

July 2015

Report Back from Kehilla Activist Student & Her Social-Justice Arrest

by Rosa Petterson

[Note from Rabbi David: Rosa Petterson has been a part of Kehilla from birth. She was a high school activist on LGBTQI issues and during that time, she gave an inspiring High Holy Day sermon to the congregation. Child of David Lee and Barbara Petterson, Rosa has continued her activism into University of California Santa Cruz, where she started as a freshman this year.]



Rosa Petterson

Early this March, five other UC Santa Cruz students and I took to the highway as part of the “96 Hours of Action” against police violence and tuition hikes called across the UC system, which culminated later that week in a strike that shut down campus at UCSC. Chaining ourselves to trashcans filled with concrete, we sat down on the highway,

chanting “education, not incarceration!” We spent 5 hours there before being taken to jail.

The state of California spends nearly 7 times as much per prison inmate as it does per student. When tuition is raised, as it was last fall by the UC Regents, poor students and students of color, already underrepresented in the UC system, are increasingly pushed out, into the waiting arms of the police and a criminal “justice” system that seems more and more to be a mockery of the very word, as we have seen most recently and vividly in Ferguson, Staten Island, Baltimore, and McKinney, Texas. In taking this action of civil disobedience, we wanted to stand in solidarity with those across the country and the world who have been fighting against police violence and to connect the struggles we face as students—against skyrocketing tuition and fees and often against crushing long-term debt—to a broader context.

Growing up at Kehilla, I was always encouraged to hold a strong sense of the obligation to do what is

right. To me Kehilla has always been a place where we understand the imperatives of *tzedakah*, justice, and *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, not just as things we do, but as foundational to who we are—as people, and as Jews. Intertwined with this for me has been an understanding of what it means to be an Israelite—one who struggles or wrestles with g-d. For me, struggling with g-d means not only participation in religious debate, but beyond that a responsibility to question and challenge all forms of authority, to not only think critically about power but to turn those thoughts into action.

Coming from Kehilla, UC Santa Cruz seemed like the perfect place for me. The school’s slogan is “the original authority on questioning authority,” and it advertises itself as a school with an activist legacy, from its history of student protest to Angela Davis’ position as a professor emeritus. Indeed, as a Feminist Studies major, I have fallen in love with many of my classes, which have delved into complex issues of our understanding of the world and responsibility to act for its betterment.

However, when I took on that responsibility, putting my body on the line in a civil disobedience action, the university’s response was harsh and swift. Before we were even booked into jail, the 6 of us were served with letters placing us on an indefinite, interim suspension, one that has continued until now, over 3-and-a-half months later. Those of us who had been living on campus (including me) lost the housing, healthcare, and food we had been relying on, and all of us were forced to take incompletes in our classes as we were legally banned from all university property. The university is attempting to suspend me and other students for 4 quarters, or nearly a year and a half, and has afforded us little to no due process in challenging its rulings, denying us legal representation and full hearings to challenge the suspensions within the Supreme Court-mandated

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Kehilla Annual Retreat: Shabbat at Lake Temescal



Saturday, July 18, 10am-3pm (FREE!)
Services begin at 10am sharp.

Come celebrate Shabbat in a beautiful setting with your community! Services led by Rabbi David, Rabbi Dev, Julie Nesnansky, Beth Dickinson and Debbie Fier include an “Auf Ruf,” a special aliyah to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Malka Stover & Jenna Kemp! We will also be offering gratitude and blessings to SAM Luckey as she heads off to rabbinical school at Hebrew College in Boston. **Be sure to bring a chair or blanket to sit on during services. We will have limited seating available.**

Lunch is provided, with vegan and gluten-free options. Feel free to come to one or more parts of the retreat.

Playshops offered by:

Rabbi David: Good Torah/Bad Torah: From our 21st century perspective, Torah gives us mixed messages about what are “Jewish values.” Is there a primal message in the Torah that enables us to distinguish between Torah segments that morally bind us and those that need to be either set aside or reinterpreted? On this issue, we’ll look at one or two troubling passages, a segment from the Talmud and another from Rabbi Art Green’s Radical Judaism.

Beth Dickinson: Sing and be Free! Singers come and play! We’ll spend a sweet shabbos afternoon singing niggunim, rounds, chants and other songs. If you have a particular chant or song that you’d like to learn or sing at the playshop, send a request to Beth Dickinson at BethD@kehillasynagogue.org

The Jewish Studio Project: Rabbi Soloveitchick teaches that Shabbat is not about the cessation of creativity, but rather about being partners with God in the creative process. In this playshop, we’ll relish the unique opportunity Shabbat affords us to imagine, play and create through a collaborative,

hands-on creative experience using found and natural objects.

Schedule:

10am-12pm: Services

12pm-1pm: Lunch

1:15-2:30pm: Playshops

2:45pm: Closing Circle

We will be at Streamside and Big Rock picnic areas at Lake Temescal. There is a \$5 parking fee to use the parking lot.

Directions to South Entrance parking lot close to the picnic site: From Hwy 24, take Hwy 13 south, exit immediately at Broadway Terrace. Turn left at Broadway Terrace, immediately turn left again onto Park Tunnel. Road ends in park. From South on Hwy 13: exit Broadway Terrace. Turn left on Broadway Terrace. Go under freeway, stay in right lane, turn right onto Park Tunnel. Road ends in park.

Directions to North Entrance with a larger parking lot: From the South end drive east on Broadway Terrace, go under Highway 13 and turn left onto the Highway 13 on ramp. Transition onto Highway 24 east (Walnut Creek), exit at Old Tunnel Road, and turn right at the exit onto Broadway and proceed west to the north end parking lot entrance on the left.

Public Transit: Take AC Transit bus #59 from the 19th Street BART station or the Lake Merritt BART station to the south end entrance on Broadway Terrace. Call to confirm bus schedule—AC Transit: 511 or 817-1717; TDD/TTY: 800-448-9790; ParaTransit: 510-287-5000.

Mazel Tov



To **Dominique Lambert** on receiving a doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS). She will be going on with a post-doc in the Outpatient Psychiatric Services of the Alameda Health System, and will be starting a small private practice as a psychological assistant in September.



To **Ryan Baum & Giovanna Masci** on the birth of their son, Paolo Alessandro Baum (*Shalom Jonah* in Hebrew), on June 7, 2015, 8 lbs. 22 inches.

All Kehilla Congregants Deserve A Safe Home

If you or anyone in your home is experiencing:

- Child abuse ▪ Elder abuse
- Dependent adult abuse ▪ Teen dating violence
- Intimate partner violence (domestic violence)

The Kehilla Committee Against Abuse (CAA), working along side the Spiritual Life Practices Committee (SLPC), is here to help you become or remain safe.

If you are experiencing any kind of abuse, please call: Steven Falk, long-time Kehilla member, at (510) 708-0517; Julie Patrusky, experienced domestic violence counselor and long-time Kehilla member, at (510) 528-0299; or Rabbi David at (510) 547-2424 x103.

Call the Shalom Bayit (Peace in the Home) helpline for counseling and advocacy for teen dating violence and domestic violence issues at: (866) SHALOM-7 (742-5667) toll-free within the Bay Area or (510) 451-7233 (SAFE) outside the Bay Area.

Fireside Art Gallery News

Artists' Opening Reception Sunday, August 2, 2-5pm

Join us for our next opening reception. The new show will be a retrospective of the work of some of the past artists from the Fireside Gallery. The exhibit will showcase pieces from the first exhibit in this new round of gallery shows at Kehilla in 2012 through the summer of 2014. It will go up in the Fireside Room on July 3, and the artists' reception will be held on August 2.

Artist for this show include: Margo Rivera-Weiss, Tree Gelb Stuber, Jacquelyn Stuber, Lili Artel, Eva Pettersson, Dvora Gordon, Arlene Shmaef, Susan Schulman, Naomi Teplow and Rabbi Me'irah Iliinsky.

Most of the artists will be present at the reception. There will be food and drinks. We hope you can join us!

Still showing in the Gallery through July 2 is the work of Dr Revital Katznelson. Her photos of salt and sugar crystals taken through the lens of a microscope highlight some the unseen and extraordinary beauty of Mother Nature.



IMPORTANT!

Fireside Art Gallery Committee Urgently Needs Members

The Fireside Art Gallery Committee is in urgent need of new volunteers to join the committee. **Without new volunteers, we will not be able to continue to bring amazing art to our community.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who loves art and wants to help support artists in the Kehilla community, as well as in the larger community.

Please contact Dvora at kehillaart@gmail.com if you would like to see this committee continue.



Executively Speaking: The Close of A Good Fiscal Year

by Michael Saxe-Taller, Executive Director

We are coming near the end of our fiscal year, paying our last bills, receiving our final gifts and closing the books on the 2014-2015 year. As I prepare for the final board meeting of the year, I have been reflecting on what a fine year it has been. Given some of the financial and administrative challenges that this community has faced in the past 16 months, we are in remarkably good shape.

Here are some of the highlights that you might not see or know about from this fine year:

- The board of directors just approved Kehilla’s first balanced budget in many years!
- Final numbers are not in, but it looks like we will end the year in the black, with a modest budget surplus!
- We ended the year with 386 member households, an increase of five households from last year.
- Through the extraordinary generosity of our congregants and the incredible hard work of the Generosity Committee and its chairs, Susan Freundlich and Joel Kreisberg, we raised over \$150,000 this year.
- We redesigned our website, streamlining the content, making it more secure and user-friendly and adding a new members-only

section as well as the ability to make recurring payments. All of this while keeping the same beautiful look.

- Thanks to the partnership and hard work of our bookkeeper, Molly Melamed, we have put into place new financial systems and are current on both our payables and receivables.
- We completed the redesign of our beautiful sanctuary.
- We have made major new technological upgrades, including our email, electronic calendar, file server and phone lines.
- With the exception of the departure of school assistant, Malka Stover (who is beginning a chaplaincy internship), we are returning with all of our current staff.
- And we have had dozens and dozens of congregants take on meaningful leadership of many committees, working groups and projects.

It has been quite a year, wouldn’t you agree? I look forward to more growth and change in 2015-2016 and pleased to do it in partnership with all of you.

Oakland A’s Jewish Heritage Night

August 4, 7:00 am - 10:00 pm



Join Kehilla for a special night of baseball at the Oakland A’s 5th annual Jewish Heritage night!

- ♦ Pregame Event in the Eastside Club – new for 2015!
- ♦ Jewish Heritage Night Giveaway
- ♦ Special Jewish Heritage Food Item – included for free!
- ♦ FREE Parking for all fans

The deadline to order tickets is July 17.

To purchase tickets, please send your check payable to Kehilla and indicate that it is for A’s Jewish Heritage Night. **PLEASE NOTE** that there will be no hard copy tickets. Your name will be at the box office. The name of the person picking up your tickets at the box office must be given to us in advance, either on your check, or with your online order, and that person must bring an I.D. with them when they pick up the tickets.

Questions? Contact Sasha@kehillasynagogue.org.

Beyond Shabbat

by Beth Bittle, Managing Director



Welcome to Beyond Shabbat. As you know Kehilla is a very busy community with many events, fundraisers, community building activities, classes and Shabbat services. This is the

place you will find additional information about the many things happening here at Kehilla, as well as ways to become more involved in your community.

The **Kehilla Retreat at Lake Temescal** is right around the corner on July 18th! Volunteers are needed on Friday, July 17th to do some light food prep in the kitchen in the morning. We will be cooking a couple of dishes that will be served for lunch at the Retreat. This is a great way to volunteer for the Retreat if you enjoy cooking! Want to volunteer on the day of the Retreat? For anyone that enjoys arriving early we need help setting up for services at the picnic area. Volunteers will also be needed to help light set up for lunch at the Retreat. Contact me soon to let me know how you would like to be involved in this year's Retreat! (See p. 2 for more information.)

Also, please don't forget to bring a chair or blanket to sit on during services and lunch at the Retreat. We will have limited seating available. Be sure to check out what Playshops will be happening after lunch!

High Holy Days volunteer opportunities are now [posted here!](#) It is not too early to start signing up before your favorite shift is gone.

For all Avodah opportunities, sign up by contacting me, Beth Bittle, at (510) 547-2424, ext. 106 or Beth@KehillaSynagogue.org.

Sign up with Jan Herzog, Kiddush Coordinator, at KiddushSponsor@kehillasyagogue.org to sponsor a

Kiddush. Kiddush Sponsors are responsible for purchasing and delivering Challot, grape juice, desserts and drinks, and having it set-up at Kehilla by 7:20pm on Fridays (5:50pm for Tot Shabbat) and 10:15am on Saturdays.

Upcoming Avodah Opportunities:

- 🕒 **Kehilla Retreat**
 - Prep food on the Friday before
 - Set up before service at Lake Temescal

Kiddush Sponsorships Available:

- 🕒 **Saturday, July 18th: Retreat**
- 🕒 **Friday, July 24th: Tot Shabbat**
- 🕒 **Friday, August 7th: Kabbalat Shabbat**
- 🕒 **Saturday, August 15th: Shabbat**
- 🕒 **Friday, August 21st: Kabbalat Shabbat**
- 🕒 **Saturday, August 22nd: Shabbat**
- 🕒 **Friday, August 28th: Tot Shabbat**

Thank you Kiddush Sponsors

June 5: **Ruth Atkin & Rabbi Shifrah Tobacman** in honor of Shifrah's rabbinic ordination.

June 13: **Hedy Straus** in honor of Howard Hamburger, as a belated welcome back from his sabbatical, and in gratitude for his wonderful Torah teachings and years of service leadership at Kehilla.

June 27: **Julie Emden & Michael Tertes** in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Eliana Tertes.

Our Deepest Condolences

To Shoshana Halle on the passing of her father, Richard Snyder, age 91, on June 10, in Atlanta. He was the grandfather of Sophie and Layla Halle, and Laura Griffin, and husband of Nobuko Snyder.

May his memory be for a blessing.

Board Member SAM Luckey Enrolls in Rabbinical School

by Laird Harrison



SAM Luckey

Managing what Kehilla has faced in recent years – the stress of the financial crisis, civic strife from the Bay Area to the Middle East, and three changes of executive directors – has demanded the skills of an acrobat. It's a good thing we had one.

SAM Luckey finished her last performance with the Topsy Turvy Queer Circus in June, right after stepping down from the Kehilla Board of Trustees. A week later, she

traveled to Boston, Massachusetts where she has enrolled as a rabbinical student at Hebrew College.

As the news traveled throughout the Kehilla community, members were torn between mourning the loss of SAM's leadership at Kehilla and celebrating her new role in the wider world of Judaism.

"I'm sorry to lose her to rabbinic school but I have every confidence we'll be hearing from her frequently -- and that we'll see great things from her in the years ahead," says Jay Koch, who has served with SAM on the Board of Trustees.

In many ways, SAM represents the promise of Kehilla's future. She first came to the synagogue's High Holy Day services as the child of members Paul Kivel and Micki Luckey and joined the school in fifth grade to prepare for her bat mitzvah.

After completing that program, she acquired leadership training at Jewish Youth for Community Action and continued her Jewish studies at Berkeley Midrasha.

But after high school, she chose to pursue her passion for circus arts. She spent two years in a professional circus school, Circus Space, in London. Then she worked in a variety of circuses, including a stint traveling with the Ringling Brothers.

An injured shoulder brought her back to her parents' home seven years ago. While recuperating there, she reconnected to Kehilla, which had meanwhile moved very nearby. "Exciting stuff is going on here," she remembers thinking after she came to check it out.

Still in her twenties, she stood out in a synagogue dominated by Baby Boomers and their school-age children. But that never gave her pause. "I'm a chameleon," she says. "I hang out with people from zero to 96."

She looked for ways to become more involved. For a while, she helped connect callers to Jewish services through a database managed under contract by Kehilla. She also tried leading High Holy Days services for fourth and fifth graders. "That wasn't really my forte," she says.

What appealed to her more was the Welcoming Synagogues Project, a nationwide effort to make synagogues more welcoming to LGBTQIA congregants.

In her work there, she typified some of Kehilla's core values, says Eva Pettersson/Bodrogi. "She represents the open-mindedness, thinking out-of-the-boxness and the sweetest and bold queerness."

The role also brought her to the attention of other members of the Board of Trustees who were looking for a younger member to diversify the group. She quickly proved she was no token.

"The youngest member of the Board became its co-chair and helped lead the synagogue through the challenges we faced, and did so with a quiet and steady presence that inspired confidence," says Rabbi David Cooper.

Fellow board member Lynn Bravewomon celebrates SAM's "ability to listen and summarize and focus on capturing all voices in a group, bringing positive attitude and a lightness to thinking out loud."

With Wendy Buffet, SAM revived the synagogue's Membership Committee, organizing a team to welcome new congregants and encourage those considering membership.

But perhaps SAM's greatest initiative has been Glitter Kehilla, a new organization she founded with Talya Husbands-Hankin to diversify the synagogue as a whole.

A community for people in their 20s and 30s, Glitter Kehilla welcomes all genders and sexualities. A series of Shabbat services and other gatherings has quickly burgeoned to a Facebook and email list of

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over 250 people, several of whom have already joined Kehilla as full members.

While she has worked to build the community, SAM says, Kehilla has continued to nurture her spiritual growth. "In addition to coming to services, I've really taken advantage of the adult education," she says. "I've taken at least ten courses."

One of the first classes made a particular impression. Coming from an interfaith family, she had a passion for comparative religions. But she was struck by Abraham Joshua Heschel's advice to spiritual seekers to go deeper into one tradition. "I want to study religion," she thought to herself. "What I should do is study Judaism, to have that foundation

for my personal practice, and from there to do interreligious community building and study."

During a 2011 retreat with the Aleph Alliance for Jewish Renewal in Redlands, California, she made the decision to become a rabbi.

She will spend six years at Hebrew College, a nondenominational seminary, beginning with intensive Hebrew study this summer.

She assures us we haven't lost her. "I want to stay connected to the community and bring back what I've learned," she says.

After ordination she hopes to work at a congregation, ideally in the Bay Area. She also plans to continue doing circus work.

Wherever she ends up, one thing is certain. They'll be damn lucky to get SAM Luckey.

Kehilla Book Discussion Group

by Jan Herzog

All Kehilla members are welcome to join us for our customary meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Below are summaries of the books we will read in July and August, taken from Amazon.

July 13: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Doerr's "stunning sense of physical detail and gorgeous metaphors" (San Francisco Chronicle) are dazzling. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, he illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. Ten years in the writing, a National Book Award finalist, *All the Light We Cannot See* is a magnificent, deeply moving novel from a writer "whose sentences never fail to thrill."

August 10th. *I Am Forbidden* by Anouk Markovits.

Sweeping from the Central European countryside just before World War II to Paris to contemporary

Williamsburg, Brooklyn, *I Am Forbidden* brings to life four generations of one Satmar family.

In 1939 Transylvania, five-year-old Josef witnesses the murder of his family by the Romanian Iron Guard. He is rescued by a Christian maid who raises him as her own son. Five years later, Josef rescues a young girl, Mila, after her parents are killed while running toward the Rebbe they hoped would save them. Josef helps Mila reach Zalman Stern, a leader in the Satmar community, in whose home Mila is raised as a sister to Zalman's daughter, Atara. With the rise of communism in central Europe, the family moves to Paris, to the Marais, where Zalman tries to raise his children apart from the city in which they live. As the two girls mature, Mila's faith intensifies, while her beloved sister Atara discovers a world of books and learning that she cannot ignore.

We will be getting these books from the Jewish Library so please contact Jan Herzog to find out about obtaining a copy of the book.

“We Are All Activists!”

by Karen Rachels

Whether we work for Middle East Peace, for animal justice, food justice or climate change, whether we go primarily to demonstrations or do smaller local actions within our neighborhoods, many of us in Kehilla have a stance of tikkun olam on a daily basis.

That was one of the themes of the lively, connecting gathering on June 14 at Kehilla. “**A Social Gathering for All Kehilla Social Justice Activists**” was sponsored by the Economic Justice Committee with support from Kehilla rabbis and staff. More than 40 people showed up to share their passion and their commitment to changing the world in whatever ways we do that.

Intended to bring people together to socialize, get to know each other and to network, the gathering was abuzz with people schmoozing over delicious food and talking together about what moves them and motivates their activism. Led by Rabbi Diane, we sang “Bread and Roses,” a song based on a line from a speech by Rosa Schneiderman following a successful textile workers’ strike in January-March, 1912 in Lawrence, Massachusetts, “The worker must have bread, but she must have roses, too.”

The group then completed an exercise where individuals rotated partners every two minutes to chat about what their passions are and what they are curious about. The room was cacophonous but electric as people engaged intensely with each other. The conversations were both rewarding and frustrating due to insufficient time, reminding us of something we already sensed: There is a hunger to connect, to discuss, to embrace and support each other’s work.

With more food in our bellies, we proceeded to complete a matrix of social justice action by Kehilla members, using a format designed by EJC member, Richard Speigman. The matrix contained a column of names of people in the room plus many other horizontal columns enumerating specific issues. We started out with eleven issues and then the list kept expanding as the number of issues we are working on grew even longer.

The list we started with included:

- * Middle East peace
- * Black Lives Matter work
- * Environmental concerns
- * Immigration
- * Housing justice
- * Criminal justice
- * LGBTQI concerns
- * Women's rights
- * Spousal abuse
- * Children's rights
- * Occupy groups
- * Anti-death penalty work

As we went around the room, the following were added:

- *Sanctuary
- *Food justice
- *Animal justice
- *Health care
- *Foreign policy
- *Cultural work
- *Literacy

Completing the matrix was lively. Participants indicated what issues they are working on and what other issues they want to pursue. Some individuals named the particular organizations they are working with and others talked about the more informal activist work they do in their neighborhoods on a daily basis. Issues that sparked the most interest were: environment; housing justice; immigration; mass incarceration; anti-death penalty; and sanctuary.

One theme that came up frequently was how good it felt to be talking together and how much people want to have more of these gatherings -- to know more about each other’s work and to discuss strategies, frustrations and inspirations. There were several requests for longer, more in-depth workshops.

The event concluded with Rabbi Diane leading us in a round, “One Heart Beating,” and a Kehilla favorite by Linda Hirschhorn, “Circle Round for Freedom.”

The members of the EJC are appreciative of everyone’s participation including Rabbis Burt, Diane, David and Dev, and our wonderful Managing Director, Beth Bittle. We are energized by the event and will be doing follow-up events.

Let us know what you are working on, what you want to know more about, and what kinds of gatherings you would like to see in the future. You can email Economicjustice@kehillasynagogue.org We will keep you informed of future gatherings and activities.

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The university has come under major fire (<http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2015/05/the-betrayal-of-student-activism/392759/>) for its repressive actions, as community members, students and faculty have spoken out against the denial of due process and the disproportionate nature of our punishments when compared to, say, the relatively light punishments given to students who commit sexual violence (UCSC has recently become the subject of a federal Title IX investigation of alleged mishandling of sexual assault cases).

In addition, the 6 of us are facing 30 days in jail along with \$40,000 in restitution to pay for the time of nearly 100 police officers, many of whom weren't even responding to our protest.

Ironically, we went out to protest student debt and incarceration, and are now facing even greater debt and incarceration.

The 6 of us are now working to raise funds to defray the cost of restitution and to hopefully file civil suit against the university, with the goal of forcing UC Santa Cruz, along with other schools, to

change its student code of conduct to disallow such harsh, repressive sanctions against student protest, and to ensure that students are afforded real due process. The movement against tuition hikes is working; in response to pressure from students, UC Pres. Janet Napolitano (who deported millions as head of the Department of Homeland Security before coming to the UC) announced a 2-year in-state tuition freeze, and although the deal is not nearly enough—it leaves the university still unaffordable for many, and pays for the freeze in part by raising out of state tuition—it shows that student protest does have the power to create real change. Our hope is to ensure students' right to continue to act for justice in the future, without facing the kind of harsh, repressive response we did.

Please consider supporting our legal and restitution fund at gofundme.com/oe2do.

In love and solidarity,

Rosa Lee Petterson

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July 2015

Wed., July 1, 8-8:30am **Morning Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview).

Fri., July 3, **NO KABBALAT SHABBAT** this month.

Sat., July 4, 10:30am **Shabbat Morning Poetry Service** with Rabbi David. After a time for prayer, meditation, and a lingering with prayerbook poetry, we will look at biblical poetry especially the song of Balaam, Numbers 24:2-9 in today's parasha, Balak. You won't need Hebrew to follow this, but we will hear the Hebrew and see how different translators have tackled the beauties and ambiguities of the original. In the Fireside Room. Kiddush/oneg to follow. If you can, bring veggie finger-food to share.

Sat., July 4, 12pm, **Oneg – Social Gathering**. Feel free to come for the oneg even if you can't make it for the service. If you can, bring veggie finger-food to share.

Tues., July 7, 1:45-3pm. **Yoga class**. Taught by Sandra Razieli. Fireside Room

Wed., July 8, 8-8:30am **Morning Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview).

Fri., July 10, **POP-UP Shabbat!** At "Bites Off Broadway," 45th Street between Broadway and Shafter. Pop-up Shabbat is back! Join Rabbi Dev and friends to enjoy the Temescal's delicious and festive Friday night food truck event. We'll come together for Shabbat blessings, challah and grape juice at 6:30. You can get food from the food trucks (they open at 5:30), or bring a picnic with you. Look for our table near the back of the lawn, closer to the art center than the street.

Sat., July 11, 10am, **Shabbat Service and Lisa Max becoming Bat Mitzvah**. Join Rabbi David, Julie Nesnansky, Bracha Stone and Debbie Fier as we celebrate Lisa's simcha. Kiddush provided by Lisa's parents, Nelson and Mika Max.

Mon., July 13, 7pm. **Book Discussion Group**. We will discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. All Kehilla members are welcome to join us. Fireside

Room. For more information, contact Jan Herzog at jankaye@juno.com. (See article, p. 7.)

Tues., July 14, 1:45-3pm. **Yoga class**. Taught by Sandra Razieli. Fireside Room.

Wed., July 15, 8-8:30am. **Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. Join us for this weekly opportunity to sit together in silence. Fireside Room (enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview).

Fri., July 17, **NO KABBALAT SHABBAT** this month.

Sat., July 18, 10am-3pm **KEHILLA ANNUAL RETREAT at Lake Temescal!** Services are from 10am-12pm (sharp!); Lunch is from Noon-1pm; Playshops from 1:15-2:30; Closing Circle 2:45-3pm. (See p. 2 for details)

Tues., July 21, 1:45-3pm. **Yoga class**. Taught by Sandra Razieli. Fireside Room

Wed., July 22, 8-8:30am **Morning Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview).

Wed., July 22, 6pm. **Greening Committee Meeting**. Buber Room.

Fri., July 24, 6:30pm, **Tot Shabbat** For children up to 5 years old (or older if they would enjoy it) and their grown-ups. Led by Jen Miriam Kantor and her puppet friends. Please bring a vegetarian potluck dish to share if you can. Fireside Room.

Sat., July 25, 10am, **Shabbat Service and Chloe Levenson-Cupp becoming Bat Mitzvah** with Rabbi Dev, Hazzan Shulamit, Bracha Stone and Debbie Fier as we celebrate Chloe's simcha. Kiddush provided by Chloe's parents, Toby Levenson & Richard Cupp.

Sat., July 25, evening, **Tisha B-Av (Erev)**: a fasting holyday commemorating several tragic events in the Jewish past including the destruction of the First and Second Temples. We won't be having an event at Kehilla, but check our calendar later for times and places of Tisha B-Av observances in the East Bay.

Sun., July 26, 7-8:30pm. **Kehilla Caregivers Support Group**. Created to provide a safe space to explore the challenges we face as caregivers. Meets at a private home. For more information, contact Amy Shutkin at ashutkin@gmail.com.

Tues., July 28, 1:45-3pm. **Yoga class**. Taught by Sandra Razieli. Fireside Room

Wed., July 29, 8-8:30am **Morning Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview).

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