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Debbie Friedman Will Continue to be a Blessing

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

What was it like to teach with Debbie?

Teaching with her was always a kick – just enough humor to be funny – and with so much mutual love and respect as to be intensely serious. Our relationship was one of mutual learning, unbridled admiration, reciprocity, love, giving, sharing, honesty and, most of all, fun.

She came to one of our first Netivot Shalom retreats at Walker Creek. I continually hear, from people who were there, how much long-lasting impact those 48 hours have had on their worship.

I remember Debbie's and my first retreat together. A few years earlier, I invited her to come to the East Bay to lead a retreat for teachers. I wanted her to teach music that would restore and refresh the tired souls of the teachers. When I finally got hold of her, she refused – quite adamantly. "No," she said, "I won't do it – but I will come and teach *tefillah* with you." "Music," she said, "is only the means for something higher." Music would be the instrument that allowed everyone to stretch their spiritual muscles.

And when we had gathered, suddenly, right over the vineyards, a gigantic double rainbow appeared. It was a *siman* (a sign) that would guide us, and a sign, I believe, that her work was holy. And naturally, a song was written: The Rainbow Blessing. It was during that retreat that I, too, saw her ability to make room for every *neshama* that was there. Although there were 30 people present, she seemed to be singing to each of us, individually.

When we were starting to build our building, I found the verse in Exodus that describes the building of the biblical *mishkan*. I asked her to compose a melody for that verse. She did. And for years while we were building **our** *mishkan*, that tune became our theme song. She had an uncanny ability to match a singable melody with the intent of the words. Not many composers can do that. She could, and did.

Heschel wrote: There are three ways to mourn: the first is to cry; the second is to grow silent; the third is to transform sorrow into song.

In that spirit, I want to suggest something that we all can do.

Tell one Debbie story or sing one Debbie song or study some text that she taught. Debbie died during the week that we observe Shabbat *Shira*. She taught us about blessings; she was and is and will continue to be a blessing.

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion recently received a major gift that allowed it to name its School of Sacred Music in her memory. It will be called The Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music to honor her contributions to religious worship, spiritual renewal, and the Jewish people. How wonderful!!! *



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We Are Afraid

By Rabbi Menachem Creditor

We are afraid.
 Afraid to be vulnerable,
 afraid of being alone.
 We should be afraid.
 Afraid for a vulnerable world,
 afraid of pervasive loneliness.
 We don't want to,
 even if sometimes
 we are supposed to be,
 alone.

It is not good for a person to be alone.

When we stop clicking,
 buzzing, avoiding,
 we tap back into the whole,
 pulse with possibility.
 Creation continues through us.
 You are an aware emulsifier of the Divine,
 throbbing, waiting, acting, despairing,
 hoping, raging, weeping, longing, seeking.
 We are necessary.
 You are necessary. *

A Drasha for the Netivot Shalom Community

By Joan Bradus, First Vice President

Delivered at the CNS Board Meeting on January 30, 2011

When I opened my Torah to discover that I was to comment on the *parashah T'rumah*, my reaction was, "how fitting." After all this is the *parasha* which contains the line that Rabbi Kelman cited (and Debbie Friedman put to music) which was the theme of our first capital campaign and therefore has led directly to our being here today:

VeAsu Li Mikdash v'shachanti b'tocham — And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them (some would say that "I may dwell within them").

This *parashah* and the succeeding ones precisely characterize our real world dilemma, we are here to create a Holy Space in which to encounter God, and yet the details are almost mind-numbingly mundane.

The commentators first ask, why do we even need to create a *Mishkan* (and by direct association, a synagogue building), when God is incorporeal and is not limited in space or time. Our human minds are limited, however, and even after the Exodus from slavery in Egypt and the revelation at Sinai, the people had a hard time visualizing how to encounter God. The idea was that, after the Golden calf, (which is introduced after this *parashah*), God realized that the Israelites needed something concrete on which to focus their religious attention. And in the details of construction God provided a sanctioned response to that need. Like them, it helps us to have a place to go to worship together. We are a religious community; while God is present and accessible everywhere and whenever, we are distracted and preoccupied. Having a designated place to assemble together, to focus on encountering God, meets our human need. And, it is significant that one of the names for God is *HaMakom*, The Place.

What struck me most, though, about this *parashah*, particularly, was the first line: tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts (*Daber al bnai Yisrael v'Yik'chu Li terumah*); You shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved.



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I was stunned by this, because my Bat Mitzvah was on Shabbat *Shekalim*, when every drash talks about the requirement to support the synagogue (this is the basis for synagogue dues). This *parashah* is different – this states that the *Mishkan* was to be built from gifts from the heart – freely offered.

Of course, we cannot require the community to support something they have not already committed to with their hearts. Creation of a synagogue community, like the creation of the *Mishkan*, comes from longing for closeness, to God, to each other, and requires heartfelt commitment. And, the types of giving, as described in the *parashah*, are varied. Men and women gave different precious materials, according to their means and their hearts. While later *parshiot* describe the artisans that contribute skilled labor, the sense here is that anyone can join in this effort by giving gifts of time, of skill, of money. The rabbis go on in their commentaries to say this explicitly. They take the passage stating that the Ark cannot be separated from the carrying poles, to mean that financial support is as essential to our continued mission as Torah study itself. “Even if someone neither learns nor teaches Torah, but supports it financially, he is considered to have upheld it.” (Chazal, Yerushalmi, Sotal, Ch 7) “It is a tree of Life to those who support it” refers not only to prayer and learning but to mundane financial support. (Tzror HaMor; Mishlei 3:18) But that support can only be obtained from those who first freely give from their heart, and they give because they need this *Mishkan*, they need this synagogue and community.

We no longer look to God for instructions on how to create a building. Our understanding of our task has grown over time. As Arthur Green says (Radical Judaism, page 131), our task is to “constitute a human community in which God is present, in which that presence is felt from within and seen from without. As each person is the image of God, an embodiment of divinity, so are we as a people to bear that living presence within us.” He goes on to say that each of us has something that only we can supply, a contribution urgently needed to sustain the divine economy (page 160).

Our task as board members is to search ourselves for what it is that only we can supply, a gift freely given to create a community within which God will dwell. We are also tasked, much as was Moses, and the leaders of the Israelite community, to ask our community to bring gifts from their hearts so that they too can sustain this community: gifts of time, gifts of skills, and yes, even our gifts of money.

We live in the real world – the Torah knows that, and its stories force us to stay grounded, even when we want to soar. We do not go into the mountains to commune with God. We come to *shul* – to pray, and shmooze, and argue, and cook, and study, and teach our children, and get married, and visit the sick, and care for the needy, emotionally and physically. We have each chosen this community in which to do this. I am honored to be part of it with you. *

And You May Ask Yourself

By Mel Sibony

Back in the 1980's there was a popular jacket called "Members Only". It wasn't fancy but there was something about it that made the jacket a fashion symbol. Perhaps it was just the tagline. Thanks to the Internet it's possible these days to go back in time to see what I'm talking about. Somehow when you put it on, you belonged to something.

In my post-college days when I didn't belong to a synagogue, I occasionally attended Friday night services and mainly went to *shul* on holidays and *simchas*. I didn't own one of those jackets and I wasn't ready to become a member of anything. Of course, times change and pretty soon I found myself looking for a synagogue to join, having a family, becoming a part of a community, and volunteering. Then, one day I was asked to be the president! "How did this happen?" I wondered. More collectively, how did we all get here?

I don't have that answer but I do know that in 2001 our congregation had 192 members and now ten years later we have 400 member units! Our annual growth rate for the last three years ranged from 8% to 14%. What's remarkable is that we are finding ourselves in a period of growth when some congregations are contracting. It's a blessing to have such growth but it also affects us in many ways both socially and financially.

From a social perspective, a larger congregation means it is harder to get to know one another not only due to our size but our geographic distribution. One solution would be to implement a *chavurah* model where a smaller group of congregants would meet on a monthly basis allowing us to form deeper relationships. Some have already formed by neighborhood or by demographics (i.e. preschool or young adults). But what if someone new joins the congregation or an existing member wants to get to know more congregants? *Chavurot* are a great way to get to know people, across any demographic, in a more intimate fashion and also provides another opportunity to get together around Shabbat and holidays. When we had no building and we were a smaller congregation we had neighborhood gatherings (*etzleinu baschunah*) for meals and *minyans*. Now that we have our own building and are larger the time is right to reinvigorate the *chavurot* model.

Our congregation started off very participatory but now that we've grown larger, participation continues to be the principle primarily for services and while there are a core of volunteers that keep the place running with wonderful activities and events, there are still many tasks we need congregants to do. Volunteering is the perfect way for congregants to get to know each other. Some may not be aware of the opportunities or think they have the skills. To that end the Board wants to create a volunteer opportunity/matching skills effort. To do so we need support from the entire congregation.

From a financial perspective as we grow there is also a need for our staff to provide more services. Many congregations our size have an equivalent or larger number of staff, but our substantial mortgage limits our ability to hire staff. So our number one priority must be to reinvigorate our capital campaign so that we can eventually find ourselves in a much better financial position.

So, now it's time to take off your jackets and roll up your sleeves and let our dynamic Board or myself know how you can actively participate in these new ideas for our *kehillah*. *



Netivot Shalom Board of Directors Update

By Edna Stewart

Happy 2011 to all! We have a new Board with some new faces. Mel Sibony has assumed the role of President, and Jeff Rosenbloom has become our Past President Board Member. Joan Bradus is our First VP, and our new “At-large” members are Matt West, Jim Cunradi, and Pauline Moreno.

As we turn our sights to the upcoming year, we have many accomplishments of which to be proud. The Hebrew School has 59 students; 10 more than expected, and the new Edah program is off to a good start. Judy Breakstone and Matt West presented a new plan for membership, emphasizing recruiting new members as well as increasing the involvement of current members.

Finance is always utmost in the minds of all Board members. This year we will be holding our Annual Gala in honor of Netivot Shalom’s Past Presidents on February 27. The Gala will include a dinner as well as a “Tribute Book”, which we hope will raise funds needed for our operations. There are on-going discussions regarding the Building Fund and the need for another Capital Campaign as our mortgages become due.

This year our Retreat is scheduled for May 20-22 at Camp Newman. Proceeds from this year’s Music Festival will provide some funds to supplement the “pay what you can” option for members. The Retreat will focus on Community Building. Many thanks to Dan Siegel and Josh Gressel for organizing this anticipated event. Kudos also to Dan Siegel and his helpers for a terrific music festival again this year.

The Hanukkah festival was another bright spot in a cold and wet winter. Many thanks to Cathy Shadd and her crew for great food, music and fun. ✨



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“We were incredibly impressed with his professional knowledge, his organizational skills, his ability and willingness to go the extra mile for us.” “As a seller’s agent, Jeff is simply a star”

- Tali and Elad Ziv, CNS members whose home sold for almost 10% over the asking price

Josh Kornbluth's "Andy Warhol: Good for the Jews?"

By Janet Schneider

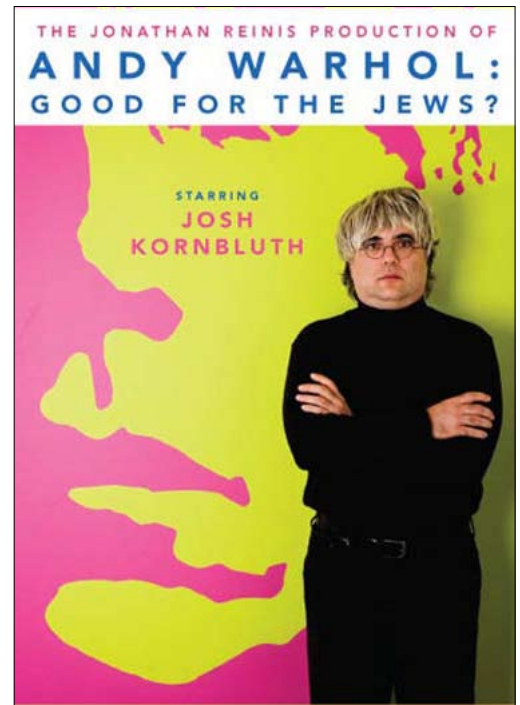
Last night I saw Josh Kornbluth's show "Andy Warhol: Good for the Jews?" commissioned by the Contemporary Jewish Museum to accompany its 2009 exhibit entitled "Warhol's Jews: Ten Portraits Reconsidered". Josh was asked to consider whether this exhibit by Andy Warhol originally showcased in his famous 1980 series, was indeed good for the Jews?

At first Josh was turned off when he learned that Andy Warhol's sole motivation to create these paintings was to make money. He knew Jews would pay to see his renderings of ten prominent Jews. Then Josh considered why ten Jews and why these Jews? The answer to the first question came from Rabbi Creditor who told Josh that ten were required for a minyan. "And," said the Rabbi, "If you counted the Marx Brothers as three, it was a bakers' minyan."

As for why these particular Jews, Josh poured over the list Andy had assembled and told the story of how Andy settled on these ten. Who would you have selected? Would they have been dead or alive, from all of history or only the 20th century? All men? All women? Only Americans? Would they have been Sarah Bernhardt, Louis Brandeis, Martin Buber, Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, George Gershwin, Franz Kafka, the Marx Brothers, Golda Meir, and Gertrude Stein?

During Josh's ninety-minute performance we learn about Andy's upbringing, Josh's upbringing, the contributions of these Jews, and how in the course of Josh learning about them he began to explore his own Jewish identity. The first synagogue he stepped into was our own Netivot Shalom on a Saturday morning. Now he's enrolled in a bar mitzvah training class with Rabbi Creditor along with 70 others who signed up to experience this with him. And this summer he's going to have his bar mitzvah on a Rabbi Creditor-led trip to Israel.

When asked what should his next show be about, I didn't hesitate to tell him, the relationship he develops with Israel. Whether he chooses to do this or something else, I am certain that whatever he performs next will be equally as moving and provocative as this one was. *



News from Knetivot Knits

By Tobie Lurie

We continue to meet on the second Sunday of the month—usually from noon to 2 p.m. and provide warm wool garments for "Afghans for Afghans". In addition, we are now knitting baby things for "Onsietwosie". Not everyone can attend on a Sunday so I've put a bag outside the office and if you would like to knit or crochet for either charity, you may put your finished projects there. "Afghans for Afghans" requires products in 100% wool and "Onsietwosie" needs washable fibers. Want-to-be knitters are welcome – we will get you started. *



A Semester Recap, this Semester's Offerings, and Our Upcoming Fundraiser

By Diane Bernbaum

It's hard to believe that an entire semester has passed at Midrasha. Highlights have been our first retreat of the year, combining 9-12th graders at Walker Creek Ranch. We had special 8th grade programs on homelessness and disabilities. The nature class went hiking and the class, taught by Anna Martin, called "The Shabbat Experiment" made sleeping bags for their cell phones to encourage students to put them aside for Shabbat. Noemi Hollander taught a class on Wikileaks, framing the conversation around *lashon hara* (gossip) and *rechilus* (tale-bearing).

This semester offers some new classes. Our long-time art teacher, Bunny Pearlman, who retired, has been replaced by Alice Pennes. She has been the Art Director at Camp Newman for the past few summers. She will be teaching "*Hineni: Finding Yourself in the Tanach*", which will use drawing, painting and collage to combine the student's personal identity with the identities of people in the *Tanach* and another class called "*Middot Mobiles*" where students will represent different character aspects as part of a 3D sculpture.

Our teacher, Day Schildkret has been working on a book reflecting the teaching he has been doing with teens, which he will use in his class as his test audience. Debra Marx will be teaching Jewish Medical Ethics using both personal stories and a book by Ruth Andrew Ellenson, "A Jewish Girl's Guide to Guilt." Noemi Hollander will be teaching curriculum from the Jewish Women's Archive on "Jews in the Civil Rights Movement" and also renewing her ever-popular "P, B & J: Picture Books and Judaism" class where students find Jewish values in their favorite children's books. Erica Crowell Altobelli is teaching a *Tikkun Olam* class based on the Kiva project where students collect money and use it to make micro-loans to deserving projects. Israeli Dance with Sacha Kopin is returning as well as "Yoga and Judaism" classes with both Sacha and Beth Midanik-Blum. Other classes offered include "A Historical and Modern Look at Jewish Relationships", "Exploring today's LBGTQQI Struggle from a Biblical Perspective", and the "The History of Anti-Semitism."

Mark your calendars for Midrasha's **Really Good Time**, our first ever Midra-Shabang. It will be held on **Sunday, March 13** from 5-8 p.m. here at Congregation Netivot Shalom. The evening will feature a dynamite silent auction, great music, a buffet and an open wine bar. We'll have remarks by special guests (and you'll have to show up to find out who they are). We will also have a raffle where prizes include a free Midrasha 2011-2012 tuition.

To see a copy of the invitation, go to the Midrasha website. You can also download an RSVP card there. If you'd like to donate items to our silent auction, contact the Midrasha office. It's great advertising for your business. But the main thing is, come to our wonderful event. We've kept the price really, really low: \$36, so we want to fill the house. And bring your check-books. The auction items will be really tempting. *

Netivot Shalom 4th Biennial Retreat At Camp Newman, near Santa Rosa “Lag B’Omer: Strengthening Our Community”

Friday, May 20 @ 3 p.m. through Sunday, May 22 @ 5 p.m.

ALL AGES & SPECIAL YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMMING

PROGRAMS:

Feel the warmth, friendship and spirituality of our community as we gather for two days to further bond as a community, with most activities led by our own talented membership and staff. Activity options include: tefilah outdoors, study sessions, staffed youth & teen programming, community bonding workshops, swimming, nature hikes, sports/games, circus arts, stargazing, singing, talent show, drama games, Lag Ba’omer bonfire, poolside social, yoga classes, and evening ‘shmira’ babysitting. Meals are kosher and vegetarian (plus fish option at Friday dinner).

REGISTRATION:

Registration began in early February. Fees are adult \$220, age 13-17 \$140, age 1-12 \$105, under 1 free. Registration forms will be available on the CNS website and in the lobby. Payments can be spread out over three months. A ‘Pay What You Can’ option (subject to available funding) is available.

For more info or to volunteer, contact Dan Siegel at community@netivotshalom.org.

PAST FEEDBACK:

“It was a meaningful, supportive, creative, connecting series of events, that will stay inside me for a long time.”

“It’s been a great way for me, as a new member, to get to know so many people better. I really like how many choices of activities there were, and how easy it was to spontaneously make new friends. I feel 100 times more invested in the community than before we came here.”

“We got to spend an extended period of time together as an inter-generational community, in a beautiful setting. The kids really enjoyed the circus arts, the pool, the hiking and the beautiful art projects.”

“I got to spend time with a lot of people I didn’t know. I know them now. I’ve never been on a Shul retreat. I won’t miss one again.”

THE ROSH CHODESH GROUP

**March 6: Curatorial Insight Into Nazi Looting
of Jewish Art with Sheila Braufman.**

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments and socializing, and are held in members’ homes. All women in the congregation are invited to attend.

For additional information, contact Nan Strauss at roshchodesh@netivotshalom.org.

CHEVRA KADISHA DINNER

The annual Chevra Kadisha Dinner will be on April 3 at 7 p.m. in the shul’s social hall.

This year we will be joined by members of Beth El’s Chevra Kadisha. There will be an opportunity for both learning and a discussion. Please send your RSVP to Mary Breiner’s email address: marybreiner@pacbell.net.

Sunday, February 20

Social Action Committee Meeting

11 a.m. in the Library.

Are you interested in hearing about the ways that Netivot Shalom engages in social action? Do you have ideas or activities to suggest? Do you want to get involved? Come to our next Social Action Committee meeting!

If you can't make it but still want to get involved, contact Kate Smallenburg at (310) 488-6766 or ksmallenburg@gmail.com.

Sunday, February 27

4th Annual Bay Area Inside the Activists' Studio

10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Contemporary Jewish Museum

This annual event features skill-building social change workshops, catered lunch, panel discussion with local change-makers, networking opportunities, and a who's who of local Jewish social change organizations.

Celebrate the multitude of ways people are working to create a more just world, and be energized by local Jewish change-makers. Presented by Pursue: Action for a Just World, the Progressive Jewish Alliance, and New Generations of The New Israel Fund.

\$8-18 sliding scale.

Get tickets online at <http://www.pursueaction.org/inside-the-activists-studio-2011/>.

Wednesday, March 9

Red Cross Blood Drive

2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Beth Israel
(1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley).

Join our community members at Congregation Beth Israel for a blood drive!

Beth Israel member Naomi Stamper is trying to get 70 new blood donors in honor of her 70th birthday.

You can show up and donate without an appointment, or you can register ahead of time at www.redcrossblood.org with sponsor code CBIBerkeley.

Tuesday, March 5

OneVoice

Speakers from OneVoice, 7:30 p.m.
in the Social Hall.

The OneVoice Movement is an international grassroots movement aiming to amplify the voices of Israelis and Palestinians who are for peace and prosperity, empowering them to demand work toward a two-state solution, an end to the occupation, and a viable, independent Palestinian state at peace and in security with Israel.

The CNS Winter Fundraising Gala is fast approaching and your quick action is needed! Why, you might ask?

Fundraising Gala Committee Members: help us decorate, set tables, and coordinate clean up. Committee members will also help us create printed menus, programs, and other written support materials for a polished, organized evening of fun!

Winter Fundraising Gala Co-Chairs: Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld & Lisa Gershony
Our esteemed hosts and emcees for the evening: Matt West & Justin Garland

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Fasting for Tom Zipper

By Josh Kornbluth

I sent a text to my rabbi, asking whether I would have to give up coffee for Yom Kippur – but my cell phone “corrected” my message, assuming that “Yom Kippur” was my typo-laden attempt to thumb-type “Tom Zipper.”

My rabbi texted me back, asking (reasonably enough) why this Tom Zipper fellow would want me to give up coffee.

I had just started going to temple, at the age of fifty, for the first time in my life – and the wonderful young rabbi and I were just getting to know each other. So, as far as he knew, maybe I was the kind of weak-willed person who would allow someone else to dictate my coffee-drinking habits. Or perhaps the gentleman I was referring to was a Dr. Tom Zipper, and his reasoning was purely medical.

I was about to send my rabbi a second text, in which I would make sure that he knew I was asking about Yom Kippur, and not Tom Zipper – but then I was struck by a curious thought: what if a “Tom Zipper” did ask me to quit drinking coffee? Anyone who knows me even moderately well is aware of my deep and abiding addiction to coffee; I drink it pretty much all the time, from when I get up in the morning to the moment before I lay down my head at night (I’m an excellent sleeper – it’s my only real skill). To ask me to give up coffee – well, it would be like asking Michael Jordan

to give up basketball. (And if you’ll remember, Jordan actually tried to do that several times, and failed.) I found myself getting indignant about Zipper’s hubris: who did he think he was, anyhow?

Now, let me just say here that the rational part of me understood that it was somewhat weird to get worked up about a fictional person who’d only hypothetically asked me to do something. And yet, for some reason, I felt myself getting more and more disquieted by Zipper’s intrusion into both the spiritual and caffeinated areas of my life.

Why? Was it, perhaps, because somewhere, deep down, I sensed that Tom Zipper had a point? Maybe coffee had become a chemical/emotional crutch for me – in which case, going without it for a day might actually give me some perspective on my deeper self.

I began to think a bit more highly of this Tom Zipper guy. Who was he, and what gave him such insight into my character and foibles?

Perhaps he himself had gone through similar challenges to the ones I was now facing in middle age: the heavy sensation that, after years of leaving me pretty much alone (aside from some gray hairs and the occasional backache), time was now insistently pushing me toward the finish line; the knowledge that my young son was rapidly becoming a man (not to mention a mensch), and would be needing less and less of my involvement in his life; the deep pessimism about our species’ chances for peace, shared prosperity, or even survival, that kept gnawing at me, despite my best attempts to remain a Pollyanna ... Maybe Tom

Zipper had experienced all these things – or at least something like them – and had discovered, through the temporary self-denial of delicious coffee, a way to find a bit of perspective, or even relief.

My cell phone beeped. It was my rabbi, with another text: “Hey, did u mean ‘Yom Kippur?’ If so, sadly I must tell u that coffee is indeed verboten – also, all food & drink, even water!”

Alas! So I had suspected. And, as a newly (and still somewhat tentatively) observant Jew, I might have decided, on the spot, to give the whole thing up. Why suffer unnecessarily? Wasn’t there enough loss in life already, without relinquishing food, drink – and, especially, coffee – for a whole day? In fact, to be honest with you, that was indeed my first impulse: to abandon faith for the relative comfort (and caffeine) of secular life – to acknowledge the seemingly obvious fact that I didn’t have the right stuff to get through Yom Kippur.

But something influenced me to stay the course – and that something, or someone, was Tom Zipper. Tom Zipper had gotten through to me. I don’t know how. I’m even pretty sure that there is no Tom Zipper, other than as a magical creation of the collective human imagination. But I believe in Tom Zipper, or I’m beginning to believe, or I want to believe. And for now, apparently, that’s enough.

*Josh Kornbluth is a monologist who lives in Berkeley with his wife and son and their cornsnake, Snakey. His latest solo show is Andy Warhol: Good for the Jews? You can follow his doings at JoshKornbluth.com. **





Cuban Update

By June Safran

Much has changed over the years for the Jews of Cuba. Yet, much has stayed the same. There is still a shortage of food, clothing, prescription medicines, and over the counter medicines and toiletries. We can get baby diapers in Havana but not Desitin or adult diapers. Our pharmacy continues to be an important source for medicines and over the counter medication needs. We also have a special program for children from birth to 3 years old and their mothers. We provide diapers, medicines, vitamins, clothing (including maternity), and even small toys. So daily life is still difficult in Cuba but surviving thanks to all of us here in the U.S. and in Canada.

Religious life is sparkling. There are classes in Judaism, a thriving Sunday school for both children and adults, and wonderful holiday and b'nai mitzvah celebrations. Since, there is no rabbi in Cuba, the Jewish Distribution Committee has Argentinean representatives who supervise Jewish education including teacher training and help with religious services.

Social life is thriving. The Youth Group (14 to 30 years) is active in many ways including sports, dance, Jewish celebrations, and community service. The *Simja* (Senior) group provides social life for active individuals between 60 and 90+. They have lectures, dances, outings, and joke time at most meetings. A special group is the *Kesher* group of young adults who shop, clean house, do laundry, and whatever else homebound individuals need weekly. The B'nai B'rith Maimonides Lodge holds cultural meetings and social outings along with a project to increase the income of needy individuals, especially retired people who only get \$6 to \$10 a month. Members of *B'nai Brith* in the U.S., including our own Oakland Lodge, donate funds to Cuba's lodge.

Hadassah, made up of people involved in the medical world, meet to discuss medical topics as well as provide informational talks to other groups in the community. The Women's group, usually 90 women in attendance, meets each month for some kind of cultural talk, Jewish readings or music, but always Jewish singing and a brief medical talk. It is also very social. *ORT* (Mexico) has provided a computer lab where everyone can learn to use the computer. Non-Jews can take classes for a small fee. This lab also employs community members.

Our community in Santiago, *Hatikvah* has shrunk as many members have made *aliyah*. The best news is that Betty Farin, in Ran'ana, gave birth to a baby girl in October and Eugenia is there visiting her daughter. If anyone is going to Israel and would like to visit any of our Cuban family, just let me know and I will connect you to Betty or others in communities where you will be.

Finally, the Cuban government has announced the layoff of 500,000 people in the next three months. We do not know how this will affect the community but we do know all Cubans are worried that with so many people out of work crime will probably increase in Havana. To counter this, the government is licensing people to start their own businesses. However, this applies to labor-intensive kinds of business like restaurants, carpenters, plumbers, and electricians, not professionals. Peripheral individuals, such as artists, are also allowed to work privately. All these people are taxed on their earnings.

If you are excited by Cuba, we have a fantastic trip from June 6 to 13. Contact me anytime at CAJM13@aol.com *



Bat/Bar Mitzvah Announcements:

Barry Kamil & Nancy Gurian

invite you to share
in a simcha on
March 5, 2011,
29 Adar I, 5771

Parshat Pekudei

when their daughter

Rachel Kamil is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah

Mira and David Peretz

invite you to share
in the simcha on
June 4, 2011,
2 Sivan 5771

Parshat Naso

when their daughter

Lior Peretz is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah

Welcome New Members:

Mark & Tinsley Cohen

Dorothea Dorenz

Daniela Kaufer

Dayna Macy & Scott Rosenberg

Michael Tarle & April Oldenburg

Caroline Taymor & Justin Unverricht

Stewart Weinberg

Birth Announcement:

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Stuart & Vicky Kelman upon the birth of their granddaughter, born on February 3rd! Mazal Tov to her parents Ari and Eva Kelman!

Save the Date: April 11, 2011

FOURTH ANNUAL
EAST BAY
WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Hosted by

CONGREGATION NETIVOT SHALOM
1316 University Avenue, Berkeley

Program & Additional Information Will Follow

It will be another great night of Torah.

For questions or more information, please contact
Edna Stewart at 510-451-5350 or Ednastewar@aol.com

Message from Bikur Cholim

We seem to be having a rough winter and many of our members have been sick and/or have needed surgery. Most of the members have requested meals and visits — especially visits.

Please let me know if that is something you would be interested in doing. It's a great way to get to know someone a little bit more.

Give me a call or send me an email:
Tobie Lurie 510-841-3662
or tobie.lurie@gmail.com



Congregation
Netivot
Shalom's
CALENDAR of
ACTIVITIES
& EVENTS for
current and
upcoming
events is
online.



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 November 10, 2010 - January 29, 2011. 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 in the Newsletter.

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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.

Max and Cecilia Rosenheimer Campership Fund

Provides funds to Netivot member children who need assistance to attend summer camp.

For a complete list of designated funds, please contact the Office at office@netivoshalom.org. Thank you.

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

Anne Frank



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- Sylvia Korchin**, in honor of her children
- Samuel J. Salkin**, in memory of Herman J. Salkin
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- Bruce Starkman**, in honor of Edgar Lobel's Bar Mitzvah
- Meredith Trauner**
- Rabbi David & Irene Winston**

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- Rabbi Sheldon Dorph**
- Judy Elkin**
- Yonina Goorno**
- Ilana Jurkowitz**
- Rabbi Stuart & Vicky Kelman**
- Gerald & Nessa Naftalin**
- Jeremy Rosenthal**
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- Tracy & Betsy Ross**

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Preschool Fund

Henry & Sondra Bochner, in honor of Yuval Loewenberg

Ellen & Herb Brosbe, in honor of Elijah Isaacson

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Hilda & Seymour Kessler, in memory of Judy Tobias Davis

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Alice Webber & Stephen Tobias, in memory of Edith Webber, Ruth Press, Mildred Weisel and Paul Kirsch

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Theodore & Catherine Dolton, in memory of Jack Gobler

Lois Edelstein, in memory of Jack Gobler

Esther & Charles Finder, in memory of Jack Gobler

Michelle Finkelstein, in memory of Jon Galinson

Razelle Frankl, in memory of Jack Gobler

Dale Friedman & Joan Bradus, in memory of Hyman San, Judy Tobias Davis (making waves)

Susan Fuhrman Holin, in memory of Jack Gobler

Carole Golub & Ron Stern, in memory of Jack Gobler

Pat Hellman & Steve Gottlieb, in memory of David Hellman

Josh & Noga Gressel, in memory of Phillip Gressel

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Saul & Taffy Hoffman, in memory of Jack Gobler
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Patricia & Steven Jaffe, in memory of Jack Gobler
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Lorraine & Norman Rosenblatt
Tracy & Betsy Ross
Michael & Lynn Rothman, in memory of Jack Gobler
Audrey Rown, in memory of Jack Gobler
Samuel. J. Salkin, thank you for the work you are doing
Helen Schneider, in memory of Clare Breitman and Mary King Stewart
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Rosenheimer Camp Scholarship Fund

Wendy Rosov, in memory of George Popell

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Max and Cecilia Rosenheimer Camp Scholarship Fund

The Max and Cecilia Rosenheimer Camp Scholarship Fund was established at Congregation Netivot Shalom to assist congregation members in sending their children to a Jewish summer camp. Camperships in the amount of \$100 - \$400 will be awarded on the basis of financial need; not everyone who applies will be awarded a campership. Availability of the application on our shul website will be posted in our weekly announcements.

If you would like to apply, complete the application and send it to:
 Rabbi Shalom Bochner, Director of Lifelong Learning
 Congregation Netivot Shalom, 1316 University Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702

Applications may also be emailed to Rabbi Bochner at education@netivotshalom.org.
 Questions? Call 510-549-9447, ext. 104.

The deadline for applying is Friday, March 18, 2011.
 Notifications about camperships will be made by Erev Pesach, Monday, April 18, 2011.



Yahrzeits

Zichronam livrachab — May their memories be blessed**February 1, Shevat 27**

Ruth Brandwynne
Morton Grossman
Herman Salkin
Cynthia Walter Drazen
Milton Weiner

February 2, Shevat 28

David Abrahams
Lee Valas

February 3, Shevat 29

Fanya Cohen
Rick Isaacson

February 4, Shevat 30

Florence B. Levine

February 5, Adar 1 1

Hannah Dorph
Bertha Greenberg

February 6, Adar 1 2

Ida Cohen
Mary Lieberman

February 7, Adar 1 3

Irwin Mussen

February 8, Adar 1 4

Gerald Shorer
Jose Zak

February 9, Adar 1 5

Paul Baden
Blanche Rose Cohn
Norma Blankstein Lewis

February 10, Adar 1 6

Martin Trow
Murray Walter

February 11, Adar 1 7

Krusa Kieliszek

February 12, Adar 1 8

Susan Fendel
Joseph Jacobson
Harlane Longfelder
Henrietta Mandel
Sarah Mishkin

February 13, Adar 1 9

Harry Clay Frank
Jon Galinson

Emily Maurand
George Popell

February 14, Adar 1 10

Lou Berman
Esther Lipow
Susan Shackman

February 15, Adar 1 11

Blanche Birnbaum
Benjamin Gottlieb

February 16, Adar 1 12

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February 17, Adar 1 13

Janice Colen
Julius Gottlieb
Ceila Kessler

February 18, Adar 1 14

Melvin K. Sires
Irv Weiman

February 19, Adar 1 15

Harry Breitman
Henry Cohen
Rudy Corber
Jean Taylor Coy
Esther Eva Yachelson Goldman
Henry Greenberg
Joan Ruth Groody
Jack Jacobs

February 20, Adar 1 16

Tillie Zimmerman Alter
Miriam Bittker Rock" Clark"
Herman Jordan

February 21, Adar 1 17

Margaret K. Churchon

February 22, Adar 1 18

Sid Berman
Freda Bond
Eileen Sheila Derblich
Wilson Kelman

February 23, Adar 1 19

Herman Gold
Judith Gold
Frederike Stefanie Kalisch
Gertrude Schorner
Myer Sefkin

Jules Shuchat

February 24, Adar 1 20

Ralph Dubin
Rose Lowsky

February 25, Adar 1 21

Laura Hall

February 26, Adar 1 22

Robert C. Fite
Carl Slater

February 27, Adar 1 23

Laurette Goldberg
Jerome Grossman
Morris Rothstein

February 28, Adar 1 24

Marjorie Alper
John Raymond
Ben Shuchat
Pliskin William Aaron

March 1, Adar 1 25

Clarence Kaufman
Frieda Kittner
Rachel Press

March 2, Adar 1 25

Claire Abrahams
Mira Kon
Esther P. Matthews
Pearl Pripstein

March 3, Adar 1 25

Bennett Hornstein

March 4, Adar 1 25

Nathan Brandwynne
David A. Lesser

March 5, Adar 1 25

Helen Rosenthal

March 6, Adar 1 25

William Levitas

March 7, Adar 1 1 1

Irwin Inman

March 8, Adar 1 1 2

Maurice Bernbaum
Lillian Chaikin
Donald Lincoln Weinberg

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*We Extend Our Condolences to the Families of:***Jo-Ann Couch, z"l**, beloved aunt of Marshall Platt**Judy Tobias Davis, z"l**, mother of Stephen Tobias**Jack Gobler, z"l**, husband of Mina Gobler, father of Ellen Gobler**MaryJo Juster, z"l**, sister of Karen Juster Hecht**Lillian Bookstein Padover, z"l**, mother-in-law of Denah Bookstein**Hyman San, z"l**, father of Carol Cunradi**Mary King Stewart z"l**, mother of Bill Stewart**Joan Sinai** Yehudit Miryam bat Yoel veBasha z"l, mother of Rabbi Shalom Bochner**Charles Nolan, z"l**, beloved life-long partner of Andrew Tobias, Stephen Tobias' brother along with all others who mourn Zion and Jerusalem.

Yahrzeits*Zichronam livrachah* — May their memories be blessed

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March 9, Adar 11 3

William Lurie

March 10, Adar 11 4

Joan Siegel

March 15, Adar 11 9

Florence Bernstein

March 17, Adar 11 11

Irving Liebman

Beverly Lowsky

March 19, Adar 11 13

Marc Rappaport

March 20, Adar 11 14

Helen Gould

Sheryl Kramer

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March 21, Adar 11 15

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March 22, Adar 11 16

Seymour Bradus

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March 25, Adar 11 19

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March 28, Adar 11 22

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March 30, Adar 11 24

Robert Finegold

April 4, Adar 11 29

Eileen Kessler

April 5, Nissan 1

Max Falk

April 9, Nissan 5

Barbara Strauss

April 10, Nissan 6

Frances Keller

April 13, Nissan 9

Jack Berger

Julius Rock

April 14, Nissan 10

Morton Berger

Florence Greenhut

Morris Louis Sheftel

April 15, Nissan 11

Hyman Feinstein

Charlotte Koltun

April 16, Nissan 12

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April 17, Nissan 13

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April 19, Nissan 15

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April 21, Nissan 17

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April 24, Nissan 20

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Devorah Fox

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Gitla Zak

April 25, Nissan 21

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Fred Marcus

April 26, Nissan 22

Ethel Wilonsky

April 27, Nissan 23

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Sadie Jacobvitz

Miki Schwartz

Max Slavin

April 28, Nissan 24

Renate Berk

Rose Feige Kaplan

Lodema McCullough

Abraham Jacob Tolmach

Marian Wagner

April 29, Nissan 25

Rabbi Samuel Haim Dresner

Joseph C. Swidler

April 30, Nissan 26

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Congregation Netivot Shalom's CALENDAR
of ACTIVITIES & EVENTS for current and
upcoming events is online.

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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.

CNS Shorashim Hebrew School for children in grades K-5. Hebrew Bilingual Program: Edah (K afterschool) Tuesday through Thursday 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; (K) meets on Thursdays 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. (1st- 5th grade) meets on Tuesday and Thursday 3:45 - 5:45 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. 6th and 7th Grade 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

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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