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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH • 10:00 AM  
BERKELEY SENIOR CENTER  
MARTIN LUTHER KING AT HEARST  
(CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 1841 BERKELEY WAY)

This has been an extremely exciting year for Netivot Shalom. Many things have happened and more are on the way. In the past two years we have taken enormous steps toward furthering our growth. Come find out our plans for the future. (I am writing this in early December, so I have no idea where our progress with the new building might be by the time you read this.)

Your attendance at the February 11th meeting will be essential, as a quorum is absolutely necessary. We will be nominating new Board members and committee chairs. The current slate at the time of this writing is as follows:

- President: Debby Graudenz
- Vice President: Mark Priven
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- Past President: Pauline Moreno
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- Membership: Joanna Weinberg\*
- Chevra Kadisha: Andrea Cassidy
- Administration: Jan Malvin
- House: Sally Martin

FROM THE PRESIDENT  
Pauline Moreno

- Ritual: Josh Gressel
- Publicity: TBA
- Community Building: TBA
- Fundraising: TBA
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At this year's meeting, we will also be asking the membership to vote on a change in the Congregational By Laws. That change will allow for a new structure of the Board of Directors.

The Board has been considering this modification in order to operate more efficiently. We have identified two significant problems with the current structure of the Board:

- As the number of Standing Committees has increased along with our growth and rising level of activities, the number of Board members has become too large, making it difficult to
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## Tefilah Schedule

Saturday Shabbat Services &  
Torah Study  
Berkeley-Richmond  
Jewish Community Center  
1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley

Torah Study: 9:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Services: 9:45 a.m.  
Meditative Minyan, 3rd Shabbat:  
9:30 a.m.  
Learners' Minyan, 2nd & 4th Shabbat:  
9:45 a.m.

### FOR CHILDREN:

Shabbat B'Yachad, 2nd & 4th Shabbat:  
11:30 a.m.  
Torah L'Yeladim, 1st & 3rd Shabbat:  
11:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Shelanu, 1st & 3rd Shabbat  
(while Religious School is in session):  
11:30 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING MINYAN

1841 Berkeley Way, Berkeley  
7:15 a.m.

## Torah Study & Drash Schedule

### JANUARY

Jan. 6 *Va-Yiggash*  
Nitzhia Shaked  
Drash: Sarah Reingold, Bat Mitzvah

Jan. 13 *Va-Yehi*  
Ken Cohen  
Drash: Ethel Murphy

Jan. 20 *Shemot*  
Nitzhia Shaked  
Drash: Emma Schnur, Bat Mitzvah

Jan. 27 *Va-Era*  
Rabbi Art Gould  
Drash: Ann Swidler

## CELEBRATE KABBALAT SHABBAT

January 12th, 6:30 p.m.  
Veggie/Dairy Potluck  
at the Bells  
4 Nottingham Ct., Alameda.  
RSVP 510-523-7709

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# THOU SHALT NOT DEFACE

## RITUAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Josh Gressel

**D**uring one recent Shabbat service, a member approached me to voice his displeasure with the number of siddurim that are marked up with notes from people who once used the siddur to lead services. Torah service seems to be the most popular place for these side comments, and those of us who don't lead are treated to an "insider's view" of what it really means to get up there (e.g., notations which direct the *shaliach tzibur* to "mumble, mumble" during the intermediate verses of the Ashrei.)

We on the Ritual Committee want to do everything possible to encourage people to participate, such as by leading Torah service. We also appreciate that a nervous *shaliach tzibur* will want mnemonic aids to help him or her when standing before the congregation. However, we are requesting that you please only mark a book if it is your own personal copy. Otherwise, God invented Post-Its for just this purpose. And is there a kind soul out there who is willing to go over our siddurim with an eraser to clean them up?

In our ongoing efforts to illuminate the obscure (while sometimes obfuscating the obvious,) we turn our attention this month to the well-known Fast of Asara B'Tevet (10th of Tevet). It falls this year on January 5. Because I can't know ahead of time when you will receive this newsletter or read this article, you've either just missed it or you still have a chance to observe it.

I feel relatively confident in saying that, besides a few Jewish mavens in our congregation, no one knows this fast even exists. (The word "maven", by the way, is another English word from the Hebrew language. It comes from "mevine," or "understand") This fast wasn't even listed with the other fast days in the Encyclopedia Judaica, though I did find something in *The Jewish Book of Why*.

This fast day commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem in 588 B.C.E. After two years of struggle (in 586), King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia destroyed the First Temple and sent the Jews into exile. The 10th of Tevet thus became a day of national mourning. As with other minor fasts, it begins at dawn and ends with the evening stars.

I won't pretend I intend to observe this fast, but when I take the time to think about it, I find it meaningful on a number of levels. First, it's a reminder of how long our history is: this happened almost 2,600 years ago, after we had already been around for over 1,000 years. Second, it impresses me that it has been kept in some kind of consciousness (however dim) all that time. It seems to me to be very respectful of our history. Third, I find it moving to try to imagine, in the year 2000, what a terrible calamity destruction of the Temple and exile must have been for our ancestors so long ago.

*Tzom kal lekulam!* (May you all have an easy fast!)

# OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFER TZEDAKAH to Congregation Netivot Shalom

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Shabbat Greeters

We need Shabbat Greeters to welcome people into our services on Saturday mornings. Volunteer to greet for one Shabbat. Call Susan Lawrence at 658.3105.

### Book Reviewers

Many of our library volumes are sent to us for review purposes. Many of the reviews need only be a one paragraph description while some require a bit more. In order to keep these books coming to Netivot Shalom, please contact Rabbi Kelman at 549-9447 ext. 103 if you can do some limited reviewing.

### Library Help

Do you have a few hours to volunteer in our library? We need volunteers to re-shelve books, keep track of books that are borrowed and process new books. If any of these "jobs" sound like they interest you, please contact Rabbi Kelman at 549-9447 ext. 103.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Kiddish Sponsors

Celebrating a *simcha*? Commemorating a milestone? To sponsor a kiddush, call Ronna Kabatznick, 848-6812.

### eScrip

Each time you shop at Safeway, Andronico's, Albertsons and many other stores in the Bay Area, a % of your purchases can be donated to CNS through eScrip. Registration forms for eScrip and Albertsons Community Partner Cards are free and available through the CNS office.

### Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Donate your old car, motorcycle, truck, or RV to CNS. For more information, call Claudia Valas at 558-9200.

### Stocks & Bequests

To find out how to make a donation of stock to the congregation, please see the October 2000 issue of the CNS newsletter or contact Mark Priven at (510) 559-8393. When drafting your will, please consider making a bequest to Congregation Netivot Shalom. Contact the office for more information.



# A HOME OF VALUES

By Mark Priven

**A**s I write this article, it's clear that our search for a building is heating up. It occurs to me that there are a couple of ways of looking at our new home. On one hand, we can think of it simply as a "facility", a place whose main function is to provide space for us to learn, daven, stuff envelopes, eat, mourn, name children and dance with Torahs.

On the other hand, we can think of our new home as a place which itself embodies our values. Im thinking of a place whose very design, materials and operations reflect our values. So what are our values? This is a good time to cast your vote (remember to sweep off hanging chads.) Obviously there are different ways to prioritize our concerns, but here is a range of things to consider:

1. Will we be purchasing property insurance from a company (or its subsidiary) that sold life insurance in Europe during the Holocaust? If so, what was their role then and what have they done about it recently?
2. Will we be borrowing money from a bank that "red-lines" or otherwise discriminates?
3. Will we be purchasing electricity from a company that generates power solely from renewable sources instead of fossil fuels?
4. Will all of the wood products used in the construction of our new

home have a "Forest Stewardship Council" (FSC) checkmark, ensuring that it was harvested in a responsible way?

5. Does it make sense to look into solar panels or any other alternative source of power for the building?
6. Will the large quantities of food that we routinely throw away be composted?
7. Will Netivot Shalom members help to physically build our new home? (Given our track record for Sukkot in April, I think that at the very least we're pretty good painters/scrapers.)
8. Is there land that could be used for a small garden, perhaps to grow spices for Havdalah?
9. Will there be an ongoing soup kitchen at our new building? If so, does this have any design implications?

I'll be the first to admit that the above considerations are not exactly on a par with making sure that the new building has a big enough sanctuary, enough classrooms, offices, phone lines, etc. However, I also think it's important that we make sure our new home is a living tribute to our ideals and values. If you have further ideas along these lines, or if you would like to help out researching any of the items listed above, give me (Mark Priven) a call at 559-8393. ☆

## PURIM IN CUBA WITH OUR SISTER CONGREGATION

February 28 to March 14, 2001

It has been two years since Netivot Shalom sent a delegation to visit our friends in Santiago de Cuba. It's time to renew our ties.

Join us (a small group of 14) for an exciting trip by motor coach from Havana to Santiago. We will visit each Jewish community along the way while experiencing the history and the beauty of the Cuban landscape from a Jewish-Cuban perspective. We will spend four days with members of our sister congregation celebrating Shabbat and Purim together.

Here is your chance for a first-hand experience with life in Cuba as well as an opportunity to have contact with members of our sister congregation.

The deadline is January 16th, so call for more details soon. June Safran is in charge and can be reached at 510-526-7173.

ACT NOW FOR AN EXPERIENCE THAT WILL TRULY CHANGE YOUR LIFE.



## BE PREPARED TO PERFORM A MITZVAH!

I am your new "Greeter Coordinator", soon to be calling you. Yes, you! This is your chance to look like a shul macher in only 45 minutes and you don't even have to carry a tune in front of the whole congregation. The qualifications are to be able to hand people a book (okay, actually two books) as they wander into Shabbat services. I've also been told that smiling is optional, although it could be considered a personal growth opportunity. So get ready! Check your calendar for the coming months and figure out when your turn will be, so that when I call, you'll be ready! With so many people belonging to Netivot Shalom, you'll only have to do this mitzvah once a year. And you'll be confident you've taken care of this good deed for the year. Not only that, you'll be guaranteed a seat.

Susan Lawrence (658-3105) ☆

## SOCIAL ACTION REPORT

### TURKEY DRIVE

Thank you for your generous support of the Turkey Drive benefiting the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Netivot Shalom raised enough money to buy Thanksgiving dinners for over 840 people. You are wonderful.

### HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS

In December, Netivot Shalom members bought shirts, pants and shoes for each member of a local homeless family. The family consists of a mom and eight kids. This was organized through the Jobs Consortium, one of the largest, oldest and most successful homeless employment services in Alameda County. Thank you for your generosity. ☆

## WE'VE DONE IT AGAIN

For the past three years, Netivot Shalom has been supplying cooking oil to the members of our sister congregation in Santiago de Cuba, Comunidad Hebrea Hatikva. There could be no cooking of latkes or fried bananas for several families if we did not supply the oil, because it is very expensive and often available only for dollars. As your liaison to the Santiago community, I want to personally thank Rabbi Kelman for making the mitzvah possible again this year.

June Safran ☆

## NETIVOT SHALOM'S SECOND ANNUAL SHABBAT SHIRA CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 10

7:30 p.m.

at the home of

Rabbi Stuart & Vicky Kelman

Join us for Havdalah, a taste of Tu B'Shevat and singing Hebrew songs!  
Bring your favorite Havdalah *besamim*!  
RSVP: Iris Greenbaum 549-9447 ext. 110

## DONATION CARD

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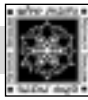
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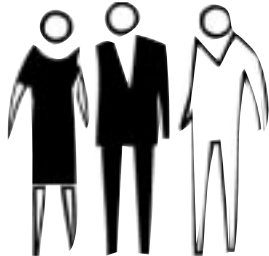
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## OLDER ADULTS GROUP

By Jean Bradman

Our poetic gathering in November was quite a celebration! We shared favorite treasures as well as poems of our own creation. Each poem was a trove of personal expression, at times loving, wise, humorous or nostalgic, but each unique in its authentic expression. Many thanks to Peter Strauss, the originator and facilitator of the evening's event, and to Helen & Martin Wachs for hosting! Thank you to all who participated! We were also delighted to celebrate Julian & Elsa Waller's 44th wedding anniversary with lots of good wishes, cake and merriment!



Mark your calendars for our future gatherings, the second Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Our next gathering on January 8 will be "The Celebration Continues: A Poetic Dialogue about Aging". Bring your favorite poems to read and discuss! RSVP Jean Bradman at 549-3231.

Families with young children have expressed a desire for intergenerational outreach to older adults. If you are interested in joining intergenerational get-togethers for Kabbalat Shabbat and holidays, please contact Iris at the Shul (ext. 110). ☆

## ELSA WALLER

was one of six artists to exhibit at the Berkeley Art Center's show

"Against All Odds:

Ingenuity, Talent & Disability".

The show featured artists who have had to find ingenious ways to circumvent physical challenges by making art.

*Yesher Koach!*

## Timbrels & Torahs

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S WISDOM

*"And Miriam the prophetess... took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances." - Exodus 15:20*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
1414 WALNUT STREET, BERKELEY

FOR MORE INFO CALL 549.9447 EXT. 110

## A FILM ABOUT JEWISH WOMEN'S JOURNEYS THROUGH AGING

**T**imbrels & Torahs: Celebrating Women's Wisdom" is a groundbreaking film documenting *Simchat Hochmah*, a celebration of wisdom, marking the transition from mid-life to seniority. This film is a joyous portrait of Jewish women grappling with life's challenges, emerging renewed in their affirmation of the fullness and integrity of their lives. The women's journeys offer us insight into reinvigorating Jewish ritual to meet our changing needs. The music of Debbie Friedman greatly enhances these stories of women who joyfully join together with their families, friends and community.

This film had its premiere showing last summer at the Berkeley Jewish Film Festival. Toby Gidal saw the film and was so impressed that she wanted to share her joy and enthusiasm with the whole congregation. Thank you to Toby and the Adult Education Committee for persevering to bring this film to us.

Co-producers and directors Miriam Chaya and Academy Award winning film-maker Judith Montell will show "Timbrels & Torahs" on Sunday, February 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Berkeley JCC. Discussion will follow. Light refreshments will be served.

Netivot Shalom is co-sponsoring the event with the BRJCC, Congregation Beth El, and Kehilla Community Synagogue. For more information, call Iris Greenbaum at 549-9447 ext. 110. ☆



## NEEDED: KIDDUSH COORDINATOR

We need someone to take over arranging the sponsors of Shabbat Kiddushim.

This is a great job for an extrovert!

The position will be open as of February.

Many thanks to  
Ronna Kabatznick,  
outgoing Kiddush Coordinator.

## NEEDED: GRAPHIC ARTIST

The Newsletter needs a graphic artist to pick up the excellent work of Cori Kesler, as she steps down to have a baby.

Desktop publishing or layout and a willingness to give away your time are all that you need to fill this position.

Call Karen Friedman (510-528-0728) or e-mail (dmarcus@slip.net) if you or someone you know is interested.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT PAULINE MORENO CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

maintain a quorum at meetings.

- It is difficult for Chairpersons of committees to effectively head their committees as well as serving on the Board. The result is an inability to devote significant time and energy to either job.

Therefore, after careful consideration, the Board plans to seek modification of the By Laws in order to gain the flexibility to address these issues.

The primary recommended modification will be to Article IV, section 29(c). The section now provides, in pertinent part:

"The chairpersons of the Standing Committee shall be members of the Board of Directors and shall be elected by the Congregation... The Board cannot create or eliminate Standing Committees between elections."

At this meeting, the Board will propose to drop the underlined language. This modification will create flexibility so that not all chair-




persons of Standing Committees have to serve on the Board. The officers of the Congregation and the immediate Past President will automatically continue to serve on the Board. All new Board members and chairpersons of Standing Committees will continue to be elected by the Congregation.

Thus the 2001-2002 Board of Directors will be made up of the following positions:

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Finance  
Past President  
4 At Large members

If you would like to further discuss this change before the annual meeting, please feel free to contact me directly at home, (510) 428-1048. ☆



12 Tevet	13 Tevet	14 Tevet	15 Tevet	16 Tevet	Candle Lighting Time: 4:54 pm 	11:30 am Shabbat B'Yachad • Rm. 14 (for pre-school children) 18 Tevet
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (MLK DAY)	DEADLINE FOR CUBA TRIP SIGN-UP 7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group	7:15 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm David Winston Talk		Candle Lighting time: 5:01 pm 	Torah Study of <i>Shemot</i> with Nitzhia Shaked 9:30 am • Meditative Shacharit 9:45 am • Shabbat Services <small>Kiddush sponsored by Ken and Denise Schnur in honor of Emma Schnur's Bat Mitzvah</small> 11 am Torah L'Yeladim • Rm. 12 11:30 am Shabbat Shelanu • Rm. 14 7:00 pm Ramah Rikudiah & Reunion Temple Beth Abraham 25 Tevet
19 Tevet	20 Tevet	21 Tevet	22 Tevet	23 Tevet	24 Tevet	25 Tevet
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS NEW BUILDING		7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group	7:15 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm Chavruta Hebrew		Candle Lighting time: 5:08 pm 	Torah Study of <i>Va-Era</i> with Rabbi Art Gould 9 am 9:45 am Shabbat Services <small>Kiddush sponsored by Mark and Sharon Previn</small> 9:45 am Learners' Minyan, Rm. 14 11:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad • Rm. 14 (for pre-school children) 3 Shevat
26 Tevet	27 Tevet	28 Tevet	29 Tevet	1 Shevat	2 Shevat	3 Shevat
28	29	30	31			
		7:30 - 9 pm Talmud Study Group	7:15 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm Chavruta Hebrew			
4 Shevat	5 Shevat	6 Shevat	7 Shevat	Unless otherwise stated, all Saturday morning activities take place at the BRJCC (1414 Walnut St.) and all other activities take place at the Netivot Shalom offices (1841 Berkeley Way).		



# ADULT EDUCATION



We are in the process of setting up a Shabbat morning study and Tefilah session. In addition to the existing Meditative Minyan, which meets on the third Shabbat of the month, a Learners' Minyan will meet with Cantor Don Fischer on the second and fourth Shabbatot beginning January 13. For details on the curriculum and orientation please contact the shul office, Don Fischer at [fischer@dnai.com](mailto:fischer@dnai.com), or Rena Fischer (not related) at [renaf@itsa.ucsf.edu](mailto:renaf@itsa.ucsf.edu). A Siddur text study session is also being developed for the first Shabbat of the month.

The two lectures by Seymour Kessler on the philosopher Emanuel Levinas will be rescheduled because of conflict with the open Netivot Shalom Board meeting concerning the proposed purchase of a building, on January 21.

The Talmud Study Group is currently reviewing text suggested by the Israeli philosopher and Judaic scholar, Menachem Fisch: *Rational Rabbis: Science and Talmudic Culture*. It is Fisch's claim that passages such as those found in Brachot 27a, Haggigah 3a and Bava Metzia 59b concerning the crisis of authority at Yavne following the destruction of the second Temple, show sectors of Rabbinical Judaism that favor open inquiry and a readiness to challenge received tradition. The group is open to all levels of learners and meets at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Netivot Shalom offices.

Don't miss Prof. David Winston's talk: 'The Historical Development of the Haggadah' on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Continuing on Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the shul offices, The Passover Haggadah:

February 7: Shachar Pinsker, Memory in the Haggadah and in *See Under Love*, a novel by the contemporary Israeli author, David Goldman

March 14: Special Guests TBA, The Music of the Haggadah

March 21: Sephardic Seder with Rachel Heinstejn and Tsipi Gabay


March 28: Rabbi Stuart Kelman, The Moss Haggadah



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Meets every Shabbat at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4 at the BRJCC.

## OLDER ADULTS GROUP

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month. For information call Jean Bradman at 549.3231.

## B'NAI AVRAHAM V'SARAH A CHAVURAH FOR JEWS BY CHOICE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Meets bi-monthly at various members homes, children welcome. Please call Carol Cunradi at 234-1003.

## TALMUD STUDY GROUP

Meets every Tuesday evening at the shul offices at 7:30 p.m. Learn Tractate Brachot and selected issues. Currently reviewing texts suggested by Menachem Fisch's *Rational Rabbis: Science and Talmudic Culture*.

## ROSH CODESH GROUP

Call Carla Cassler for information.

## FREE CLASSICAL HEBREW LESSONS

with Ethelyn Simon. Call 530-7970 for additional information.

# MIDRASHA NEWS

By Diane Bernbaum

By the time you read this, the first semester will have ended. New classes begin on January 7, and it's never too late for new students to register. We have amazing classes happening this semester, including an examination of Jewish weddings that culminates in an invitation to the teacher's own wedding!



In November we had a very successful parent/student study brunch and silent auction. We'd like to thank all the people who made this event so wonderful: the teachers who taught great classes, the parents and other guests who came, the students and parents who prepared the food, and set and cleaned up. Special thanks go to Peet's Coffee, Gary Boland of Voila! Juice and Michael Rose of Semi Freddi's for their delicious donated food. And thanks to all those who donated to our silent auction: Shai's, Bette's Oceanview Diner, Yank Sing, High Tech Burrito, Rick and Ann's, See's Candy, the Hudes, Hill/Levine, Bergman/Simpson, Tilley and Davis/Turak families, Susan Sholin, Diana Buchbinder, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Berkeley Symphony, Disneyland, Six Flags Marine World, Oakland Athletics, Renaissance Rialto Theatres, Oakland Museum, San Francisco Zoo, Mountain Play, Oakland Zoo, Focal Point, Andronico's, Monterey Fish Market, Toot Sweets, El Cerrito Natural Grocery, Nabolom Bakery, Oakland Kosher, Grand Bakery, Berkeley Bowl, Afikomen, Barrie Rokeach, Arlene Blum, Rosemarie and Daniel Levy, Rachel Biale, Dan Fingerman, the Erickson family, EKS Publishing, Risa Cohen, Sasha Mosalev, Kay Blonz, Denise Resnikoff, Mira Ben-Oni, Michelle Schwartz, Trudi Hauptman, "By a Thread", the San Francisco Giants, Trader Joe's gift basket, Semi Freddi's gift basket, Margaret Dorfman, the Cohn family, Lydia Brose, Lois Blumsack, the San Francisco 49ers, Debbie Lesse, Larry Walter, Leah Mazel, Matthew Friedman, Laurie Cohen, Lori Goldman, Amy Rothberg, and Jim Martin of Lignum Vitae Cabinets.



## MAIMONIDES COURSE

We will be resuming our study of Maimonides' *The Guide for the Perplexed* with renowned scholar and teacher Nitzhia Shaked, on Monday, February 5, 2001. The following topics will be discussed: The Book of Job ; Human virtues and good behavior ; The 'wholesome' man ; The relationship between God and man.

The course will run for eight sessions starting on Monday, February 5 and will meet from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the offices of Netivot Shalom. There will be no class on Presidents' Day.

The cost for the course is \$60 for Netivot Shalom members. You may pre-register at Lehrhaus Judaica on the Web at [www.lehrhaus.org](http://www.lehrhaus.org) or call Lehrhaus at (510) 845-6420. You may also register at the door at the first session. If you have any questions, please call Sanne DeWitt at (510) 845-2098.



# THE RAMAH RIKUDIAH AND REUNION IS FINALLY HERE!

By Dan Alter

**Saturday Evening, January 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Temple Beth Abraham**  
**327 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland**



This event will feature Havdalah, *rikudei-am* (dancing), *omanut* (crafts), noshing, and a special presentation about the upcoming summer—including our new video! Come to see camp friends. And even if you weren't a camper last summer, join us to get a taste of Ramah and the great summers to come. This was a fabulous event last year and promises to be even better this time around.

Our brochures and registration forms are out—register now to save a spot! Pay in full by February 1 to get the early bird discount. Please call our office at 510-549-9447 ext. 111, or email us at [ramahday@ebjfed.org](mailto:ramahday@ebjfed.org) to request an application.

The Ramah song for January is an environmental one, to get us ready for Tu-BShevat.

Hashamayim, shamayim lashem,  
V'ha'aretz natan livnai adam (2x)  
Al tekalkel et olami, al tachriv et bryati  
Ki ein mi sheyavo acharecha, veyitaken veyitaken  
Hashamayim...

"The skies are God's, and God gave the earth to humans.  
Don't ruin my world, don't destroy my creation,  
Because there is no-one who will come after you to repair it."

*Lhitraot*—see you at the Rikudiah!



# YOUTH EDUCATION

By Rabbi Margie Jacobs

We're looking forward to an exciting new semester of Youth Education programming! Parents of Religious School children, please ensure that your children arrive on time for religious school during the week and on Shabbat. Regular attendance and on-time arrival on Shabbat enables teachers to create meaningful education experiences for all students. Shabbat is a day of rest, but it is also a day of remembering and honoring the value of community, Jewish practice, and learning. Parents of fifth grade children, your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah may seem like years away, but it's almost time to sign up for a date for the event. Please call Rabbi Margie Jacobs at 549-9447 ext. 104 or email [ntvt-edu@ebjfed.org](mailto:ntvt-edu@ebjfed.org) to get the ball rolling.

Contributions: In anticipation of Tu B'Shevat, we would like to bring plants into the classrooms. If you would like to donate a plant to the religious school, please drop it off at 1841 Berkeley Way or, again, call Rabbi Margie Jacobs at 549-9447 ext. 104.



## MAKING MARRIAGE WORK

"Making Marriage Work" is a special program for Jewish and interfaith couples who are in a long-term, committed relationship, engaged or recently married. We focus on topics, such as effective communication, financial planning, balancing work and family and how Jewish life can strengthen your marriage.

The next ten-week cycle will begin on Thursday, January 11, at 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay, Berkeley office.

For information, or to register, please call Cathy Diamond, M.F.T.  
(510) 704-7475 x 225.



Saturday, January 6, 2001

Arthur Reingold and  
Gail Bolan  
invite you join them as their daughter

**SARAH REINGOLD**

becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

## IN GRATITUDE:

To Simon Levine for his help with the newsletter.

To Barbara Garber for her indefatigable help.

## CONDOLENCES

To Stuart Marson on the death of his father,  
Samuel Marson.

To Nathan Martin on the death of his  
grandmother, Evelyn Martin.

Saturday, January 20, 2001

Ken and Denise Schnur  
invite you join them as their daughter

**EMMA SCHNUR**

becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

## MAZEL TOV!

To Ellen Peskin and Ben Heschen on the birth  
of their daughter.

**Check out the  
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# YAH RZEIT LIST

JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28

Every once in a while, a gremlin creeps into our systems. It seems that such an occurrence may have happened with our Yahrzeit list. So, please read this list carefully and if there are any errors, call us immediately.

1/1/01	Eric Frank	6 Tevet	2/3/01	Rose Milkman Shandling	10 Shevat
1/1/01	David Rosenstein	6 Tevet	2/3/01	Sidney Edelstone	10 Shevat
1/2/01	Sylvia Schweitze	7 Tevet	2/8/01	Harry Cohen	15 Shevat
1/3/01	Bertha Rodbell Spiegel	8 Tevet	2/8/01	Samuel Kraus	15 Shevat
1/4/01	Nathan Abraham Epstein	9 Tevet	2/8/01	Shirley Burnstein	15 Shevat
1/6/01	Abraham L Gewertz	11 Tevet	2/9/01	Barnet Kaprow	16 Shevat
1/6/01	Gershon Kaplan	11 Tevet	2/9/01	Frieda Bloom	16 Shevat
1/6/01	Sophie Chait	11 Tevet	2/11/01	Pearl Max	18 Shevat
1/6/01	Victor Goodman	11 Tevet	2/11/01	Goldye Spilky	18 Shevat
1/7/01	Joseph Ben Benjamin	12 Tevet	2/12/01	Herman Weiner	19 Shevat
1/8/01	Irving Lowe	13 Tevet.	2/16/01	Louis Saper	23 Shevat
1/11/01	Dr Robert C Goldberg	16 Tevet		(Yizchak ben Schlomo v Ruchel)	
1/19/01	Sheldon Berrol	24 Tevet	2/16/01	Clara Malamud Milgrom	23 Shevat
1/20/01	Samuel Bank	25 Tevet	2/16/01	Louis Kahn	23 Shevat
1/21/01	Ann Weintraub	26 Tevet	2/16/01	Joseph Banc	23 Shevat
1/21/01	Harry Alter	26 Tevet	2/17/01	Moishe ben Yudel HaCohen	24 Shevat
1/23/01	William Samelson	28 Tevet	2/17/01	Ruth Blachman	24 Shevat
1/24/01	Gertrude Aronstein	29 Tevet	2/19/01	Joseph E. Gould	26 Shevat
1/25/01	Benjamin Goor	1 Shevat	2/20/01	Cynthia Walter Drazen	27 Shevat
1/25/01	Mary Rosenblatt	1 Shevat	2/21/01	Lee Valas	28 Shevat
1/25/01	Stan Fink	1 Shevat	2/21/01	Molly Cinnamon	28 Shevat
1/26/01	Max Grosz	2 Shevat	2/22/01	Fanya Cohen	29 Shevat
1/26/01	Nathan Solomon	2 Shevat	2/22/01	Flora Spitz	29 Shevat
1/27/01	Esther Radousky	3 Shevat	2/23/01	Florence B. Levine	30 Shevat
1/27/01	Florence Marson	3 Shevat	2/24/01	Murray Walter	1 Adar
1/31/01	Sarah Cohen Stahl	7 Shevat	2/24/01	Ruth August Berman	1 Adar
2/1/01	Mollie Levine	8 Shevat	2/24/01	Murray Walter	1 Adar
2/2/01	F. R. Scott	9 Shevat	2/25/01	Ida M. Cohen	2 Adar
2/2/01	Paul Madonik	9 Shevat	2/26/01	Marion Morris	3 Adar
2/3/01	Binyamina Lawrence Cohen	10 Shevat	2/28/01	Norma Schachter Avers	5 Adar

TO ADD A NAME(S) TO THE YAH RZEIT LIST, FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW & MAIL, E-MAIL OR FAX  
(include only names of departed parents, spouses, siblings and children)

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NAME OF DECEASED: (ENGLISH NAME) \_\_\_\_\_ (HEBREW NAME - IF POSSIBLE) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH: (CIVIL DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ (HEBREW DATE - IF POSSIBLE) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_



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