



# CONGREGATION NETIVOT SHALOM

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## In Praise of Community

By Rabbi Shalom Bochner

I usually use this space to update everyone about Hebrew School activities, adult education classes, Shabbat and holiday programs, and other Life-Long Learning events. Instead of writing about all the wonderful activities this school year and new adult education offerings, I want to talk about the strength of our community.

I moved here less than three years ago to be a part of the Netivot Shalom community before I knew there might be a position available. While it's easy to take this place for granted sometimes, I want to stress that this is an amazing community. Very few congregations have our level of participation on Shabbat mornings or the uplifting energy we experience during holidays such as Purim. What other congregation has a retreat with such a high percentage of the shul attending? Our adult education programs are top notch, our Hebrew School is innovative, the preschool warm and welcoming, and our Shabbat morning programs varied and meaningful. Every day our building is filled with the sounds of learning, celebrating and living.

On my very first visit, I was struck by how many people welcomed me and engaged me in real conversation. All this has become even clearer to me in the last two months as I mourn the passing of my wonderful mother, Joan Sinai. May her memory be for a blessing. I received so much support to visit her during her illness and during the week of shivah in Albany, New York. I was overwhelmed by all the sympathy cards I received, the donations made in honor of her memory, and the e-mails sent to me from people I knew and others I have yet to meet in person.

During my drash on Shabbat Vayakhel, I spoke about how my mother taught me the value of community and the importance of giving back to it. She was addicted to tzedakah and helping others, an active member in a number of congregations and always encouraged me to help make up the minyan.

When I returned from shiva, friends gathered at CNS at midnight to allow me to say Ma'ariv and Mourner's Kaddish. I am also so grateful for the dozens of people who attended the Shloshim minyanim and those who attend our new Friday morning 9:15 a.m. minyan allowing me and others to say kaddish. All these offers of sympathy and compassion have been heart-felt and healing.

Rabbi Hillel taught us in Mishneh Avot: Do not separate yourself from the community. And we learn that a community is not just a group of individuals, it is a holy collective, a sacred cause, people who believe in a shared vision.

Never before have I realized the intense power that community offers as well as what it requires from all of us. And never before have I felt so fortunate to be part of such a holy community. May those of us who mourn continue to find the Place of Comfort and may those around us realize the strength and consolation that they are providing. It is an honor to be a part of this community and to work here as the Director of LifeLong Learning.





## S/Words

By Rabbi Menachem Creditor

There are words that simply don't work.

They aren't even words.  
More like swords,  
piercing, probing,  
unfeeling.

They might work other times,  
like plowshares.

But that's all about  
how protective is the shield,  
strong is the hide,  
thick is the skin  
of the listener,  
the experience-er of the "s/words."  
Dulling the points,  
so that they won't hurt  
as much.

We are a proud co-sponsor  
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### Opening Keynote:

*Ethical Decision-making in the Time of War* with Professor Amos Guiora, former Commander of the IDF School of Military Law and Legal Advisor to Gaza.

### Closing Keynote:

*Israel-Diaspora Relations: The New Paradigm* with Avraham Infeld, founder and director of Melitz, an acclaimed educational institution that fosters Jewish identity rooted in a pluralistic understanding of Jewish life and the centrality of Israel.

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## Yes We Ken

By Mel Sibony

**A**t our wonderful Winter Gala I held a mock press conference where I fielded questions from the audience about our budget, my birthplace (for the record it's Casablanca, Morocco), and took the opportunity to introduce, in a humorous way, a new slogan for our capital campaign, "Yes We Ken". This is not only a Jewish twist on our president's campaign slogan but it also shows that we can be "doubly" positive about our mission ahead!

All humor aside, we are moving forward with a new capital campaign. Since February a Board steering committee has been putting things in place for a launch: researching past campaigns, speaking with communications consultants, preparing a set of frequently asked questions for the congregation, as well as considering the hiring of a professional fundraiser to help us run a successful campaign. We are also in the process of identifying and recruiting congregants who will either chair or be a member of the capital campaign committee. Of course, if you have any expertise in this area or if you are interested in helping in any way please let me know. Our congregation is thriving and growing and in the coming months you will be hearing more about this important campaign regarding our spiritual home.



### Honoring our Past Presidents

At the Winter Gala, we honored 11 congregants who have not only served as past presidents, but also been actively involved as founders, volunteers and board officers of Netivot Shalom. Our honorees dedicated themselves to guiding our congregation to where we are today, a continually growing kehilla of 400 member units. Although each presidency was shaped by different events (starting a congregation, finding a spiritual home, leasing office space, hiring a staff, starting a capital campaign, designing a building, transitioning to a new rabbi) their role always entailed welcoming and retaining members and continually assisting in raising funds. All of these tasks required research, patience and dedication. Our past presidents' contributions have made the path smoother for me.

As we approach our congregation's 22nd anniversary, we will face new challenges, but we are fortunate to draw upon the wisdom and leadership of our past presidents who continue to contribute their advice and guidance. For that we are all grateful.

Kol Ha Kavod and thank you for serving.

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



## Goals for 2011 and More

By Edna Stewart

As the new 2010-2011 Board of Directors swung into high gear, our new Board President, Mel Sibony, presented the goals for the coming year, which were discussed and adopted.

Here are the goals for 2011:

1. Raise approximately \$1.3 million through a new Capital Campaign. Establish a Board steering committee to gather background information on previous capital campaigns.
2. Revise Board records and governance structure.
3. Engage the Congregation by creating a skills database and matching members with our volunteer needs.
4. Conduct evaluations for the Rabbi and Executive Director.

Also, the Board discussed undertaking a “Congregational” evaluation or assessment. Finally, the Board authorized exploration of a possible refinance for our mortgage.

Several congregants attended Board meetings to update the Board on specific issues and make requests for Board approval. In January, Josh Gressel requested funds for the upcoming retreat to be held May 20-22 at Camp Newman. In addition to the funds generated by the Music Festival (\$3,000) for the Retreat, the Board approved allocating another \$1,000 from the General Fund.

In February, Esther Brass explained that the V'zot Israel group has held a series of programs and hosted different speakers during the past two years. The committee requested to elevate its status to that of a standing committee, which the Board approved. Esther will be the president until Board elections are held again.

Joe Meresman and Lauren Kindorf made a presentation on the success of the pre-school. We are retaining members who join to have their children in the pre-school. However, due to a lack of space several options are being explored, including working with the Berkeley School next door.

The Board acknowledged our recent successes. The Gala was one of them, and the Board thanks Lisa Gershony and Cathy Shadd for their leadership. That event raised one half of our fundraising goal for the year. The two Purim programs had huge turnouts, and the Sunday Carnival was not only heaps of fun, but a good fundraising event as well.

Stay tuned for more on the Capital Campaign, updating of the Bylaws, and other exciting Board news.



## V'zot Yisrael Becomes Standing Committee

By Esther Brass-Chorin

In February, the Board voted to make *V'zot Yisrael*, Netivot Shalom's Israel interest group, a standing committee. In the last several months we've had classes, showed movies and sponsored presentations. We completed a two-part series of classes on the history of Zionism and its relationship to Israeli politics today. Part 1 was taught by Rabbi Avi Novis-Deutsch, the Masorti scholar visiting the Bay Area. He covered the birth of Zionism, starting with classical Jewish texts including the Talmud, and took us through the major Zionist thinkers until the 1940's to see the development of different philosophies and viewpoints in early Zionism.

Hebrew University Professor Gideon Aran, who is on sabbatical at UC Berkeley this semester, taught Part II. He discussed the period after 1948 using a topical, anthropological-sociological approach and raised some challenging issues, such as the use and misuse of the Bible, the development of collective memory, and how historical events change in meaning over time. Thanks to Ednah Beth Friedman for suggesting and coordinating that series.

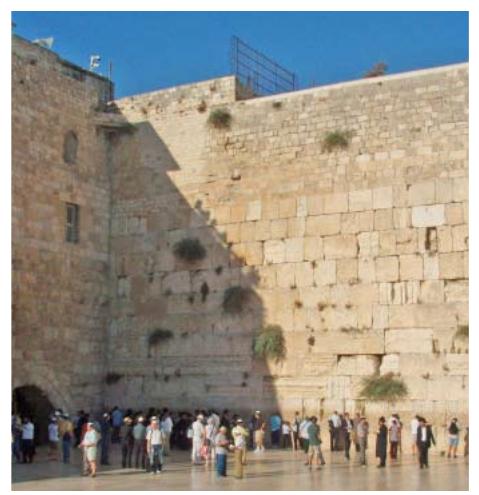
We've also had two different movie events. In late December we had a family movie night where we showed the Israeli film, *Little Heroes*, made for children and enjoyed by adults as well. We had a casual dinner, popcorn and ice cream, and it was a relaxed, pleasant evening. While several families with younger children were interested in coming too, they decided that the movie being in Hebrew with English subtitles wouldn't work for their kids. We will see if there is a way to address this problem in the future. Thanks to Ednah Beth Friedman, Charlene Stern, Lydia Brose, and Esther Brass-Chorin for preparing the dinner and Rom Rosenblum for helping us show the film.

Professor Arie Dubnov, acting Assistant Professor at Stanford's Department of History, suggested showing our second movie, *Hu Halach Basadot* or *He walked in the Fields*, an Israeli film based on the classic 1948 novel by Moshe Shamir. He lectured on how the image of the *sabra*, the native-born Israeli, has changed over the decades as described in the novel, in the author's other works, and in the movie. He also discussed how the political right and the political left argue about who best embodies the legacy of the *sabra*. Thanks to Ednah Beth Friedman for making popcorn and Rom Rosenblum on whom we've come to rely as our tech master.

Earlier in March, V'zot Yisrael joined the Social Action Committee in bringing *OneVoice* to speak at Netivot Shalom. *OneVoice* is a group that seeks to amplify the voices of mainstream Israelis and Palestinians by developing youth leadership that educates and emphasizes peaceful co-existence. The Israeli and Palestinian speakers' personal histories and devotion to their cause were quite moving. Thanks to Kate Smallenburg, chair of the Social Action committee, for arranging this program.

If you are interested in discussing the Israel-Palestinian conflict among friends, in an environment in which people listen to each other and share views, sign up for our new Israel-Palestinian issues discussion group. Rabbi Shalom Bochner facilitated a well-received pilot meeting and

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## Congratulations to our Graduates

By Diane Bernbaum

It's coming. My favorite day of the Midrasha year....graduation. No, it's not my favorite day because it marks the end of the school year and I can finally sleep a little later or go to a ball game or have guests for brunch on Sundays. It's my favorite because when I hear each graduate speak about what Midrasha and their 18 years of Jewish education have meant to them, I am overwhelmed with pride and have absolutely not a worry in the world about "Jewish continuity". All the early mornings, late nights, long work days, and worry about program details all go out the window and I realize that I have chosen the right profession and the right job. If you'd like to be similarly filled with nachas (you don't have to be the school director or be related to Midrasha in any way to take pride in these kids--just living in our community will do!), please join us for graduation. It is Sunday, May 22 at 10:15 a.m. in the Congregation Beth El sanctuary, 1301 Oxford Street in Berkeley. The graduation epitomizes the pluralistic nature of our Midrasha community. We have 22 graduates. They come from six different synagogues. We are truly a community school.

Mazel tov to the following students and their families: Alona Bach, Daniel Baldassare, Adam Berson, Eli Bovarnick (a Netivot family), Raphael Falk, Jason Finkelstein, Leo Grossman, Erin Hodess, Alexandra Kennedy, Callie Lapidus, Hannah Lukanuski (a Netivot family), Ephraim Margolin, Sara Meltzer, Amy Midanik-Blum, Lena Miller, Joshua Nelson, Zachary Piser, Avi Rosenblum (a Netivot family), Ariele Scharff, Jordan Tennenbaum, Devin Van Hoy and Marnina Wirtschafter.

See you on May 22 at 10:45 at graduation.



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started facilitating a series of meetings in early April. Herb Klar is coordinating this group, so please contact Herb at [jazzbo\\_47@yahoo.com](mailto:jazzbo_47@yahoo.com) for more info.

*And also coming soon*, we hope to have a V'zot Yisrael blog on the Netivot Shalom website in the next month or two.

We aspire to have our activities be interesting, informative, fun, and community-building. If you have questions or would like to help with programming and activities, please feel free to talk to Art Braufman, Ednah Beth Friedman, Herb Klar or Esther Brass-Chorin or e-mail us [vezotyisrael@netivotshalom.org](mailto:vezotyisrael@netivotshalom.org).

*And also... watch for Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day activities here at Netivot Shalom and in the community.*

## THE ROSH CHODESH GROUP

The next meeting of the Rosh Chodesh group will be held on Wednesday, May 4.

Claire Sherman will facilitate an evening of Sharing Things that Move or Inspire Us.

For further information please contact Judy Breakstone at [judybreakstone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judybreakstone@sbcglobal.net).

## Gan Yarok Update

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

**D**avid Stein, who has admirably shepherded the creation of Gan Yarok, is retiring. We owe him an enormous amount of gratitude for creating this burial option for the Jewish community of Northern California. As he is relieved from the day-to-day operations of the cemetery and moves on to other endeavors, we wish him well and success. We have also just learned that Raymond Soudah, who has been on the staff at Fernwood and who has been of tremendous help to us in the creation of Gan Yarok, has announced his resignation as well. Both David and Raymond have been the major figures in the creation of the only Jewish and green cemetery in all of North America.

Ron Sires has now become the administrator. You can direct questions to him or to Cathy at Fernwood Cemetery. Since we dedicated Gan Yarok one year ago, we've had over 100 pre-need sales (50 more than we projected). The first phase of the Conservative section has been filled, and we are opening the next section. Remember, the discounted price that we have established for the first year will in all likelihood increase shortly. Those wishing to purchase a plot now, please call Fernwood at 415-383-7100.

## \$1658, Seventeen Team Members, and a Glimmer of Hope

By Melissa Mednick

All three of the elements listed above converged under a cloudless sky on April 10th at Lake Merritt in Oakland. The first annual Bay Area Walk Against Genocide was held that morning, with about 500 people in attendance, more than a dozen human rights groups manning information tables, and three speakers from around the world, including Darfur. The first ever Team Netivot Shalom was comprised of seventeen people and we raised almost \$1700 to benefit the American Jewish World Service, Catholic Relief Services and the SF Bay Area Darfur Coalition. Even more importantly, all of us on Team Netivot Shalom learned from the inspiring and impassioned speakers at the event that our donations provide something totally intangible and yet monumentally important. Our money and our advocacy work provide hope to genocide victims in places like Darfur, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar that the world has not forgotten them and is continuing to fight genocide on their behalf. If you'd like to learn more about this effort and about how you can provide hope, contact Melissa Mednick of CNS at [melissamednick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melissamednick@sbcglobal.net).

More photos on following page.



**More photos from  
the April 10 event.**



## Our Gala Event

By Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld

The Winter Gala honoring the past presidents of Netivot Shalom was a huge success, both in terms of bringing us together for a timely and fun celebration and as a fund-raiser. Through the tribute journal, we raised almost \$30,000! Many thanks to all those who participated in the journal. Each attendee received a memory stick containing the journal and the eleven past presidents received bound copies. The very clever "Presidential Shield of Netivot Shalom" that Lee Pearson designed adorned the journal's cover page and was the logo for the event. Justin Garland and Matt West were hilarious in their roles as emcees, highlighting the accomplishments of our past presidents and making us all laugh. The food, provided by Oakland Kosher, was plentiful and delicious and the reasonably priced gala tickets fully covered the cost of the meal and wine. All in all, it was a great evening spent looking back and appreciating all the effort, time, and sacrifice our past presidents— Celia Concus, George Gidal, Claudia Valas, Art Braufman, Ken Schnur, Pauline Moreno, Debby Graudenz, Mark Priven, Carol Cunradi, Joe Meresman, and Jeff Rosenbloom— have made to bring us to where we are today at Netivot Shalom. Thanks to them and to all who participated in honoring them!





## Such a Purim!

By Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld

We celebrated Purim in an especially joyful way this year with over 250 people for the Megillah reading Saturday Night and hundreds of people at the Carnival on Sunday. This was the first time we organized a large scale Purim carnival open to the general public and it was a huge success! We had an array of homemade carnival booths and rented some classics as well. We had two bouncy houses! We had our first "Shushan Salon", featuring face painting, temporary tattoos, and hair coloring and styling. We had an amazing café serving a great lunch and sweets.

Thanks to the army of volunteers and professionals led by Deborah Lewis, Lara Hornbeck, Michael Tarle, Rom Rosenblum, Lauren Kindorf, Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld, Rabbi Bochner, Rabbi Creditor, Amitim kids, and many more, who made the event fun, meaningful, and successful. We managed to cover all our expenses and made almost \$1,000. And we welcomed many non-members into our home and shared our joy with them. May it become a Netivot tradition.



## American and Cuban Jews Mourn Community Leader

By June Safran

I was part of a group from the Bethesda, Maryland Jewish community in January. We spent three days in Havana before traveling to the provincial communities between Havana and Camaguey. The group leader, Rabbi Sunny Schnitzer, has been traveling to Cuba for many years with an emphasis on visits to his sister congregation, Sancti Spiritus, which I set up several years ago. Rabbi Sunny has been devoted to Sancti Spiritus but has also included the communities of Cienfuegos, Santa Clara, and Camaguey in his programs. Everywhere we traveled the Cuban Jews love for Rabbi Sunny was evident. He brought Jewish learning and spirit to all through his teachings, his music, and his friendly interest in everyone.

This trip was especially dedicated to the Barlia family members in Sancti Spiritus who lost their husband/father to cancer this year. José Barlia was the President of the Sancti Spiritus community and a devoted father and husband. Rabbi Sunny and I were very close to the family throughout the ordeal and communicated with them regularly.

Our first involvement with making peace with José's passing came in Santa Clara when Rabbi Sunny helped the family who had prepared a ceremony with the unveiling of the gravestone.



Rabbi Sunny blesses those who are leaving for Havana after Shabbat to take part in the conversion ceremony for provincial converts who studied for a year and passed the test.

The next day, we had a warm and musical Kabbalat Shabbat service with the whole community in the Barlia home. The following morning, we did Shacharit in the company of members of the Cienfuegos and Santa Clara communities, who had arisen very early in the morning to travel to Sancti Spiritus.

After Havdalah, in the evening, we had a special ceremony to finish the Torah

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Barlia Family pose by grave after unveiling ceremony. The oldest daughter was unable to come from Israel where she is being treated for eye problem complications of childhood diabetes.



Julito Rodriguez Eli and family came from Caibarien, which is near Santa Clara.



Friends—Abuela who is sitting is 97. She died two weeks later.



Yvonne Barlia serves the many guests.

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scroll repair writing that had been donated to Sancti Spiritus by the Bethesda Jewish community in memory of Jose Barlia fulfilling one of Jose's dreams for his community. Rabbi Sunny arranged with the man who repaired the Torah to leave a section to be finished in a ceremony in Sancti Spiritus and thereby each person who participated in the ceremony would have symbolically written his/her own Torah. This was an



Anifried Barlia



Daisy Barlia, Jose's wife and mother of Anifried, Jose Jr., Yvonne, and Ana in Haifa.

experience never to be forgotten and an opportunity to bind us closer to our tradition.

The rest of the trip was a normal visit to various communities and the sharing of meals and conversation.

I love visiting Cuba with a group of Americans. They are always delighted

when they get to know the Cuban Jews. Few go with the expectation of developing lasting friendships and don't expect the openness they encounter in Cuba. Many are surprised at the Cubans' devotion to Jewish culture and religion. And the scenery exceeds expectations. It is a beautiful country with beautiful people and an especially beautiful Jewish community.

Enjoy the photos and think about making your next vacation more than a vacation, in Cuba.

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Havdalah led by Yvonne Barlia.



Claudia, Anifried's daughter.



June participates in Torah ceremony.



Claudia sings Jerusalem of Gold while her grandma, Daisy, listens with pleasure.

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"Mommy, it's a present for me!"



Rabbi Sunny sings to Virginia Romano in her home.



Good food in Camagüey.



Good talk in Camagüey.



Spanish Colonial Bridge in Sancti Spiritus.



Naptime in Sancti Spiritus.



Open Land with Escambray Mountains in distance.

**Birth Announcement:**

Mazal Tov to Anat, Idan and big sister Ariel, upon the birth of a baby boy born on Thursday, April 7th.

Mazal Tov to Janet Harris and Brad Rudolph upon the birth of their grandson, Ezra Natan Rudolph. Mazal Tov to Ezra's parents Coby and Naomi Rudolph.

**Bat/Bar Mitzvah Announcements:****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

**Lauran and Adam Mizock**

invite you to share  
in the simcha on  
**June 18, 2011,**  
16 Sivan 5771  
**Parshat Shelah Lekha**  
when their son  
**Eli Mizock** is called to the  
Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

**Welcome New Members:**

Allie Frank

Dan Anisman

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**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](mailto:tobie.lurie@gmail.com)

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## 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.

## Donors

**Donors:** We sincerely thank the following members and friends for contributions to the funds listed below made during the time period of January 30, 2011 - March 25, 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.

### Adult Ed Donations

**David Bradford**, for Saturday Torah Study

**Robert Brown**, in support of Saturday Torah Study

**Nancy Gordon**, in memory of Judy Tobias Davis & Charles Nolan

**Dan Kaplan & Marianne Koch**, for Saturday Torah Study

**Rabbi Paula Marcus**, in memory of Joan Sinai, *z”l*

**Barbara Wezelman**, Torah Study: in honor of Joel Gerwein

### Building Fund

**Rabbi David & Irene Winston**

### Chevra Kadisha Fund

**Larry Polon & Ernestina Carrillo**, in honor of Rabbi Mimi Wiesel and members of the Chevra Kadisha who provided comfort to them during their recent bereavement

**Barbara Wezelman**, in honor of past & present committee chairs

### General Donations

**Andrea Altschuler & David Finn**, in loving memory of Deborah Potak

**Steve Bileca & Angela Alonso Bileca**, in memory of Joan Sinai, *z”l*

**Shari Rifas**, in memory of Charles Nolan, *z”l*

**Rabbi Menachem Creditor**, in memory of Joan Sinai, *z”l*

**Joan Bradus & Dale Friedman**, in memory of Joan Sinai, *z”l*

**Joan Bradus & Dale Friedman**, in memory of Seymour Bradus, George Haber and Martin Polon

**Erica Gartsbeyn**, In honor of Maya Jaye Gartsbeyn’s baby naming

**Barry Groody & Jenny Schwartz-Groody**, in memory of Joan Ronfeldt Groody

**Robert Jacobvitz**, in memory of Sadie Jacobvitz

**Rabbi Stuart & Vicki Kelman**, in memory of George Haber, *z”l*

**Rabbi Stuart & Vicki Kelman**, in honor of the birth of Bella Kelman, daughter of Ari Kelman & Eva Jordan

**Hilda & Seymour Kessler**, in memory of Joseph Waxman and Cheryl Kessler

**Hilda & Seymour Kessler**, Mazal Tov to Janet Harris & Brad Rudolph on the birth of a grandchild

**Kathy Khuner & Theda Haber**, in memory of George Haber

**Stuart & Gerri Levitas**, in memory of Joan Sinai, *z”l*

**Ethel Murphy**, in memory of Morris Lifschitz

**Jan Raymond & Michal Longfelder**, in memory of Harlowe Longfelder

**Karen Roekard**, in memory of Sara Lee Rosenfeld

**Jeff Rosenbloom & Melissa Mednick**, in memory of Joan Sinai, *z”l*

**Sherrin & Philip Rosenthal**

**Tracy & Betsy Ross**, in memory of Joan Sinai, *z”l*

**Thelma Rubin**, in memory of Morris Rothstein

**Mel & Lisa Sibony**, in memory of Joan Sinai, *z”l*

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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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**Margee Churchon & Kate Smallenburg**, in memory of

Margaret K. Churchon

**Barbara Staman-Wolff**, in memory of Judy Tobias Davis and Charles Nolan

**Edna Stewart**, in memory of Joan Sinai, z"l

**Adam Weisberg & Rachel Brodie**, in memory of Joan Sinai, z"l

**Matt West**

**Barbara Wezelman**, with thanks to the Tribute Dinner organizers Cathy & Lisa

### Kelman Liturgy Fund

**Melissa Mednick & Jeff Rosenbloom**, in honor of Yael Peskin's birthday

**Vicki Sommer & Seth Kimball**, in honor of the 8th anniversary of Ethan Kimball's Bar Mitzvah

**Joanna Weinberg & David Levine**

### Kiddush & Oneg Fund

**Andi & Michael Cassidy**, in honor of Maya Gartsbeyn's naming

**Julie Schliesser**, in honor of Adam Mizock's marathon

**Rabbi Dorothy Richman & Michael Steinman**

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**Ed & Leyah Brosbe**, Preschool Bounce-a-Thon

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**Ellen & Herb Brosbe**, in honor of Rabbi Shelly Dorph's birthday

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**Alison Jordan**, in memory of Herman Jordan  
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**Meredith Trauner**

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**Tali & Eli Ziv**

***Yahrzeits****Zichronam livrachah* — May their memories be blessed***May 1, Nissan 27***

Sara Atik  
 Sara Ruth Bat Avraham  
 Chana Goldberg  
 Helen Levy  
 Rose Raffel  
 Rybacky Family  
 Maurice B. Strauss  
 Frieda Valfer  
 Herman Valfer

***May 3, Nissan 29***

Michael Dimond  
 Freida Weingarten

***May 4, Nissan 30***

Daniel Fox  
 Itzolin Garcia

***May 6, Iyar 2***

Sol Gidal  
 Harry Greif

***May 7, Iyar 3***

Mark Brass  
 David Goldman

***May 8, Iyar 4***

Sadie Samet Rice

***May 9, Iyar 5***

Richard Jaeger  
 Hermine Rosin

***May 10, Iyar 6***

Shirley Fain  
 Deborah Richmond Maccoby

***May 11, Iyar 7***

Lion Koppman  
 Arthur Radwin

***May 12, Iyar 8***

Rose Bittker

***May 13, Iyar 9***

Alexander Bolding  
 Kurt Irwin  
 Celia Ruth Tolmach

***May 14, Iyar 10***

David Samuel Mathan

***May 15, Iyar 11***

William Goldbaum  
***May 16, Iyar 12***  
 Joan Breitman  
 Joan Kabatznick  
 Arthur Mayer Pickus

***May 17, Iyar 13***

Joseph Berck  
 James Bloom  
 Leonard Kudisch  
 Lawrence (Bud) Simon

***May 18, Iyar 14***

Ann Cordes  
 Bernard Abraham Klar  
 Philip Ruby  
 Ruth Shub

***May 19, Iyar 15***

Melvin Roy Derblich

***May 20, Iyar 16***

Goldie Bardach

***May 22, Iyar 18***

Alfred Fain  
 Esther Tranter

***May 23, Iyar 19***

Karene Shadd  
 Louis Singer

***May 24, Iyar 20***

Nina Dorenz-Bender  
 Lee Weisman

***May 25, Iyar 21***

Libby Meizus Lieberman  
 Samuel Raphael

***May 26, Iyar 22***

Mildred Bolding  
 Ruth Landsman

***May 28, Iyar 24***

Maytal Hojoon Scheinok  
 Israel Sherez  
 Sam Spiegler

***May 29, Iyar 25***

Walter Wise

***May 30, Iyar 26***

Rachel Burack  
 Johanna Gans  
 Ada Wisch

***May 31, Iyar 27***

Mendel Geminder  
 Barbara Petersen  
 Stephen Platt  
 Yetta Levitan Waldman  
 Ethel Witkin  
 Lee Wood  
 Anne Zuckerman

***June 1, Iyar 28***

Diana Jurdem  
 William Jurdem  
 Phil Lewis

***June 2, Iyar 29***

Henry Creditor  
 Sidney Landsman  
 Sybil G. Rosenblum  
 Matthew Wolf

***June 3, Sivan 1***

Rosie Anisman  
 Albert Lepawsky  
 Abe Levin  
 Betty Schnur

***June 4, Sivan 2***

Sidney Greenstein  
 Rose Matusoff

***June 5, Sivan 3***

Daniel Bernard Hamburg

***June 7, Sivan 5***

Frances Forst  
 Arthur Aaron Witkin

***June 8, Sivan 6***

David Arons  
 Israel Kunofsky

***June 9, Sivan 7***

Max Samuely  
 Benjamin Silberstein

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Robert Shadd

Erwin Sheppard

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 Helen Fabrikant  
 Celia Miller Frank  
 Irving Stern

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 Sylvia Mell  
 Jeremy Franks Tranter

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 Harry Jaeger  
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 Yetta Cohen  
 Edie Marcus

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 Betty Dimond

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 John Ginter  
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 Brenda Gerwin  
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 Rina Zilcha Bruchiel  
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 George Klett

***June 21, Sivan 19***  
 Lillian Cohen  
 Abram Gurian  
 Chaim Maccoby  
 Christopher Magorian

***June 22, Sivan 20***  
 Elizabeth Bernbaum

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We Extend Our Condolences to the Families of:

**Evelyn Stachel** z"l, mother of Deborah Stachel, mother-in-law to Rabbi Daniel Kohn, and grandmother of Nava, Reuven, and Kalanit.

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**Bella Geliebter** z"l, mother of Mark Geliebter, mother-in-law of Robin Keller

**Philip Vogel** z"l, son of David and Virginia Vogel along with all others who mourn Zion and Jerusalem.

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Elmer Heller  
Chaim Klatt  
Eliot August Ross

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Sarah Berman  
Rivka Hanover  
William Sagan

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Richard Balk  
Lillian Ruth Finegold  
Raymond Richman

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Rabbi Jacob Milgrom  
Edward Sawyer

***June 27, Sivan 25***

Ramona Steinbaugh

***June 28, Sivan 26***

Harry Bass  
Ruth David

***June 29, Sivan 27***

Andrew Lang  
Madelaine Starkman

***June 30, Sivan 28***

Celia Garber

***July 1, Sivan 29***

Herman Black  
Anna Brenner  
Ruth Richman

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Simon Goldschmidt  
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Sophie Levin  
Sidney I. Weisberg

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Harry Fain  
Martha Greenhood  
Nathan Quittel

***July 30, Tammuz 28***

Seelig Chaikin  
Gilbert Ellis  
Eva R. Graudenz  
Helene Jacob  
Reuben Levin  
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# Yom HaShoah v'HaGevurah 5771

## The Day of the Holocaust and the Resistance

**Sunday, May 1, 2011  
at 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

hosted by Congregation Beth El,  
(1301 Oxford Street, Berkeley)

- \* **6:00 p.m.:** Screening of the documentary "*The Last Rabbi*," about the life of Rabbi Leo Trepp
- \* **7:00 p.m.:** Communal Commemoration

Co-Sponsors: Chochmat HaLev, Cong. Beth El, Cong. Beth Israel, Cong. Netivot Shalom and the Jewish Federation of the East Bay, JFCS/East Bay, JCRC/East Bay and JCC of the East Bay



### Hope in this Season of Liberation

An Evening with Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Director of Jerusalem-based Rabbis for Human Rights



Please join the local group Trees of Hope and Netivot Shalom members Judy Kunofsky, Mitchell Shandling and Gail Krowech for an evening with Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Director of Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR).

Rabbi Ascherman will give updates on RHR successes in protecting Bedouin villages inside Israel and Palestinian access to land in the West Bank, and report on the status of attacks against human rights organizations by right wing Israeli groups. He will also discuss RHR successes in protecting poor Israeli women from unfair welfare reform and RHR's educational programs. This informational evening will raise funds for RHR's important work.



Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR) is the rabbinic voice of conscience in Israel, established to give voice to the Zionist ideal and the Jewish religious tradition of human rights. Since its inception in 1988, RHR has championed the cause of the poor in Israel, supported the rights of Israel's minorities and Palestinians, worked to stop the abuse of foreign workers, endeavored to guarantee the upkeep of Israel's public health care system, promoted the equal status of women, helped Ethiopian Jews, battled trafficking in women, and more. RHR seeks to prevent human rights violations in Israel and in areas for which Israel has taken responsibility, and to bring specific human rights grievances to the attention of the Israeli public while pressuring the authorities for their redress. RHR endeavors to introduce into Israel's public discourse an authentic and humanistic understanding of Jewish tradition and sources.

### Monday, May 2

6:30pm light supper, 7:00pm presentation and discussion

At the home of  
Marion & Steve Fredman  
22 Tunnel Rd.,  
Berkeley 94705.

RSVP to  
[treesofhope@mindspring.com](mailto:treesofhope@mindspring.com).

### Rabbi Arik Ascherman

is an inspiring speaker and tireless defender of human rights. He is dedicated to Israel living up to the highest ideals of its founders. Before making aliyah, he spent two years as rabbi/director of U.C. Davis Hillel and three years as rabbi of Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond. On May 1, Rabbi Ascherman and RHR co-founder Rabbi Ehud Bandel will receive the Gandhi Peace Award from Promoting Enduring Peace for their nonviolent methods of resolving human rights abuses. Rabbi Ascherman will be speaking in Palo Alto on Tuesday, May 3.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Berkeley

## Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, May 1, 2011  
10:30 A.M.

Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse  
2020 Addison Street, Berkeley.

Survivor Honoree:  
Murray Gordon.

Author:  
Lucille Eichengreen,  
"Haunted Memories."

Music:  
Veretski Pass.

Rides/Info 510-981-7170.  
Refreshments.  
Free admission.

## 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 *t'fillah* (prayer), songs, Torah stories, a Torah parade and *kiddush*. Registration is required, but membership in Netivot Shalom is not. 2nd and 4th Shabbat each month, 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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

**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](http://www.netivotshalom.org) and, from the side menu, select "Sponsor a Kiddush." There you will find a link to our calendar, along with some of our suggestions for making a *kiddush*, and the latest version of our *kashrut* 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](mailto: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](mailto:socialaction@netivotshalom.org)

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

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

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



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