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## **Korach's Lesson for Netivot Shalom**

By Tamar Fendel, Membership Chair, Congregation Netivot Shalom

*Excerpted from Tamar's drash delivered on June 25, 2011*

**I**n June we read the parsha Korach, named after the Israelite arch-rebel, who dared to challenge the authority of Moses and Aaron in the desert.

Why is he such a villain? Because of one supposedly horrible thing he said – he declared that: “the entire people of Israel is holy and God is among all of the Israelites!” He was asking why Aaron and Moses had all the power over the Jewish people, demanding his place as a leader. While this was apparently anathema to the rabbinic commentators, the idea doesn't seem very outrageous from a modern, progressive perspective. In fact, I believe that it's one of the most important values of our Netivot Shalom community. Yes, we are all holy! No one of us here is more important than any other. We all have a part to play in creating, building and growing this amazing community we call our own.

Korach's idea that every person is holy is, in my opinion, the single defining characteristic of our shul. We were founded on the principles of being participatory, egalitarian, and largely lay-led. From the beginning, every member of this congregation has had a role to play – leading tefillah, serving on a committee or the Board, providing food and drink to an after-minyan kiddush, setting up chairs, etc. We have counted many rabbis as members since the beginning, and for most of our years, have had engaged one rabbi to professionally serve the congregation. But essentially, the congregation is led by all of us.

Given how resonant Korach's statements were about the holiness of each individual in the community, what is the problem with what Korach did? What did he say that was so bad that it merited such stern divine condemnation? He wasn't only told he was wrong, he wasn't only punished, he wasn't only killed for his statements, but a whole new way of killing people was invented – the earth opened up, swallowed him and his followers forever. Can you imagine a more dramatic way of answering who was right in a dispute?

Korach engages in debate, in disagreement with others, known in Hebrew as *machloket*. According to Rashi, Korach went beyond the fundamental questions of leadership and holiness in the fledgling Israelite community, to ask some pointed questions about laws the Jews had been recently given. For example, if a tallit is completely made of techelet, does it need fringes with techelet? And does a room with nothing but torah scrolls need a mezuzah on its door – as a mezuzah just has a few holy lines? True, these questions are a little bit snarky. They actually sound a bit like questions that come out of my 8-year-old daughter's mouth all the time, as they are based on clarifying details in the law, with a little bit of attitude.

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## **Aromatics: The Jerusalem Syndrome**

By Rabbi Menachem Creditor

### **Part I: “Just to Say My Name”**

I sit at the cafe,  
overwhelmed just listening  
to the names being called to pick up each order.  
How many times have I had to spell my name  
(or invent a more anglo-sounding one)  
when ordering something?

And here I sit,  
unable to even begin a delicious coffee through my tears  
for having my name recognized, accepted,  
pronounced correctly.

Suddenly,  
at Cafe Aroma at the Malcha Mall in Jerusalem,  
crying into my coffee,  
I remember I’m home.

### **Part II: “My Prophetess has a Tattoo”**

My Prophetess has a tattoo.  
She doesn’t even know  
she’s awoken my soul.

So casually she repeated my name,  
went to get me a croissant,  
then turned away.

Later I glanced at her,  
noticing the tattoo on her shoulder,  
and I smiled.

The Prophetess of Aroma  
brought me what I needed,  
without knowing herself  
through my eyes.

### **Part III: “A New Kotel”**

They say the Western Wall still stands  
because all of Israel built it -  
children, men, women.

It isn’t the Priests’ Wall, nor the Artisans’ Wall.  
It is the People’s construction,  
the construction of the people.

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I look up and see the dishwasher,  
the barista, the soldier, the businessman,  
all on their cell phones,  
building themselves and those  
on the other end of the line.

Is that “only” people’s expressions,  
of the Expression of a People,  
brick by brick?

**Part IV: “Eretz Tropit (Remix)”**

The first time it played,  
I looked up and smiled,  
a decade’s memories flooding back.

*I sang that song*, I thought,  
and it brought me back  
to intoxicating days of music.

And so I began to write.

Thirty minutes later  
it played again.

Are my precious memories  
a Jewish kind of Holiday mix?

**Part V: “Reflection”**

Something makes me look up.  
I see the mirror,  
and my own intense glance,  
captured, framed, and returned.

Am I a part of this scene?

Might another be describing  
a barista, a soldier,  
and a contemplative rabbi,  
furiously scribbling in the back of his book?

Is this normalized Jewish bustle  
in need of the meaning I see and seek?  
Or is this bustle normalized Jewish meaning itself?



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Machloket, or argument, is very prominent in Jewish communities. Arguing can be problematic, but is also critical to the way Jews study and learn. We do not learn just by reading a text, or hearing what an expert says and accepting it at face value. Rather, we learn by pulling apart and questioning every word, taking into account multiple points of view and arguing with our chevruta, or a study partner, until we can agree on an understanding. But, machloket has another side as well, and can mean arguments and division within a community. It's like the old saying that any time two Jews get together, you can count on them having at least three different opinions. We take machloket so seriously that we often can't even agree with ourselves!



There are countless stories of Jewish communities falling apart, or coming close, due to intense conflict and debate. The shul I grew up in nearly split over whether or not a microphone should be used on Shabbat! Jews have disagreements about Shabbat observance, dress, marriage, staff hiring, finances, anything you can think of. Often, those disagreements come from a good place – one of standing up for the Torah/Judaism/values/common sense they believe in. Other times, they're really just about arguing, ego, and being right. Even our happy community has had some strong debates, like around our kashrut policy, deciding whether or not to build this beautiful building that we're in, deciding whether or not to open a preschool, the creation of the afterschool program Edah, and more! Thankfully, none of these debates turned out to be so divisive that they have split us. In fact, I would argue that we have grown stronger by struggling through difficult decisions, turning them over and over, and gathering opinions from many stakeholders as we move forward.

In Pirkei Avot 5:17 we learn a great deal about donating a tenth of our wealth in support of our leadership, who can't have other jobs or land, because they're too busy administering the community and organizing the Mishkan.

I find this particularly relevant right now, as we at Netivot Shalom are asking for a dues increase and a capital campaign – we are just like the Israelites, needing to stretch a little bit in order to provide for the leadership, facilities and programs that we hold so dear. None of what we have in front of us today, and none of the benefits this synagogue provides to each and every one of our lives could be here if we didn't provide financial support to make it happen.

We continue to have hard decisions ahead, especially around our continued growth. We are so blessed to be growing, especially as so many other shuls affiliated with the Conservative movement throughout the country are experiencing contractions in their membership. We now number well over 400 households, which makes us officially a “medium sized” congregation. Just a few years ago we were under 300. This growth is tremendous – and in case anyone wants to volunteer, it probably merits a case study and a write-up in Kolot, the movement's magazine!

I've served as Membership Chair or Co-Chair of this shul for almost four years, so I have had the opportunity to speak with many of the wonderful people who have joined our congregation in that time. I love to ask people, “What made you considering joining? Why are you “throwing your hat in” and committing yourself financially and personally to this community?” The reasons vary widely – for some the preschool meets their family's needs really well, others love our spirited tefillah, some are impressed by our social action activities, and many find the adult education classes appealing or are inspired by Rabbi Creditor's teaching and magnetism. Everyone has their own unique reason for joining this shul, but I think that deep down, they like what we represent, a community where all are welcome, and everyone has a role, no

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## Thanks for the Opportunity

By Janet Schneider

As a retiring newsletter editor, I want to thank both the regular and occasional contributors to this newsletter. I also want to thank Jessica Sterling who takes what I give her and gives it its aesthetics. It's been an honor and a privilege to harness and record all the vibrancy of this community for the past four years. During my tenure as newsletter editor it's gone from a bulk-mailed piece that sat on the family's kitchen table for a few days (consulted every so often for a date or a time) to a web-posted lengthier piece that takes more effort to open and peruse. The e-mail notification of its bi-monthly posting must compete with all the other e-mails received from Netivot Shalom as well as other membership organizations. Then, there is a question of timeliness. Clearly the newsletter's original purpose as the announcer of all activities has gone by the wayside. I am constantly amazed at how many Netivot Shalom events happen and are promoted solely through e-mail. The result is that the newsletter has become more of a magazine with President and Rabbi thoughts, Board and committee news, event recaps and photos, and Israel and community promotions. Look through the archives to see what we had been discussing over the years. Given the weekly e-news, and the ability of the Rabbi and staff to send off timely announcements, how members communicate should be reviewed. If anyone wants to aid in this transition, either performing the newsletter editor function or with ideas for its evolution, contact our President, Mel Sibony. Shana Tova!

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matter where they're coming from.

So, my message to each of you is, please, take a moment to think about your role in this holy community. Some things I've done lately to contribute to Netivot delivered welcome baskets to new members, led Shabbat services for preschool students, baked a cake, coordinated carpools and had new guest over for Shabbat dinner. And now I've given a drash on this bimah for the first time! That is probably not the right combination of activities for any other person, so I challenge you to think critically about your role.

What could you do to participate, to serve, to build Netivot Shalom? What could you do that would be fun, or useful or inspiring? The options for participation at Netivot are endless, you just need to find what suits you best, and also find a way to participate without overextending yourself in terms of time or finances. In addition, what are your hopes, concerns and questions about Netivot Shalom? I encourage you to share them constructively and thoughtfully, in service to our community. And if you are here but have not taken the step to officially join, I ask you to think about what is holding you back – are you getting something special out of this community? If you are, is it time for you to support Netivot and invest in our future?

I strongly believe that we are at a critical juncture – We will not be able to maintain our essence as a kehillah, given our rapid growth, if people come in with the attitude of a consumer. We can only be ourselves as a congregation, if everyone works to fulfill their potential of becoming holy, if everyone sees himself or herself as a leader, with a critical role to play in supporting the community as a whole. With a commitment to participation and to approaching concerns and criticisms of the shul from the perspective of “for the sake of heaven” like Hillel and Shammai, rather than for the sake of ego, like Korach, we will become even more of a truly participatory, egalitarian and vibrant kehilla, fulfilling our mission to bring beauty, meaning and service to each other and the community around us.

Tamar Fendel, Membership Chair



## Looking Forward to a SABABA Year!

As I write this message we are in the middle of summer (not that you can tell in Berkeley!) and though we always expect things to slow down at this time of year, the Netivot Shalom board and staff have been busy not only with reviewing all our finances but also getting ready for high holidays.

Summer started under a strong afterglow from the retreat at the end of spring. I enjoyed meeting new members and visiting with friends in a beautiful and warm camp setting. Last summer, when I was in Israel I learned a new word for expressing something cool and great, *sababa* and that is how I felt about the retreat at Camp Newman. My favorite comment about the retreat came from a new member who told me how glad he was that this retreat happened right after he joined or else he would have had to wait a whole year. I, then, had to break the news to him that we only have these retreats every two years because of the tremendous work required of Dan Siegel and his committee. This acknowledgement gives me an opportunity to thank them for such a wonderful event. Many of you have expressed the desire to have smaller and more frequent mini-retreats so members can get to know each other in a more intimate setting. I hope many of you took advantage of the end-of-the summer camping trip. I hope others will organize similar events throughout the year.

As I mentioned in my letter to the congregation back in May, despite our wonderful events and growth we still find ourselves at a critical juncture with regards to our finances. Our fiscal year ended in June with a deficit due in part to increased operating costs but also because of the continued burden of our building's large mortgage payments. The annual dues increase has helped us prepare a balanced budget for next year and we appreciate those who pledged and committed to renewing their dues early. Hopefully, most of you have renewed by now.

To begin the process of eliminating our mortgage we have started the first part of our capital campaign and the board along with the finance committee are looking at ways to improve our operational structure. If you have any inclination in this area, your participation in the finance committee is welcome.

I would like to close by thanking Janet Schneider who has been doing a wonderful job with our newsletter, since January 2008, and who will be stepping down as editor with this edition. The newsletter has changed over the years from a bi-monthly print version to a five times a year electronic edition and may yet evolve again. Since this edition of the newsletter is slated to come out for the Yamim Noraim I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Shana Tova U'Metuka.

Mel Sibony  
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### Tochacha

By Mel Sibony

Tables outside are filled, chumashim open.

Crickets are buzzing very loudly as we study the text

Do the crickets know – are they admonishing us?

Or are they helping us drown out the curses?

*Written at CNS Retreat – Poetry Workshop with Carol Dorf 5-22-11*

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE  
AMAZING HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS:***

**Sunday, October 9**

*Sukkah* building

**Wednesday, October 12**

*Sukkot* Meal-Matching. Contact Caroline Taymor: ctaymor@gmail.com  
if you'll have space in your *sukkah* for dinner guests or are looking for a *Sukkah* to dine in.

**Thursday, October 13, 9:30 a.m.**

*Sukkot* Services, 5:30 p.m. Talmud class in the *Sukkah*

**Friday, October 14, 9:30 a.m.**

*Sukkot* Services, 6:00 p.m. Congregational Dinner in the *Sukkah*:  
Shake the *lulav* and *etrog* followed by candle lighting and *Ma'ariv* at 6:15 p.m.,  
kiddush at 6:50 p.m., catered Shabbat Dinner in the *Sukkah* at 7:00 p.m.  
Adults \$20, children \$10, followed by singing and story telling.

**Saturday, October 15**

Shabbat *Sukkot* Services 9:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. *Havdalah* and Movie night in the *Sukkah*!  
Cartoons at 7:45 p.m., *Ushpizin* at 8:30 p.m. followed by adult *Sukkot party* and optional sleepover

**Sunday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

*Sukkot* Celebration and Shabbat B'Yachad – Rimmonim – Orah VeSimchak Kick-Off Party

**Monday, October 17**

Preschool Dinner in the *Sukkah*

**Tuesday, October 18, 4 p.m.**

Hebrew School *Sukkot* Celebration

**Wednesday, October 19, 9:30 a.m.**

*Hoshana Rabba* Services with mystical willow beating ceremony and  
seven *hakafot* with the *lulav* and *etrog*, 1:00 p.m. *La'asok Kohélet* Class in the *Sukkah*

**Thursday, October 20, 9:30 a.m.**

*Shemini Atzeret* Services with *Geshem* and *Yizkor*, 5:30 p.m. *Sukkot* Talmud class in the *Sukkah*,  
6:15 p.m. *Minchah* (in the *Sukkah*), 6:30 p.m. *Ma'ariv* (in the Sanctuary),  
7:00 p.m. Torah Unrolling followed by *Hakafot* and Torah Party!  
Refreshments will be provided. Bring your favorite *l'chaim* and your dancing shoes!

**Friday, October 21, 9:30 a.m.**

*Simchat Torah* Services

# NETIVOT SHALOM RETREAT: MAY 20-22, 2011

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## Why I Love Netivot Shalom

By Michella Ore

I started going to Netivot Shalom slightly more than three years ago. It was the first synagogue I had ever been to and I felt welcomed from the beginning. The people here were warm and engaging and I felt at home in no time.

I came to Netivot because I was interested in learning more about Judaism. My dad's maternal side of the family was Jewish and I was interested in learning more about Jewish customs and beliefs. I had grown up practicing Catholicism but towards the end of my middle school years I had felt it wasn't the right religion for me. My questions regarding the Bible were not answered in a way I found fulfilling. So I spoke to my dad about it and, shortly after, we checked out Netivot Shalom.

I'm happy I made the decision to explore a different part of my identity and that I chose Netivot as the place to do so. I've made good friends and found support here. They've seen me through my conversion and all pitched in to help with my bat mitzvah, making it a communal effort. When my dad was ill, they stopped by to bring food and to see how he was doing. These actions confirmed my idea of Netivot members as kind and caring people who were willing to help those in need.

Netivot is a great place for anyone who is looking for a thriving and welcoming Jewish community. It is also a great place for anyone who likes to question and engage in intellectual discussions. Rabbi Creditor has been a huge supporter of mine and he provokes interesting thoughts and ideas wherever he goes. Recently, he came to my school to give a talk on Purim during our Jew Club meeting. He not only told us the story of Purim but led us to think deeper and more critically about it. After he left, my classmates went on and on about how cool and great he was and how they would like him to give another talk. Netivot has great community leaders and members. I plan on going to Netivot Shalom for a long time.

### Community-Wide Faces of Israel Program with Filmmaker Amy Beth Oppenheimer

Sunday Evening, November 13 at 6 p.m.

Hosted by Netivot Shalom – FREE

Join us for an exciting evening of presentation, discussion and film-viewing at the community-wide Faces of Israel event on November 13th. Documentary producer Amy Beth Oppenheimer will be in attendance to facilitate conversation about Jewish identity, religious pluralism, the role of the Chief Rabbinate and civil liberties in Israel today. She will be followed by a cross-denominational panel.

*This program is sponsored by Congregations Netivot Shalom, Temple Beth Abraham, Temple Sinai and Beth Israel. Information at [www.facesthemovie.com](http://www.facesthemovie.com)*

## The Gamliel Institute

By Rabbi Stuart Kelman

The Gamliel Institute is an on-line credentialing program of studies in Chevra Kadisha defined as incorporating the range of life from well before death (*bikkur cholim*, hospice, cemeteries, education, wills, etc) to at-death, and after death (*nechama*, memory, etc.). Our focus is on the mitzvot of *k'vod hamet* and *nichum aveylim*. We offer five separate courses which maybe taken independently. They are:

- Chevra Kadisha
- Tahara and Shmira
- Nechama
- Strategies for communal education
- Traditional Practices and Liturgy

Two years ago, David Zinner and I established this institute, and in October we will be offering on-line, the course in *Tahara* and *Shmira*. In January, we will offer the course in Chevra Kadisha. The institute offers everyone the opportunity to deepen a sense of community while transforming one's personal spirit. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Kelman at [skelman@netivotshalom.org](mailto:skelman@netivotshalom.org)

## V'zot Yisrael Forming a Book Group

By Esther Brass-Chorin, Chairperson

V'zot Yisrael is in the process of planning this year's programs. We will continue showing Israeli movies, the Israel-Palestinian issues discussion group, and listening to interesting speakers. We hope to get more information about Israeli speakers who will be in the Bay area this academic year. Look for our calendar updates on [netivotshalom.org](http://netivotshalom.org).

We're also considering forming a book group, focusing on Israeli authors. Most of these are classics in modern Israeli literature. In Europe, books by Israeli authors are quite popular while they are less known in the U.S. Here are some titles we are considering:

The Lover by A.B. Yehosua portrays relationships within a family and between a Jewish garage owner and Arab apprentice.

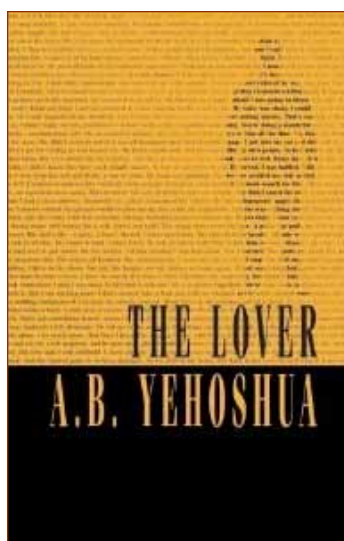
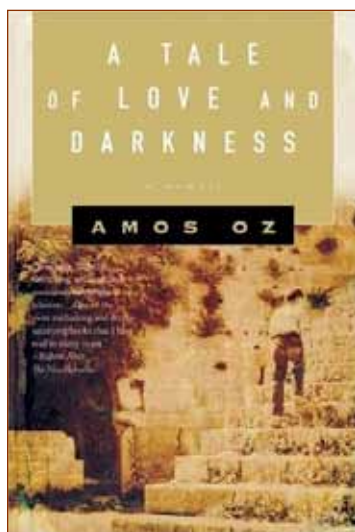
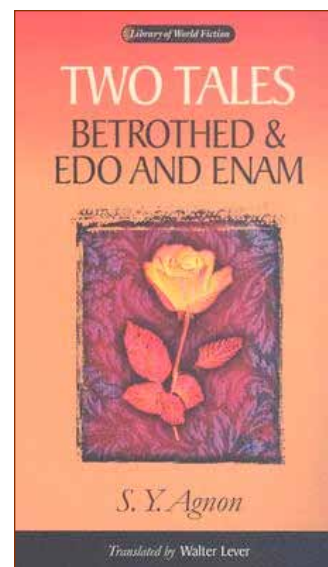
A Tale of Love and Darkness by Amos Oz is an autobiography intertwined with pre-state and Israeli history.

Literary Murder by Batya Gur is a murder mystery that takes place at Hebrew University.

Poems of Yehuda Amichai

Two Tales: Betrothed and Edo and Einam by S.Y. Agnon contains two stories written in the mode of magical realism, one set in Jaffa, the other in Jerusalem with themes of the sea, romantic love, and tradition.

Please let us know if you might be interested in participating in a book group, and if there are any Israeli books you have wanted to read/discuss. And, as always, we welcome your participation in V'Zot Yisrael.



## What's for Dinner?

By Ednah Beth Friedman

As I rushed through the swinging door between the kitchen and the dining room/day room, Jerome called out, "What's for dinner?" Jerome is one of forty-eight men who live at the Berkeley Men's Shelter in the basement of the Veterans Memorial Building on Center Street in downtown Berkeley. Jerome and another resident had been discussing the devaluation of the U.S. Dollar vis a vis the Euro. He had interrupted his conversation as soon as he saw me wearing an apron. Then, he laughed and said, "Maybe I should have called out "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner?" We both laughed.

Every month about twenty religious, non-profit, school or individual families plan, shop for, prepare, and serve dinner for the men who reside there. Each group takes responsibility for planning and purchasing the meal and providing the volunteers to prepare the meal. For years Netivot Shalom members have been cooking for the men on the first Sunday of each month.

Those of you who have been privileged to perform this mitzvah know how much it means to the men but those who haven't participated may not know how much it means to the providers! Find out for yourselves. Individuals, including children at least 12 years of age, can sign up for the variety of tasks necessary to make the evening an occasion of good food and conviviality for the men. Some do not require your presence at the shelter but can be done beforehand, such as baking cookies for dessert, shopping for the food and supplies, and meal planning. Volunteers to cook are needed on site from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. but no one need remain the entire time.

Take a moment now to sign up for the variety of tasks needed to prepare future dinners at <http://tinyurl.com/CNSshelterdinner signup>. You can sign up for one hour one time only, or longer as often as you'd like! Please contact one of us if you have any questions about how you can help. We look forward to welcoming new volunteers into the world of this face-to-face *mitzvot*.

Ednah Beth Friedman and Susan Lawrence  
Co-Coordinators

## You are a Miracle and a Blessing

By Mary Breiner

Last month a former member of Netivot Shalom called Rabbi Creditor with a heartbreaking request. She was burying her ex-husband and feared there would not be a minyan at the graveside service without which she would not be able to say Kaddish. Rabbi Creditor and Rabbi Kelman asked if the Chevra Kaddisha could help. Although the service was less than 24 hours away, 13 Netivot Shalom members changed their plans and attended the service allowing her to say Kaddish. The support she felt makes clear the wisdom of requiring a minyan. Anyone can say a prayer by himself or herself but prayer in the context of others means one is not alone. Netivot Shalom members made sure she was not alone. She sent a thank note to Rabbi Creditor for his efforts and, by extension, the Netivot Shalom community's. She described us as "A miracle and a blessing." I agree. I am deeply proud of this community's commitment to each other and the mitzvot.

Shana Tova,  
Mary Breiner  
Chairperson, Chevra Kadisha

## Gan Yarok News

By Ron Sires

Gan Yarok, America's first Jewish green cemetery, has generated a great deal of interest within Netivot Shalom and the other Bay Area synagogues that have joined together to create it. During its first year over 100 people chose Gan Yarok to fill their cemetery needs. As a result of this, Fernwood has extended the original discounted pricing through November 30, 2011. Please contact Kathy Curry at Fernwood at 415-383-7100 if you are interested in taking advantage of this offer.



## Announcing Changes in Rimmonim

By Cathy Shadd Rosenfeld

This year will be the sixth year of Rimmonim, our twice-monthly Shabbat morning program for families with children in grades K-2. Rimmonim was created to offer a continuation of the spirited *tefillah* and close community of Shabbat B'Yachad (for pre-schoolers and their parents), but with an added learning component focused on the core values or *middot* of Judaism and the ways they can enrich our everyday life experiences.

This year, we are making some structural changes in the program in the hope that a shorter and more simplified program may make it possible for more families to attend. We are making these changes in response to the survey, which many of you responded to last spring.

As in past years, will continue to gather the first and third *Shabbatot* of each month, starting September 17, but instead of having all the components of our program each time (*tefillah*, Torah story, family learning centered on the month's *middah*, and adult learning), each week we will now have family learning only on the first Saturday of each month and adult learning only on the third Saturday, so each one will happen just once a month.

We will continue to have *tefillah* and a Torah story each time we gather, although we will start a bit later. While parent participation is encouraged and can have benefits for the children's engagement, it is not required and those parents, who wish to attend services downstairs, while their children come to Rimmonim, are welcome to do that.

Our intergenerational learning will continue to be activity based (rather than discussion based) and the adult learning will offer opportunities to explore the ways the *middot* can help us in our everyday lives and decision-making.

The program will now look like this:

First Shabbat of each month:

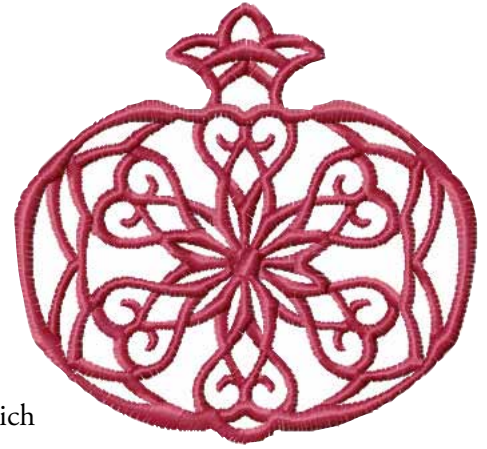
- 11-11:30 Intergenerational family learning focused on the month's *middah* (for parents and children or for children only)
- 11:30-12:15 *Tefillah* and Torah story (for parents and children or for children only)

Third Shabbat of each month:

- 11-11:30 Adult learning with option of childcare
- 11:30-12:15 *Tefillah* and Torah story (for parents and children or for children only)

Of course, anyone wishing to participate in any part of Rimmonim is always welcome and invited! We meet in the large classroom upstairs at the end of the hall.

We are looking forward to another great year of davening and learning together. See you on September 17!



## LifeLong Learning Update: From Babies to Bubbies, We Have Something for Everyone!

By Rabbi Shalom Bochner

Have you thought about attending an adult education class? We truly have something for everyone. Every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. a Torah Study, led by a rotation of scholars, explores insights into the weekly portions and following weekly services after-Kiddush programs at 1:15 p.m. explore a wide range of Jewish topics and texts. On Sunday morning programs, re-starting in the fall on the second and fourth week-ends of the month, there will be *Shacharit*, breakfast, and opportunities to learn from congregation members who share their personal expertise with us. There will also be programs with Rabbi Menachem Creditor as well. During the week we have opportunities to explore the following:

- *Siddur* with Rabbi Stuart Kelman
- Hebrew classes co-sponsored with Lehrhaus Judaica
- The brand new *Amitim* for Grown Ups on Tuesday nights
- Our Talmud class facilitated by Rabbi Shalom Bochner on Thursday nights; it's the third year of exploring *Berachot*, the history of the *Siddur* and many eye-opening tangents.

New this year, our Wednesday daytime *La'askok Torah* classes at 1:00 p.m. in the library will be:

- Issac Klein's *Halachah and Spirituality*, examining both Jewish practice and Jewish thought by way of Guide to Religious Practice
- Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's *God in Search of Man*.

These two very different books will address the form and the spiritual sides of our modern Judaism. These classes are free and designed for both the regular attendee and as a drop-in experience. Everyone is welcome!

Our Adult Ed committee works extremely hard to ensure that we have educational programs that appeal to a wide range of interests during our weekly classes, special events and visiting scholars. Please consider getting more involved with Adult Ed or suggesting a class idea. Consult the new 5773 edition of the Green Pages for more information about our incredible Adult Ed classes.

The *Shorashim* Hebrew School is gearing up for a wonderful year. New faculty are in place and new programs were created to ensure that our after-school program is fun-filled and capturing the best of the spirit of summer camp. New this year will be electives on music, crafts, story telling and art in addition to holiday celebrations, *Hebrew School* dinners and *Havdalah* celebrations. We will also be exploring 60 daily themes of Jewish identity, beliefs and rituals through student-guided discussions and hands-on activities. Our *Beit Midrash* Torah Mysteries will expand and explore the deeper meanings of our prayers.

Our Hebrew School includes nutritional snacks, supervised outdoor play, a welcoming Hebrew infused environment and a commitment to excellence in meaningful Hebrew and *Judaica* instruction. The costs of these programs are extremely reasonable. Most of our Hebrew School programs costs less than \$12/hour! We meet Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and offer programs for Kindergarten through 7th grades. Potential new students are welcome to audit, for free, up to three weeks of classes. Help spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and relatives about the amazing deeply enjoyable learning that happens at our CNS *Shorashim* Hebrew School!

We gather as a community on Shabbat and our kid's programs are here to engage everyone in the joys of Shabbat:

- Shabbat B'Yachad for those under 5 on the second and fourth *Shabbatot* at 11am,
- Rimmonim for K-2nd grades on the first and third *Shabbatot* of the month at 11am (note the new starting time!), and
- Orah VeSimchah for 3rd-5th graders at 11 a.m. on the first weekend of the month (note the new improved schedule!).

All of these programs will start up again in September. Join us for a holiday kick-off in the *Sukkah* on October 16 from 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or ideas about any of our LifeLong Learning programs and activities, please contact me at: [education@netivotshalom.org](mailto:education@netivotshalom.org)

*Kol tuv,*

Rabbi Shalom Bochner,  
Director of LifeLong Learning

## From Midrasha in Berkeley

By Diane Bernbaum

I often write in this column, asking you to do something for Midrasha, but this month I'm going to tell you what Midrasha can do for YOU.

First, do you know we have a job bank of teens willing to work for you? When they register, Midrasha students are asked if they want to make their names available to people looking for teens to babysit, help with their computers or in their office, do housework, moving or lifting, work in the garden, tutor their younger children, pet sit, help build or dismantle their sukkah or help at parties. If you would like a copy of the list, e-mail us at: [diane@midrasha.org](mailto:diane@midrasha.org) or call the Midrasha office, 510-843-4667.

I'd also like to tell you a little bit about what happened in our office this summer. We were fortunate to participate in the Jewish Vocational Service's program called the Kohn Internship program. Each summer JVS selects about 25 college students and places them with Jewish agencies. JVS works hard to place interns with organizations that match their skills and whose missions match what the interns want to learn. The interns work at the organization for four days a week and then on Fridays all the interns meet at JVS and are offered interesting seminars on both the work world (how to interview, how to write a resume, how to deal with a boss of a different generation) and on the Jewish community (with lectures by people like historian Mark Dollinger). And unlike some other internships, these interns were paid. Each host organization paid a fee and JVS added funds to round out the stipend.

We shared our intern with Congregation Beth El, which proved to be a great arrangement, with each of us getting about a month of the intern's time. Our intern, Emma Snyder, was a real help in every way. The big task we had in mind, but frankly, the technology was beyond me. Although we had had a Facebook "group", a page would allow us to post a lot more information about the organization. So now you do your part. Go to your Facebook account, search for "Midrasha in Berkeley" and then "like" us. We post some of our weekly announcements, parts of our calendar, our events, pictures etc. And the best part was that Emma wrote out detailed directions for me, so now I know how to do this myself.

But that's not all Emma did. Just when we were wondering who was going to format our Parent Handbook in a fairly complex program called In-Design, since our regular volunteer who normally does this each summer was away in Africa, Emma piped up that she'd been an editor for the Berkeley High Jacket and knew how to use that program. If you want to see her handiwork, go to our website: [www.midrasha.org](http://www.midrasha.org). The Handbook is on our home page.

Over the course of the summer Emma did a lot of other projects as well – making board notebooks, coming along to camp recruitment sessions and meetings with organizations like Urban Adamah, doing some computer work and just helping us run the office. We loved her and we think she loved being with us. Over the years this program has convinced many young adults to pursue a career working in a Jewish non-profit. Thank you, Jewish Vocational Service.

## Jewish Community Relations Council – East Bay Region

### Summer 2011

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is the public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community. The organization was originally formed in the early 1940's out of concern for the safety and security of Jews residing in the Bay Area. Today, the work of the JCRC includes identifying key issues of importance to the Jewish community, trying to find consensus within the community and presenting educational programming on those issues. We form coalitions with people of other faiths, provide support for parents with Jewish children in public schools, advocate for Jewish social services and educate the community about Israel.

The East Bay region of the JCRC includes members who represent most of the area synagogues as well as the East Bay Jewish community at-large. The JCRC seeks to provide service to the Jewish community, build Jewish communal identity and engage the Jewish community in activism.

As we end the 2010-11 fiscal year, we are pleased to report many accomplishments as part of our new initiative with the Jewish Federation of the East Bay, which we call the *Partnership for Israel*. Under the leadership of our Chair, Lenny Kristal and in collaboration Israel Center Director, Riva Gambert we've held several programs to inform the community about Israel-related issues. Our webpage, *Israel Food For Thought*, which can be found on [www.jfed.org](http://www.jfed.org), includes interesting articles, YouTube videos, book and Israeli movie reviews. A symposium in May, "Voices of Israel" had major keynote speakers, workshops and an entertaining Israeli musical concert.

We are also proud of the work we did in conjunction with Rabbi Dean Kertesz of Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond to help defeat an anti-Israel resolution. Our outreach to City Council members in Richmond proved particular helpful in obtaining the needed votes for this defeat. Another political effort included an Israel Information Forum for staff of Alameda County elected officials. It was an important opportunity to educate these staff members about Israel history, current events and why Israel is important to the Jewish community. We are hoping to hold a similar forum for staff of Contra Costa elected officials in the next few months.

While we spent significant time on Israel issues, we continued our ongoing social action project at the Greater Richmond Interfaith Project (GRIP) family shelter. East Bay JCRC members served several hot meals to residents of the shelter in coalition with the Islamic Center of Northern California and plan to continue this program in the new fiscal year. As members of the Jewish Public Affairs Committee, we took a leadership role at the annual "Jewish Lobby Day", a mission to Sacramento where we meet with elected officials. This year, we spoke with state legislators about our deep concerns for budget cuts impacting our Jewish social service agencies.

If you want to learn more about the JCRC, You can check out the JCRC on the web at [www.jcrc.org](http://www.jcrc.org) or contact East Bay JCRC Director, Myrna David at (510) 318-6417 or by email at [myrna@jfed.org](mailto:myrna@jfed.org). The JCRC is here to serve and be a resource for you. Let us know your thoughts.

*The East Bay JCRC is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Community Foundation of the East Bay.*



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## Israel *Double Good News*

Presented by the Partnership for Israel

Members of the East Bay JCRC and East Bay Federation Israel Center (Partnership for Israel) would like to share two stories a month about positive developments from the state of Israel.

### Go On An Adventure at Israel's Top Five Nature Reserves

If you are a nature-lover, there is no limit to the sights and excursions you can enjoy when visiting the state of Israel. ISRAEL21c asked a scientist from the Israel Nature and Parks Authority to choose the top five most interesting sights. It's not easy to identify only five of the nature reserves and national parks in a country with about 300 of them but these are the ones that were selected:

**Masada** – An ancient fortress built by King Herod atop a plateau overlooking the Dead Sea.

**Mt. Carmel** - Features a diverse forest and a variety of wildlife, along with wonderful panoramas.

**Ein Gedi** - Oasis located west of the Dead Sea. Features two year-round streams.

**Makhtesh Ramon Crater** - A geological feature of Israel's Negev desert.

**Coral Beach** – Located on the Red Sea south of Eilat. One of the most 'densely populated' coral reef in the world.

For more information, see [www.parks.org.il](http://www.parks.org.il) or for general information about travel to Israel, see [www.goisrael.com](http://www.goisrael.com).

Source: Israel 21C



### Let Peace Begin with Water

In the 1990s, a young Israeli lawyer concluded that the environment should be used as a tool for peace. Today, the organization he co-directs with a Palestinian and Jordanian director, Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME), is working on improving the environment and peace prospects in the Middle East. The man is Gidon Bromberg, and his colleagues have recently been named a TIME magazine Hero of the Environment 2011. In the village of Auja, the inhabitants – relied on the Auja Spring a couple miles away. The spring has since dried up, making it impossible for villagers to bank on agriculture for making a living. FoEME opened Auja EcoCenter in fall 2010 in order to play a central role in alleviating the impact of water scarcity and environmental degradation on Palestinian communities through education about environmental and water realities and widespread dissemination of conservation measures. The local villagers are learning how to make the most out of a tight water situation. Recycled water from the EcoCenter runs into a series of open tanks where it is naturally treated and used for irrigation purposes. The effects of the project are expected to spread throughout the West Bank as other homes and villages replicate its low-tech water reclamation system.

Source: Israel 21C

If you are interested in learning more about the East Bay JCRC, please contact Myrna David, JCRC Regional Director at [myrna@jfed.org](mailto:myrna@jfed.org).

## Birth Announcements:

Mazal Tov to the Sorek Family: Hagit, Nadav, and big brother Ido, upon the birth of a baby boy born on July 9.

Mazal Tov to Ralph and Hadassah Kramer on the birth of their second great-grandchild, the daughter of Avital Shein and Jonas Brodin born on July 12 in Stockholm.

Mazal Tov to Linda Blachman as she announces the birth of granddaughter, Emilie Olivia Gill on July 20. Born to Linda's daughter, Shira Gill, and son-in-law, Jordan Gill.

Mazal Tov to Mark, Jennifer, big sister Ziporah and big brother Reuben, upon the birth of a baby girl, Esther Kathleen Price Wolf (Hebrew name is Esther Dora) born on Saturday, August 6.

Mazal tov to Tali, Elad, Orli and Maayan Ziv, Eden Yael Ziv into our family. Born August 17, 2011.

## Bat/Bar Mitzvah Announcements:

**Lee Bearson and Babbie Freiberg** celebrated in the simcha on **August 27, 2011** 27 of Av 5771 *Parshat Re'eh* when their daughter, **Nava Bearson** was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

**Michael Peltz & Maggie Heredia-Peltz** celebrated in the simcha on **September 3, 2011** 4 of Elul 5771 *Parshat Shoftim* when their son, **Avi Peltz** was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

**Ed Anisman & Claire Sherman** invite you to share in the simcha on **November 5, 2011** 8 of Cheshvan 5772 *Parshat Lekh Lekha* when their daughter, **Shira Anisman** is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

## Welcome New Members:

Rabbi Shalom Bochner

Rabbi Pamela Frydman

David Gill

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& Adriane Concus

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Steven Rossen

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### 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 *refillah*, 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 March 26, 2011 to August 2, 2011. We apologize if we have inadvertently missed anything including a name or donation. Please mail Rachel at [office@netivotshalom.org](mailto:office@netivotshalom.org) with any corrections so that we may note it in the next newsletter.

### Adult Ed Donations

**Michael Irwin & Charlene Stern**, in honor of David Stein and his work on Gan Yarok

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**Rabbi Shelly & Gail Dorph**

**Dale Friedman & Joan Bradus**, in memory of Bella Geliebter

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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](mailto:office@netivoshalom.org). Thank you.*

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Anne Frank



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## YOUTH EDUCATION

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

### The Morning Minyan Needs You

People 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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