

## Facing my Return to Israel/Palestine

by Rabbi David J. Cooper



It was only three years ago that I wrote in Kol Kehilla in regard to the 50 years since my celebration of becoming bar mitzvah. Now I'm writing that it is 50 years since I arrived in Israel

as a 16-year old a few weeks after the Six Day War. And now, this month I am leaving for Israel/Palestine just before turning 66 and I can't describe the sadness and anger I feel that a half-century has not ended the occupation that began the month I first arrived there.

I came on a teen tour – as did my siblings when they turned 16. I had been a member of a left socialist-Zionist youth group, Hashomer Hatzair. My family were liberal Zionists. I was a high school activist against the Vietnam War. In April, a few weeks before leaving on the trip, I marched in Manhattan in the same anti-war procession as Martin Luther King, Jr., just a week after his famous Riverside Church speech.

In May, Egyptian president Nasser required the UN to remove its buffer forces between Israel and the Egyptian military on the Sinai Peninsula. It became clear that there would be a war with Egypt and probably with Jordan and Syria as well. Many of us were very scared that this would be the end of Israel. So it was with great relief that the war that did commence ended in less than a week without the destruction of Israel. My trip had been cancelled with the prospect of war, but was un-cancelled a few days after in its wake. And so, within a month I was walking in Jerusalem.

In Hebrew day school I had learned that after the 1948 war, Jews were not able to go to the Western Wall. But now the Old City was open to tourists. In the synagogues where I grew up, there were photos and paintings of the wall. They showed a narrow street, more like an alley, with the wall on one side

and houses facing the wall on the other. Men and women – without a dividing mechitza – prayed privately facing the wall.

But that is not what I saw when I got there. A mechitza now separated the men and the women. But that was not the main difference. Where there had been houses in the old photos, the wall now faced an open area. I was puzzled. I turned to the Israeli tour guide and asked if the Jordanians had torn down the neighborhood facing the wall sometime since 1948. No, he replied, "We did it, last week." And then I asked the same question that as teenager I asked when I learned about urban renewal in New York. "What happened to the people who lived here?" He looked at me somewhat surprised and said, "What does that matter?"

Well it mattered to me. It still does.

So I'm heading to Israel/Palestine. For about ten days I'll be on the Israeli side of the Green Line with friends, and also exploring places that a Kehilla trip might go to. Then for another ten days I'll cross the line with the Center for Jewish NonViolence to engage with Palestinians there to better understand the reality of occupation as that they have experienced for five decades.

And now, as I consider that soon I'll cross through the barrier wall into Bethlehem, I recall how in the summer of '67 we were told that we should hurry to see some of the sights in the West Bank such as Bethlehem and Jericho, after all people said, they would soon be returned as bargaining chips for peace. When I learned a year later that Israeli civilians were moving into settlements in the West Bank I asked myself, "What about the bargaining chip thing. What about peace?"

I'm still wondering.

***Kehilla's board, staff, spiritual leaders and committee chairs invite you to join us for:***

## **Kehilla's Annual Community Meeting**



**Wednesday, May 3, in Kehilla's Sanctuary**

**6:30pm – Schmoozing and Snacks**

**7:00–9:00pm – Congregational Gathering**

Learn about the state of the congregation, share our successes, appreciate our congregational leadership and think about our hopes and goals for the coming year. And toss in some fun, music and food as well!

Any questions? Contact Michael Saxe-Taller at [Michael@kehillasynagogue.org](mailto:Michael@kehillasynagogue.org) or 510-547-2424 x101

## **Kabbalat CHAI Shabbat**



**Friday, May 5**

**6:30pm – Potluck Dinner**

**7:30pm – Service and Kiddush**

Join us to celebrate Kabbalat CHAI Shabbat with a musically rich, soulful evening of spirited and contemplative prayer. We join with East Bay Housing Organizations and sacred communities across the East Bay to kick off “Affordable Housing Week,” welcome guest speakers Pastor Demetrius Barnett from EBHO and Rabbi Shifra Tobacman, and lift up housing as a human right and spiritual mandate. Services led by Hazzan Shulamit, Debbie Fier, Julie Nesnansky, and Jenna Stover-Kemp. Kiddush following services is sponsored by the Economic Justice Committee, contributions also welcome.

For the Potluck before services: Please bring a vegetarian or fish dish for five or more people. Nice if it's gluten-free but not required.

## Dr. Avivah Zornberg is coming!



**Sunday, May 7, 7pm**

*Co-sponsored by Kehilla*

### Isaac: Blindness and Blessing

Isaac survives the Akeda – his Binding on an altar; he marries and fathers children. But what does it mean to survive death? In midrashic tradition, the trauma of the Binding induces in him a delayed blindness. With the help of midrashic, psychoanalytic and literary sources, we will explore the enigma of Isaac's survival, and the ways this experience shapes his blind blessing of Jacob.

[Dr. Zornberg](#) is a scholar of English literature and of Torah and rabbinic literature. She weaves together ancient and modern perspectives to bring sacred texts to life. She is the author of several extraordinary books.

At Chochmat HaLev,  
2215 Prince Street, Berkeley

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## Youth Art Show Opening Reception



**Sunday, May 21, 2-5pm**

Come join us for the opening reception of our Youth Art show in the Fireside Art Gallery! We have invited students from Kehilla School, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program, and alumni up to the age of 18 to share an art piece they've created with the rest of our community. The show will feature pieces by artists ages 8-18, as well as a collaborative piece by the 2016-17 Kehilla School students.

We hope you can join us for this celebration of youthful creativity and artistry!

The show will be on display from May 8-July 1.

In the Fireside Room

Please consider paying a voluntary tax to support the indigenous Ohlone people of the East Bay through the

[Sogorea Te Land Trust](#)

<http://sogoreate-landtrust.com/>



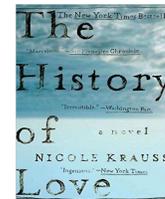
Paying this tax is a way to honor the Ohlone ancestors and current residents who are an intimate part of the land we now call home.

The Shuumi Land Tax directly supports the Sogorea Te Land Trust's work to acquire and preserve land, establish a cemetery to reinter stolen Ohlone ancestral remains and build a community center and round house so current and future generations of Indigenous people can thrive in the Bay Area.

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## Book Discussion Group

**Monday, May 8, 7pm**



***The History of Love***

by Nicole Krauss

A long-lost book reappears, mysteriously connecting an old man searching for his son and a girl seeking a cure for her widowed mother's loneliness.

Leo Gursky taps his radiator each evening to let his upstairs neighbor know he's still alive. But it wasn't always like this: in the Polish village of his youth, he fell in love and wrote a book...Sixty years later and half a world away, fourteen-year-old Alma, who was named after a character in that book, undertakes an adventure to find her namesake and save her family.

In the Heschel Room

## Pop Up Shabbat is Back!

Food trucks and Shabbat fun in the Temescal

At "Bites Off Broadway" outside the Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street, Oakland

Friday evenings: May 12, June 9, July 21, and August 11  
6:30pm: Shabbat blessings (Food trucks open at 5:30)

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. Come meet our neighbors, make new friends, and jump into the street party with our Jew flag proudly flying.



*Dear Beloved Kehilla Community,*

I hope you will join me on May 13, 2017 at 10:00 am when I am called to the Torah as I become Bat Mitzvah, with Sharon Grodin, Hazzan Shulamit, Julie Nesnansky, Debbie Fier. Please join the celebration.

Kiddush luncheon to follow.

B'shalom,  
Shoshana Finacom

### Kehilla School Graduation



**Thurs., May 25, 5-6pm**

In the Kehilla Sanctuary.  
All are welcome.

### The Voice, The Word and The Act of Singing as Jewish Practice with Maya Raviv

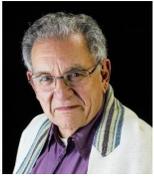


**Thurs., May 25, 7:00 PM**

Join Maya Raviv as she shares a fascinating perspective on the brilliant design of Jewish prayer as a tool for embodying the most profound commandment in Judaism: Conscious Oneness with the Divine. The evening will include shared prayer singing and a participatory lecture and group discussion. To listen to Maya's music please visit: [www.mayaraviv.com](http://www.mayaraviv.com)

\$10-20 donation appreciated. No one turned away.

In the Sanctuary



# On the Origins of Kehilla

by Rabbi Burt Jacobson

*Note: This is the twelfth of an ongoing series of personal essays on the beginnings of Kehilla. Each article shares the origins of one or more of the ideals and/or values that motivated me to start Kehilla. The essays are adapted from the manuscript of the book I have now completed, **There is Only One Love: The Ba'al Shem Tov in the Modern World.***

## World Peace

It was the early 1980s and the world was on fire. The governments of Guatemala and El Salvador were persecuting their own citizens in horrific ways. And President Reagan was openly backing the Contra rebels against the popular Marxist Sandinista government in Nicaragua. Four million drought victims in Ethiopia desperately needed humanitarian aid. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict was raging. Israel had invaded Lebanon in 1982 and, with the complicity of Ariel Sharon, Israel's defense minister; Phalangist Christian forces had entered two Palestinian refugee camps, slaughtering the occupants. The following year a public inquiry by the Israeli government found Sharon personally responsible for the massacres.

Soon after Ronald Reagan was elected in 1980, he began rattling his saber at the "evil empire," the Soviet Union. He was actively advocating for the development of his bizarre "Star Wars" anti-ballistic missile system, which would be located in space. Many of us were afraid that the president might instigate a nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory—one of the two facilities that were designing America's nuclear arsenal—is located less than forty miles from Oakland, where my first wife, Jonika Mountainfire, and I were living. Jonika decided to become an anti-nuclear activist and invited me to join her. We underwent non-violence training through the Livermore Action Group and we engaged in the frequent protests at the Lab, marching onto government property, getting arrested and being sent to the Santa Rita prison. There, we would organize the Jewish protestors and lead them in prayer and ritual. We once conducted a Passover seder outside of the Livermore Lab. The following year I received official permission to conduct a seder for sixty women—Jewish and Non-Jewish—who were being held in the county jail for trespassing onto government property.

Jonika and I decided to start a Jewish protest organization that we called Shomrei Shalom: the Jewish Anti-Nuclear Coalition of the Bay. We helped organize demonstrations and we marched with signs that read "Jews Against the Bomb," and "No Nuclear Holocaust!" I spoke in public venues about the Jewish value of peacemaking and about the necessity of halting the nuclear buildup, drawing on Abraham Heschel's writings about the danger of nuclear war.

Many progressives were terribly scared that Reagan might win a second term in 1984. The members of Shomrei Shalom decided that they needed to put all of their activist energy into defeating the incumbent president and electing the democratic candidate, Walter Mondale. This was a real dilemma for me. I felt that we needed to continue our struggle against the government's preparation for nuclear war. Nevertheless, the coalition fell apart.

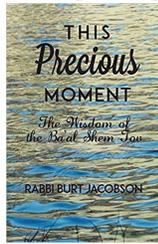
Of course, Reagan won the election, carrying forty-nine states. As I thought about what had occurred it seemed to me that political organizations that were based on single issues would have a difficult time sustaining themselves in for the long haul. This was another reason to establish a politically progressive synagogue, a congregation that would be dedicated to spiritual and moral ideals.

Daniel Ellsberg is an American activist and former United States military analyst who, while employed by the Rand Corporation, precipitated a national political controversy in 1971 when he released the Pentagon Papers, a top-secret Pentagon study of U.S. government decision-making in relation to the Vietnam War, to The New York Times and other newspapers. I met Dan in the county jail where we were both incarcerated for trespassing onto the grounds of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The first Kehilla High Holy Day services took place in the Fall of 1983. I invited Dan Ellsberg to speak on Yom Kippur day. He agreed, but he was unable to do so because he had to be in Germany for disarmament discussions. But Dan's wife, Patricia, gave a very inspirational talk.

I had signup sheets at the door of those High Holy Day services for people who were interested in the creation of a spiritually-oriented, politically progressive synagogue. The energy I had put into anti-nuclear activism now went to creating a vision for Kehilla Community Synagogue. The first meeting of interested folks met in June of 1984.

## New Release Book Party & Signing



**Sunday, May 21, 3:00pm**

Come join Rabbi Burt Jacobson for his new book release and book signing: *This Precious Moment: The Wisdom of the Ba'al Shem Tov*. This compelling book provides a short introduction to the wisdom teaching of the Ba'al Shem Tov. The author's hope is that the teachings and insights found in and between the lines of print in this book will open the reader, not only to an appreciation of the gifts of the Ba'al Shem Tov, but even more to the wonders hidden in each precious moment.

At Afikomen Judaica,  
3042 Claremont Ave., Berkeley

## *Mazel Tov*

To new grandfather **Avi Rose**, whose daughter Aarin gave birth to Dashiell Carter Spiegelman on April 17!



## Shavuot All-Nighter!! “Tikkun Leyl Shavuot” Tuesday-Wednesday, May 30-31 6pm-7am!



A community-wide all night event where a rainbow of different Jewish groups from Orthodox to Renewal gather for an entire night of simultaneous 45-minute study sessions (almost none require any Hebrew) with many many different teachers across the spectrum. Rabbi David and Rabbi Burt teach there every year.

Traditionally, the holiday of Shavuot was celebrated by an all-night vigil where the participants studied together until the time of morning prayers. 28 years ago, most of the East Bay synagogues, along with Jewish schools and university programs began this annual program that starts this year at 6:00pm on Tuesday night and ends at 7:00am on Wednesday morning. A variety of classes and workshops are available every hour, and coffee, tea and snacks are available all-night.

This is a unique program that is not duplicated (as yet) anywhere in the world and here it is available in our own backyard.

There are special sessions for teens (who also participate in the adult stuff too).

**Childcare:** Parents must provide bedding and pre-register their child(ren) online by Thursday, May 25th.

For more information and to register go to the Kehilla website calendar.

# The Kehilla Annual Retreat!

July 14-16, 2017



In Bort Meadow,  
Anthony Chabot Regional Park

**Come for the day or stay for the weekend — you choose!**

We will be relaxing and eating and schmoozing and attending services and play shops and napping under the trees.

**New members!** This is the best way ever to take that next step into the heart of our community.

**Campers!** It's the highlight of our camping families so come join. New to camping? Help awaits you.

**School Families!** The school will be organizing lots of ways for our kids and their families to be especially wanted (and needed) – a very amazing skit for the talent show; perfect games and activities for active young 'uns seeking a huge meadow in which to be far away and yet not out of sight; s'mores; campfire; and, especially, friends from Kehilla School.

## RETREAT PRICES

Full day program for Adults: Kehilla Members - \$45 each; General Public - \$55

Full day program for Children: Kehilla Members - \$20 each; General Public - \$30

Camping Friday and/or Saturday night: Kehilla Members - \$15 per tent/per night;  
General Public - \$ 25 per tent/per night

For more info go to Kehilla's website calendar.

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## Thank You for Your Generosity

### Annual Fund

Joan Lee  
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## May 2017

### Please remember that all events are scent-free.

Mon., May 1, 7pm. **Queer Torah Class.** With Jenna Stover-Kemp and Rabbi Dev Noily. Social Hall

Tues., May 2, 7:30pm. **Middle East Peace Committee Meeting.** Fireside Room

Wed., May 3, 7:50am. **Morning Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview) Doors open at 7:50 a.m., short teaching at 7:55 a.m., silent sit from 8:00 - 8:30, Mourner's Kaddish and announcements at 8:30.

Wed. May 3, 6:30pm. **Kehilla Annual Community Meeting.** Kehilla's board, staff, spiritual leaders and committee chairs invite you to join us at our annual gathering and celebration of the community. Sanctuary  
**6:30pm** – Schmoozing and Snacks  
**7:00–9:00pm** – Congregational Gathering  
Learn about the state of the congregation, share our successes, and appreciate our congregational leadership and think about our hopes and goals for the coming year. And toss in some fun, music and food as well! PLEASE JOIN US! (See p. 2 for details).

Thurs., May 4, 4-6pm. **Kehilla School.** Please enter through the kitchen door.

Fri., May 5, 6:30pm. **Kabbalat Chai Shabbat** - Housing Sabbath for 6:30 Potluck Dinner; 7:30 Service and Kiddush. Join us for a celebratory Shabbat dinner and a musically rich, soulful evening of spirited and contemplative prayer. We join with East Bay Housing Organizations and sacred communities across the East Bay to kick off "Affordable Housing Week," welcome guest speakers Pastor Demetrius Barnett from EBHO and Rabbi Shifra Tobacman, and lift up housing as a human right and spiritual mandate. Services led by Hazzan Shulamit, Debbie Fier, Julie Nesnansky, and Jenna Stover-Kemp. (See p. 2 for details).

Sat., May 6, 10:30am. **Shabbat Service** with Sharon Grodin and Julie Nesnansky. Kiddush will follow the service. Bring veggy finger-food to share

Sat., May 6, 10:30am. **Tot Morning Shabbat.** With a special emphasis on babies and children up to 3 and their grown-ups - but children up to 5 are welcome! Led by Jen Miriam Kantor, Alon Altman and Jen's puppet friends. Gather for songs, prayers, and stories and end with challah and grape juice and bring a snack to share if you'd like.

Sun., May 7, 9am. **Joyfully Jewish for Kindergarteners.** Back Classroom, Main Floor.

Sun., May 7, 7pm. **Dr. Avivah Zornberg.** Join us as we co-sponsor this event at Chochmat HaLev as Dr. Zornberg speaks on *Isaac: Blindness and Blessing*. Dr. Zornberg is a scholar of English literature and of Torah and rabbinic literature. She weaves together ancient and modern perspectives to bring sacred texts to life. She is the author of several extraordinary books. Location: At Chochmat HaLev, 2215 Prince Street, Berkeley (see p. 3 for details)

Mon., May 8, 7pm. **Book Discussion Group.** We will discuss *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. All Kehilla members welcome. Heschel Room. (See p. 3 for details).

Mon., May 8, 7pm. **Queer Torah Class.** With Jenna Stover-Kemp and Rabbi Dev Noily. Social Hall

Wed., May 10, 7:50am. **Morning Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview) Doors open at 7:50 a.m., short teaching at 7:55 a.m., silent sit from 8:00 - 8:30, Mourner's Kaddish and announcements at 8:30.

Thurs., May 11, 4-6pm. **Kehilla School.** Please enter through the kitchen door.

Fri., May 12, 6:30pm. There **will not** be a Peace Walk with Kehilla in East Oakland this month.

Fri., May 12, 6:30pm. **POP-UP Shabbat!** At "Bites off Broadway," outside the Studio One Art Center, 365 45th Street, Oakland (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. (See p. 4 for details).

Sat., May 13, 10:00am. **Shabbat Service and Adult Bat Mitzvah Celebration of Shoshana Finacom** with Sharon Grodin, Hazzan Shulamit, Julie Nesnansky, Debbie Fier, and Bracha Stone. Please join us as we celebrate Shabbat and Shoshana's simcha. Shoshana and her family are providing Kiddush. (see p. 4 for details)

Sun., May 14, 11am-12pm. **Protest at the Richmond Immigration Detention Center.** Please join us for the "Let Our People Go" program—it's only for ONE HOUR—on the second Sunday of every month from 11am–12pm. Bring noisemakers so we can let the detainees know we have not forgotten them. Inspired by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity's monthly vigils, we want to help amplify their work. For more information: [letourpeoplego@kehillasynagogue.org](mailto:letourpeoplego@kehillasynagogue.org)

Mon., May 15, 7pm. **Queer Torah Class.** With Jenna Stover-Kemp and Rabbi Dev Noily. Social Hall

Wed., May 17, 7:50am. **Morning Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview) Doors open at 7:50 a.m., short teaching at 7:55 a.m., silent sit from 8:00 - 8:30, Mourner's Kaddish and announcements at 8:30.

Wed. May 17, 6:30pm. **Economic Justice Committee Meeting.** Buber Room

Thurs., May 18, 4-6pm. **Kehilla School.** Please enter through the kitchen door.

Thurs., May 18, 6:30pm. **Greening Committee Meeting.** Fireside Room.

Fri., May 19, 1:30pm. **Art Committee Meeting.** Back Classroom, Main Floor.

Fri., May 19, 7:30pm. **Kabbalat Shabbat** with Hazzan Shulamit, Julie Nesnansky, and Beth Dickinson. Join us to light Shabbat candles and for a song-filled and soulful evening of spirited and contemplative prayer. Kiddush follows the service. Bring veggie finger-food or dessert to share.

Sat., May 20, 10am. **Shabbat Service and Maizie Cline becoming Bat Mitzvah** with Avi Rose, Hazzan Shulamit, Rabbi Carol Caine, Debbie Fier, and Lisa Zeiler. Join us as we celebrate Shabbat and Maizie's simcha, the first of the 2017 B'nei Mitzvah class! Kiddush provided by Maizie's parents, Jen Corn & Sarah Cline.

Sun., May 21, 9am. **Joyfully Jewish for Kindergarteners.** Back Classroom, Main Floor.

Sun., May 21, 2pm. **Youth Art Show Opening Reception.** Come join us for the opening reception of our Youth Art show in the Fireside Art Gallery! We have invited students from Kehilla School, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program, and alumni up to the age of 18 to share an art piece they've created with the rest of our community. (See p. 3 for details).

Sun., May 21, 3pm. **New Release Book Party & Signing with Rabbi Burt Jacobson** for his book: *This Precious Moment: The Wisdom of the Ba'al Shem Tov* at Afikomen Judaica, 3042 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. (See p. 6 for details).

Mon., May 22, 7pm. **Queer Torah Class.** With Jenna Stover-Kemp and Rabbi Dev Noily. Last class of the series. Social Hall

Tues., May 23, 6:45pm. (Dinner at 6:15pm) **Board of Trustees Meeting.** All members are welcome. Fireside Room.

Wed., May 24, 7:50am. **Morning Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview) Doors open at 7:50 a.m., short teaching at 7:55 a.m., silent sit from 8:00 - 8:30, Mourner's Kaddish and announcements at 8:30.

Wed., May 24, 7pm. **An Evening with the Ba'al Shem Tov: A class with Rabbis Burt Jacobson & Cynthia Hoffman.** Back Classroom, Main Floor.

Thurs., May 25, 5-6pm. **Kehilla School Graduation.** Sanctuary

Thurs., May 25, 7pm. **The Voice, The Word and The Act of Singing as Jewish Practice with Maya Raviv.** Join Maya Raviv as she shares a fascinating perspective on the brilliant design of Jewish prayer as a tool for embodying the most profound commandment in Judaism: Conscious Oneness with the Divine. Explore voice as a tool to connect with the divine presence, music as a tool to awaken emotional energy, and word as a tool to beckon the energy of creation. The evening will include shared prayer singing and a participatory lecture and group discussion. In the Sanctuary. (See p. 4 for details).

Fri., May 26, 6:30pm. **Tot Shabbat**, for children up to 5 years old (or older if they enjoy it) and their grown-ups. Led by Jen Miriam Kantor, Alon Altman and Jen's puppet friends. Please bring a vegetarian potluck dish. In the Social Hall.

Sat., May 27, 10:30am. **Shabbat Service** with Rabbi David and Julie Nesnansky. We start the Book of Numbers. Chapter 3 describes God and Moses appointing the Levites for special responsibilities in regard to the sanctuary. Much later in Jewish history, it evolved that the common Jew became responsible for the equivalent duties of priest and Levite. What does that mean and how does it affect our spirituality? If you want to leyn, the aliyot are Numbers 3:1-3; Num 3:4-7; Num 3:8-10. Email Rabbi David if you are interested.

Kiddush will follow the service. Bring veggy finger-food to share.

Mon. May 29. **Kehilla Administrative Offices Closed for Memorial Day.**

Tues.-Wed., May 30-31, 6pm-7am! **Shavuot All-Nighter!!** A community-wide all night “Tikkun Leyl Shavuot” where a rainbow of different Jewish groups from Orthodox to Renewal gather for an entire night of simultaneous 45-minute study sessions with many, many different teachers across the spectrum. Rabbi David and Rabbi Burt teach there every year and Kehilla and the Aquarian Minyan usually do a late afternoon service before the action starts in full. There is no other community in the world that celebrates the holiday of Shavuot like we do it in the East Bay! Even those who stay up very very late are amazed how the 500-600 people who were there in the evening have only been reduced to 200 or so at 3:00AM. There are

special sessions for teens (who also participate in the adult stuff too). (See p. 6 for details).

Wed., May 31. **Kehilla Administrative Offices Closed for Shavuot.**

Wed., May 31, 7:50am. **Morning Meditation Sit** with Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview) Doors open at 7:50 a.m., short teaching at 7:55 a.m., silent sit from 8:00 - 8:30, Mourner’s Kaddish and announcements at 8:30.

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