

I am excited to introduce and welcome Shalom Rosenberg as the director of a new program, Edah! Shalom Rosenberg, also our new Youth Director, will be developing a USY (high school) group, Kadima (6th-8th grade) programs, and supervise High Holiday Childcare, Youth Nights and Shabbat Camp in addition to working in the Pre-School as a floater staff.

Shalom Rosenberg has been a Jewish Educator for the past decade and has taught in many Jewish schools, camps, and organizations of all denominations on both coasts of the United States. Prior to this year, Shalom taught at the Palo Alto JCC, the Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School, Shaar Zahav, Emanu El San Francisco, JCC Manhattan, Kane Street Synagogue, Park Avenue Synagogue, Shaaray Tefila, the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan, and the Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camps in Malibu.

Shalom is a native New Yorker who moved to the Bay Area last year. He grew up as the son of an Orthodox rabbi and is married to Adam Rosenwasser, a Reform Rabbi at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills. He has many passions including teaching about Judaism and Hebrew and film studies and pop culture, and he loves to read and travel.



Shalom Rosenberg

By Shalom Rosenberg

I feel so blessed and fortunate to have been chosen to be the one of the guides for Edah, here at Netivot Shalom. I know from all my years of teaching in New York and here in the Bay Area, that working with children is such a tremendous gift. I am grateful for this opportunity and experience and know it will be a lot of hard work, but well worth it. It has always been a dream of mine to help create and nurture a new model for Jewish education that takes the needs of the community and translates it into a learning environment. I am thrilled to be here and to get started!

I am in the process of getting Edah ready for our first year and getting my office/teen lounge set up. Please accept this letter of introduction as my way of saying hello and feel free to stop by my office (Room 7) or introduce yourself when we see each other at shul, whether or not you are a kindergartener, teenager, a parent of one of those, or member. To learn more about Edah or any of the other programs I am working on, please feel free to contact me at 510-549-9447 x106 or youth@netivotshalom.org.

What is Edah?

By Shalom Rosenberg

Greetings!

I am delighted to be starting my new position as Edah and Youth Director here at Netivot Shalom. People generally know what a Youth Director does and I want to share with you what I have planned for our teens this coming year.

Many people, it seems, aren't too sure what Edah means and how it will transform into an afterschool program, starting this fall with a group of kindergarteners. Edah is often translated as community but comes from the Hebrew word *ehad* or witness. Both Leviticus and Numbers use the word *edah* in reference to the Jewish people's connection to God. The Book of Isaiah takes this even further: "You are my witnesses, says God." (Isaiah 43:12). The Midrash comments, "If you are My witnesses, then I am God; if you are not My witnesses, I am, as it were, not God."

Indeed, all of us at Netivot Shalom are witnesses. We are a community of witnesses including our children. It is people from our community who created Edah. Rena Dorph and Elana Naftalin-Kelman, parents of young children, congregants, and leaders in our community, wrote a concept paper detailing this community's desire for an intensive Jewish learning environment for its children. The paper outlined a program in which young learners and their families are actively engaged in Jewish learning and doing every day. Edah will be where young children and their families connect to Judaism and this synagogue through organic, interesting, and hands-on experiences and learning.

How will this be accomplished? These children will:

- learn useful and practical Hebrew words and phrases.
- know that Israel is a vibrant Jewish country with a living language that we cherish from its biblical roots.
- engage with texts from Torah to the Siddur and even create their own versions.
- participate in activities steeped in Jewish values, customs, and holidays.
- sing, dance, play, study, argue, grow, experience, and teach each other, not to mention teach their adults and siblings.
- do all of these things with their families.

Is this a tall order? Perhaps, but it is not impossible. I believe that because our community is so committed to learning and to teaching our children. We *are* Edah.

Rimmonim Invites You!

By Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld

Rimmonim is entering its 5th year following four years of foundation funding and support.

This year we welcome the following SBY graduates and their parents, into Rimmonim and look forward to learning and davening with you this year: Moshe Creditor, Leilah Doostan, Ari Fendel, Eli Fogelman, Audrey Graves, Jemima Heaslip, Eva Kashner Stern, Yair Naftalin-Kelman, Zev Massey, Lior Schiffrin, Jessica Steinbaugh, Shai Steinman, Ayelet Wahrhaftig, and Rena and Ezra Witkin!

We have built and changed the program over the last four years based on our own experiences and ongoing networking with other recipients of the Legacy Heritage Innovation Project grants. We hope our program meets the needs of families with children in grades K-2. Additionally, we hope it has appeal to others in the congregation, particularly adults who would enjoy getting to know families in this demographic, those seeking a joyful and lively davening experience, and those who wish to engage in adult learning focused on bringing *middot*, our Jewish values, more to bear in our everyday lives.

This year we will be focusing on *middot* which connect us more meaningfully with others including: *shalom bayit*/peace in the home, *chesed*/kindness, *dan l'chaf zechut*/giving the benefit of the doubt, *nedivut*/generosity, *kibud av va'aym*/honoring parents, *dibuk chaverim*/friendship, *hiddur pnei zaken*/honoring the elderly, *bikur cholim*/visiting the sick, *hachnasat orchim*/welcoming the stranger. It is our hope that talking about and relating *middot* to our daily lives will enhance the experience of living a more Jewish life of all involved.

We welcome you to join us for any part of our Rimmonim gatherings, which take place the 1st and 3rd Shabbatot of each month starting October 2. Our schedule is: 10:30-11:15 a.m. *tefillah* and a Torah story, 11:15-11:45 a.m. intergenerational, active learning around the *middah* of the month, and 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. adult learning on the *middah*. All parts of the program are volunteer-led. Please email rimonim@netivotshalom.org to inquire further. We look forward to seeing you!

Members of Netivot Shalom Establish A Foundation To Aid Newborns

By Laurie and Stuart Marson

Disturbed by the overabundance of gifts for some newborns while so many others in the community lack even basics, two long time members of Netivot Shalom, who had also been pioneering parents of Tehiyah Day school are now turning their efforts to a new cause.

Laurie and Stuart Marson recently founded Onesie Twosie, a non-profit organization that distributes new baby clothing and basics to Bay Area newborns and new mothers of limited means through participating organizations such as The Homeless Prenatal Program in San Francisco, The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Children's Hospital of Oakland and The Bay Area Perinatal AIDS Center, among others.

“Our mission is to connect generosity with need in the shared spirit of welcoming every baby home,” explains Laurie Marson. “When you receive a shower invitation or birth announcement, let that be an opportunity to help someone less fortunate by making a donation to Onesie Twosie. It’s the spirit of Tzedakah that Netivot Shalom embraces.” Onesie Twosie buys new items requested by local organizations that serve new babies and new mothers who then distribute them. A donation of \$15 pays for a Red Cross baby health care kit. \$30 buys a brand new diaper bag. \$50 buys a brand name baby carrier or 3 onesies, 3 t-shirts and a bib. A check for \$100 buys all of the above.

Many organizations recycle gently used items but Onesie Twosie distributes only new things. “We’ve learned from dedicated professionals in the field how important it is for mothers to receive a gift of something new and nice, to reaffirm the value of her new child,” explains co-founder Stuart Marson.

For a full list of participating organizations and to make a donation, visit onesietwosie.org.

A Message of Thanks From Rabbi Kelman

Many of you know that these last few months, I have faced several serious health challenges. Now, minus a spleen and with a new hip, I can finally, but gradually, get back to where I started a full year ago. During this time, I felt bolstered in spirit by all the kind wishes for a *refuah shelayma* that you offered – in person, by card or note or drawing and even in silence. My thanks to those of you who brought books, tapes, meals or visited. People define a holy community as a place where individuals care for one another. I feel good to know that we have built such a community together.

Swim a Mile or Sponsor a Swimmer to Raise Money to Help Women with Cancer

By Tobie Lurie

Our fulfillment of the mitzvah of *bikkur cholim* is usually within our own shul community, or with our nearby neighbors. The Women’s Cancer Resource Center (“WCRC”) gives us an opportunity to extend this mitzvah by fundraising to help women with cancer throughout the east bay. Our congregation has sponsored swimmers for the last five years! Last year we raised over \$1,800 to benefit the WCRC, and the following congregants participated in the swim: Carol Dorf, Rebecca Landau, (“Carol & Rebecca”), Reva Fabrikant, Jeanne Reisman and Len Goldschmidt (“Jeannelen”), as well as others who participated as part of teams.

To sponsor a congregant go to the following address: <http://www.wcrc.org/swim/donate/index.htm> and then go to the choose a swimmer window.

Many Netivot Shalom members are already signed up to swim in the morning on Sunday, October 3. If you want to swim yourself, then in the lobby in front of the office you will find brochures to sign up for the Women’s Cancer Resource Center’s Swim a Mile Benefit.

The WCRC provides incredible services for bay area women with cancer — support groups; research assistance, which can save women making decisions about treatments and a significant amount of time and money for expensive journal reprints; exercise and nutrition classes; a chance to pair up with other women who have had similar diagnoses; honest resource books about local providers; volunteers to help women get through the treatment process; in-home help; and emergency financial assistance. If you have any questions, or if you have registered as a swimmer, e-mail landorf1@gmail.com.

Welcome New Member Rochelle Nason

Rochelle grew up in Albany, California, where she now spends most weekends and part of every week living with her partner, Mr. Tuli Shnitzer of San Francisco, and keeping company with her mother who has faced health challenges in recent years. Rochelle's work life is based at Lake Tahoe, where she has served for over 15 years as Executive Director of the League to Save Lake Tahoe, commonly known as Keep Tahoe Blue, which also maintains a small administrative office in North Berkeley.

Rochelle is deeply interested in Judaism, Israel, Jewish life and history, and in eldercare matters as well as environmental policy issues and enjoying the outdoors. She has previously been a member of, and continues her association with, both Congregation B'nai Emunah in San Francisco and Temple Bat Yam in South Lake Tahoe. As she now spends most of her Shabbatot in the East Bay, she began attending services at Netivot Shalom during the past year and has been impressed by the depth of knowledge and extent of participation of the congregation. Rochelle looks forward to becoming a part of the CNS community.



Welcome New Member Taylor Maurand

Taylor moved to the Bay Area from Boston in 2008, and has been attending services at Netivot Shalom since then. After visiting many Jewish communities in the area, she finally found that Netivot felt like "home." She was attracted to the open, warm, diverse community, and the teachings of Rabbi Creditor. She recently joined and is presently one of the co-chairs of the Young Adults' committee.

Taylor is a writer and a certified massage therapist, trained in Swedish, Prenatal and Postpartum massage, and focuses most of her practice on working with women. She lives and works in Alameda. Please don't hesitate to contact her at taylormaurand@gmail.com, or find her after Shabbat morning services.



Calling Netivot Shalom New Members!

The Newsletter would love to print a small article about you (with a picture) to introduce you to our community. It can be as simple as one or two paragraphs that you supply. Please send this to us at newsletter@netivotshalom.org

Bat/Bar Mitzvah Announcements:

Rabbi Bridget Wynne and Julia London invite you to share in a simcha on
 October 23, 2010
 15 Cheshvan 5771
 Parshat Vayera
 when their son,
Avi London-Wynne
 is called to the Torah
 as a Bar Mitzvah


Debra Lobel and Pauline Moreno invite you to share in a simcha on
 December 11, 2010
 4 Tevet 5771
 Parshat Vayigash
 when their son,
Edgar Lobel
 is called to the Torah
 as a Bar Mitzvah

Are you planning to celebrate a Bat Mitzvah or Bar Mitzvah at Netivot Shalom within the next few years? If so, please contact Rabbi Shalom Bochner, Director of LifeLong Learning to find out more about our amazing Amitim Program and to request a Bar-Bat Mitzvah date: education@netivotshalom.org. See page 17 for details.

Birth Announcements:

Mazal Tov to Jennifer Mangel and Robert Ratner, on the birth of a baby girl, Kaila Mangel Ratner, born May 13th.
 Mazal Tov to Amy Nelson and Chris Romer on the birth of a baby girl, Isadora Romer, born on May 18th.
 Mazal Tov to Dorothy Richman and Michael Steinman on the birth of a baby girl, Yael Noam born on June 8th.
 Mazal Tov to George & Toby Gidal (grandparents!) and Jessica & Mark Gidal (parents!) on the birth of a baby boy, Moshe Chaim (Max Henry) born on June 15th.
 Mazal Tov to Jess Login and Dan Alter on the birth of a baby girl, Hadas Zamira Shani Login Alter, born on July 11th.
 Mazal Tov to Rabbi Daniel Isaacson and Liora Brosbe, big brother Elijah, and grandparents Herb and Ellen on the birth of a baby, August 25.



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 ACTIVITIES
 & EVENTS** for
 current and
 upcoming events
 is online 

Welcome New Members:
 Margee Churchon
 Martin White & Caryn Lai
 Cynthia Whitehead

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 connect Judaism and the environment and action to help the environment.

Young Adults Fund

Supports activities of the Young Adults Havurah, including monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service and community dinner.

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.

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Donors

Donors: We sincerely thank the following members and friends for contributions to the funds listed below made during the time period of mid-April through August 9th. We apologize if we have inadvertently missed anything including a name or donation. Please mail Rachel at office@netivotshalom.org with any corrections so that we may note it in the next newsletter. (Please note: we are not listing payments of any kind except for the Yom Kippur Appeal in the Newsletters. The Paths of Torah Commentary Donations will be listed in the future.)

Adult Ed Fund

Martha & David Birnbaum, in honor of Rabbi Shalom Bochner
Susan Jaeger, in memory of Harry Jaeger
Raymond Lifchez, in support of the Sunday Minyan Program
Cheryl Zlotnick, in memory of Martin Zlotnick

Building Fund

Sandra Gore & Ron Sires, Congratulations to George and Toby in honor of the birth of Moshe Chai
Rivka Greenberg, in memory of Bea and Leo Greenberg
Milton & Marge Greenstein, in memory of Anna Leah Greenstein
Michael Irwin & Charlene Stern, in honor of our Rabbis
Sylvia Korchin, in memory of Sheldon Korchin and in honor of David Levine
Ginette & Elijah Polak
Rebecca Schwartz & Jonathan Berk, in honor of Hannah Berk's Bat Mitzvah
Bruce Starkman, in memory of Madelaine Starkman
Ben & Helen Stern, in honor of Mike and Charlene's anniversary and Norman Stern's 60th birthday
Rabbi David & Irene Winston

General Donations

Andrea Altschuler & David Finn, in honor and gratitude to the Netivot Shalom community for its deep care and compassion in times of grief and sorrow.
Stephen Baumgarten & Jayne Spielman, in memory of Ramona Steinbaugh
Joseph Becker, in honor of Milt and Marge's 60th wedding anniversary
Chauncey & Shirah Bell, in memory of Betty Kaplan
Martha & David Birnbaum, in memory of Ruth Friedman
Martha & David Birnbaum, in honor of Peter Dale Scott
Martha & David Birnbaum, in honor of Tobie Lurie's new grandchild
Golda & Eric Blum, in memory of Max Samuely
Steven Bond & Shari Rifas, in memory of Lodema McCullough
Carl Buchin & Claudia Valas, in honor of marriage of Daria Armstrong and Gal Gressel
Carl Buchin & Claudia Valas, in honor of Debby Graudenz and Rom Rosenblum
Barbara & Robert Budnitz, in honor of Vicky Kelman
Celia & Paul Concus, in honor of Vicky Kelman
Susan David, in memory of Leslie Gillespie
George & Toby Gidal, in memory of Ramona Steinbaugh
Carol Ingall, in honor of Vicky Kelman
Michael Irwin & Charlene Stern, in honor of Vicky Kelman
Burt Jacobson & Diane Elliot, in memory of Leonard Elliot and in support of the Wed. Minyan
Steven Joseph & Corey Hansen-Joseph, in honor of Aaron Robbins' Bar Mitzvah
Ronna Kabatznick & Peter Dale Scott, in memory of Joan Kabatznick and Ada Wisch

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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 which 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.

"How wonderful it is that no one need wait a single moment to start to improve the world."

Anne Frank



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Ronna Kabatznick & Peter Dale Scott, in memory of Minna Kabatznick, in memory of Gerson Goldhaber

Rabbi Stuart & Vicky Kelman, in honor of of the Bar Mitzvah of Ari Burack

Rabbi Stuart & Vicky Kelman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Yarden Sorani

Rabbi Stuart & Vicky Kelman, in honor of of the Bat Mitzvah of Lena Milton

Kathy Khuner & Theda Haber, in honor of George and Toby Gidal's New Grandson

Ralph & Hadassah Kramer, in honor of the upcoming marriage of Michal Shein and Jonas Parker

Denise Moyes-Schnur & Ken Schnur, in memory of Betty Schnur

Elana Reinin & Marshall Platt, in memory of Hermine Rosin

Elana Reinin & Marshall Platt, in memory of Steve Platt

Karen Roekard, in memory of Jack Rosenfeld

Hyman & Miriam San, Yiskor

Cantor Pamela Sawyer & Margaret Rowland, in honor of Vicky Kelman

Cantor Pamela Sawyer & Margaret Rowland, in memory of Edward L. Sawyer

Cantor Pamela Sawyer & Margaret Rowland, in memory of Elvera Rowland and Benjamin Rothman

Rachel & Eric Seder, in honor of Anna Rosenfeld's Bat Mitzvah

Susan & Dick Seeley, congrats to George and Toby on the birth of their grandchild

Selix Tuxedos, in honor of the marriage of Gleb Budman and Katia Bloom

David Shaw, in honor of Lee Feinstein

Brett & Maia Singer, in memory of Louis Singer

Brett & Maia Singer, in honor of Vicky Kelman

Brett & Maia Singer, in memory of Harry Gray

Brett & Maia Singer, in memory of Annette Singer

Daniel Warren & Hannah Ginsborg

Matt & Carly West

Raquel & Max Wolf, in memory of Gitla Zak

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Ester Alkanli, in memory of Israel Sherez

Burkham-Krikorian Family, in memory of Jon Galinson

Michael & Theresa Cooper, in memory of Emanuel Julius Cooper

Paul Ryan Gatnow & Julie Shmalo, in memory of Jon Galinson

Sarah Gershman, in memory of Jon Galinson

Joel Goldsmith, in memory of Jon Galinson

Debby Graudenz & Rom Rosenblum, Bay Area Masorti

Erroll & Julia Hackner, in memory of Jon Galinson

Sarah Horwich & Andrew Stern, in memory of Jon Galinson

Michael Irwin & Charlene Stern, in memory of Kurt Irwin

Elizabeth Jaeger, in memory of Jon Galinson

Jeff Klee, in memory of Jon Galinson

Ralph & Hadassah Kramer, in memory of Debby Kramer Shalev

James & Patricia Lewis, in memory of Jon Galinson

Michael & Maggie Liftik, in honor of Clara's naming

Betty Martinez, in memory of Ethel Teger

Robin Mencher & Matthew Dimond, in honor of of the birth of their daughter

Lauran & Adam Mizock

Roy & Anne Nelson, in honor of Amy, Chris and Isadora

Perl Perlmutter & Meghan Starkey, in memory of Bernie Starkey

Perl Perlmutter & Meghan Starkey, in memory of Al Perlmutter and Evelyn Starkey

Jessica Poscover, in memory of Jon Galinson

Arthur Reinbold & Gail Bolan, in memory of Leah Reingold

David Shragai & Brenda Goldstein, in memory of Penina Shragai, z'l"

Ben & Helen Stern

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Chevra Kadisha Fund

Barbara Bibel

Andrea & Michael Cassidy, in memory of Bella Nadler

David Stein & Bill Stewart, in honor of Chevra Kadisha

Stephanie Davis Fund

Gus & Sue Davis, in memory of our beautiful daughter

David Stein & Bill Stewart, in honor of Vicky Kelman

Kiddush & Oneg Fund

Peter Berck & Cyndi Spindell Berck

Vivian Clayton, in honor of Simon Clayton's yahrzeit

Dale Friedman & Joan Bradus, in memory of Shirley Kreitzer Bradus

Dale Friedman & Joan Bradus, in honor of Milt & Marge Greenstein's anniversary

Larry Hanover, in memory of Rivka Hanover

Ethel Murphy, in memory of her parents for yizkor

Rita Stein

Preschool Donations

Ellen & Herb Brosbe, in memory of Lillian Brosbe

Liora Brosbe and Rabbi Daniel Isaacson, in honor of the Dorph/Wahrhaftig, Richman/Steinman Families, and SBY

Perry and Malka Scheinok, in memory of Sarah Gerstel

Bruce Schram

David Stein & Bill Stewart, in memory of Bobbie Cahn

Rosenheimer Fund

Karen Roekard, in memory of Chaim Yakov "Jack" Rosenfeld

Wendy Rosov, in memory of Myer & Elizabeth Ziner

Wendy Rosov, in memory of Celia Popel

Ethelyn Simon Fund

Rabbi Stuart & Vicky Kelman, in honor of the organizers and attendees of annual dinner

Social Action Fund

Liora Brosbe & Rabbi Daniel Isaacson, in honor of Dafna Bearson completing her first year of high school

Dale Friedman & Joan Bradus, in memory of Jerry Friedman

Barry Kamil & Nancy Gurian, in memory of Abram Gurian

Vida Lehmann, in memory of Eva Lazarus Thompson

Youth Ed

Martha & David Birnbaum, in honor of Rabbi Shalom Bochner

Reva Fabrikant & Sol Weingarten, in memory of Helen Fabrikant

Rimmonim

Legacy Heritage Fund Limited

Tzedakah Fund

Esther Brass Chorin, in memory of Mark Brass

Yom Kippur Appeal

Sylvia Korchin, in memory of Sheldon Korchin and in honor of David Levine

Yahrzeits

Zichronam livrachah — May their memories be blessed**August 1, Av 21**

Sarah Ruby

August 2, Av 22Shirley Kreitzer Bradus
Jenny Burkom Lifchez
Abraham B. Rosenblum
Augusta Rothstein
Isadore Louis Stahl**August 3, Av 23**George W. Cunradi
Bertram Faber
Gerda Mathan**August 4, Av 24**Rose Birnbaum
Sherman Juster
Martin Zlotnick**August 5, Av 25**

Anna Nechama Liebhoff

August 6, Av 26Morris Levin
Florence Luben
Edith Polon
Myer Israel Shandling**August 8, Av 28**George Cohen
Abraham Fox
Ruth Press**August 9, Av 29**

Simon Clayton

August 10, Av 30Diane Lipton
Walter Potak**August 11, Elul 1**Gunter Jacobowitz
Ethel "Billie" Silverstein**August 12, Elul 2**Joseph Friedman
Rita Lent**August 13, Elul 3**Minna Kabatznick
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Celebrate the 10th Year of Miriam Saul's Rediscovery of Jewish Cuba.

Celebrate New Year's Eve in the Heart of Havana!

Winter Mission Dates: December 25, 2010 to January 1, 2011.

EXPERIENCE CUBA

Experience Cuba as a first-time traveler or as a returning participant. The December 2010 religious mission includes visits to Jewish centers in Havana as well as Jewish communities in the interior. Participate in celebration events honoring Miriam Saul's 10th anniversary return to Cuba.

Miriam is well-known for bringing the personal side of Jewish Cuba to hundreds of visitors. Once a population of 15,000, there are now only 1,200 Jews throughout the island. Miriam's missions, and the aid brought by visitors, help to support the renaissance of Jewish life in Cuba.

You'll meet and talk with Jewish community leaders, hear their challenges, and do your part to help sustain Cuban Judaism.

Fly from Miami to Havana in less than one hour! While in Cuba you'll travel in an air-conditioned motor coach accompanied by an English-speaking guide and driver and stay in 5 star hotels. Travel throughout the island, stopping at several Jewish communities.

Join first-time visitors, returning travelers, and Jewish Cubans hoping to get a glimpse of their past. Learn about Jewish life directly from Jewish Cubans.

Start the New Year in a unique and special way. Celebrate New Year's Eve in Havana, Cuba!

Disclaimer

All trips comply with U.S. restrictions on travel to Cuba. Missions operate under a religious license awarded by the United States government Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and a religious Cuban visa given by the Cuban government. Daily itineraries focus on Jewish life in Cuba.

The Missions to Cuba are led by Miriam Saul. Miriam functions as consultant and liaison between the communities in Cuba and Mission visitors. The trips are arranged by licensed Travel Service Providers and Charter companies that have experience providing specialized services to groups and individuals.

All travelers to Cuba are required to have licenses and visas in order to legally travel directly from the U.S. to Cuba. These missions meet all the necessary requirements. All legal arrangements are made for each traveler prior to departure.

This trip is sponsored by The Cuba-America Jewish Mission, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to assisting Cuban Jewry as they move into a proactive relationship with their Jewish heritage and to developing friendships between American Jewry and Cuban Jewry. Cuba-America Jewish Mission members may legally visit Cuba as a part of the mission. These missions deliver medical supplies and humanitarian aid, and participate in programs to bring participants and Jewish Cubans together in a warm and friendly environment.

Do Your Part to Help Sustain Jewish Life in Cuba. Celebrate 10 Years of Success.

Space on all trips is limited. To ensure that all paperwork and permits are completed in time, deadline for joining the December trip is October 5, 2010.



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Miriam has been a very good escort for many of our trips and has many repeat travelers. You will have an inspiring time if you accompany her.

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The Cuba-America Jewish Mission is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to helping Cuban Jewry help themselves and Congregation Netivot Shalom has been a supporter since 1996.

YOUTH EDUCATION

Our **Preschool**, serves children between 2 years old - Pre-Kindergarten. "Inspire Our Hearts, Light up our Eyes." The program provides a learning environment rich in Jewish content, with a focus on Hebrew language. Learning is interactive; children cook, garden, sing, listen and tell stories, perform math and science projects, dance, and celebrate Jewish holidays. For more information contact Lauren Kindorf, Preschool Director, at 549-9447.

Shabbat B'Yachad (SBY) for families with preschool children five years and under. Program includes *tefillah* (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.

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 for more information.

Religious School for children in grades K–6. Hebrew Bilingual Program (K- 2nd grade) meets on Thursday 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.; K is just on Tuesday. Kadima School (3rd - 6th grades) meets on Tuesday and Thursday 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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 Tuesday, 4:30-6:30 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 online 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 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 attending these services who need to say *Kaddish* need a minyan! Please consider becoming a once-a-month attendee to help them fulfill this *mitzvah*. 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. For children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Shabbat B'Yachad: 11:00 a.m., 2nd and 4th Shabbat each month. For families with children up to five years old.

Orah VeSimchah: 11:00 a.m., monthly. For children in 3rd through 5th grades.

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 for times and details. Hosted by the Young Adults Havurah, all ages welcome.

SOCIAL ACTION

Monarch Place Kabbalat Shabbat 4500 Gilbert, Oakland, 5th floor lounge. 7:00 p.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.

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

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 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.



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