

The San Diego Action Against Zero-Tolerance

Rabbi David's Report

It was a state-wide phone call of PICO clergy. Question? In order to have a significant protest for immigrants' rights, can we have a substantial showing of clergy and lay folk at the detention center near the California-Mexico border? When? Starting on Friday – and this was Wednesday! No way could I go on such short notice. But I listened as Rev. Ben McBride, co-chair of PICO California, spoke of how important this action was, how necessary it was – especially after Trump's executive order that was designed to lower the opposition to his zero-tolerance policy on border crossing. I thought a Jewish voice at the action was necessary.

Rabbi Dev said to be sure to maintain a presence on social media. I consulted with Maya Joshua at the office on tweeting and live streaming.

Rabbi Amy Eilberg, old friend and comrade, who is now the Jewish community person for PICO in Northern California was also going. We conferred on how to bring Shabbat into the interfaith space on Friday night and Saturday.

So on Friday the 22nd, I took the PICO bus from San Francisco that departed after a prayer gathering on the sidewalk outside St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in the Mission. Our arrival was delayed due to a flat tire that took a long time to get repaired. When we arrived at Our Lady Mount Carmel Catholic Church in San Ysidro it was just as a post-dinner prayer session was ending and the training for civil disobedience was beginning.

I elected to be available for arrest.

After a tough night sleeping on the church floor and a modest breakfast, we headed to Friendship



Park right on the border. This had once been an open space for US and Mexican citizens to mingle together. But a border wall was constructed in 1994. Now people on the two sides of the border can only talk through a thick mesh fence during just two two-hour periods on the weekend. We were there at such a time and saw a few people speaking through the barrier.

At an orientation back at the church we had a prayer session. I led the assembly in the prayer *Ozi v-Zimrat Yah* ("Yah is my strength and my song") and then we took cars and buses to a designated spot near the Otay Mesa Detention Center. It is much larger and more intimidating than our local West County Detention Center. OMDC is surrounded by high wire fences topped off by rolls of barbed wire. One has to pass through a guarded locked gate before you can reach the entrance to the building itself. We parked on a field about a half mile from this entrance and hiked in together. Somewhere between 1000 and 2000 people converged on the entrance. As we walked we chanted. At two points we were asked to go completely silent, and we could hear those confined calling to us from the inside. Shouts of love and support in Spanish were called back to them by the crowd. [continued on page 2]

A short distance away, on the shoulder, a flatbed truck with sound amplification served as a stage. It was for an interfaith service we held right there. I was asked to speak.

I said to the effect: “The sign I’m wearing says, ‘This is what theology looks like.’ We are here because of how each of us hears the divine voice calling us.” I explained how the Torah demands that when people come to live with you in your land, that you are to treat them well, to leave them unmolested, and to love them as yourself. I added “This was written over 2500 years ago. It’s time the United States caught up with the Torah!” Loud cheers. I then decided that a short Hebrew prayer song was needed and I explained that the Shema meant that God was one, but that since we are all a “chip off the old divine block,” that we too must see ourselves as one. I asked that all who knew the Shema to chant its six words with me. One could hear voices throughout the crowd chanting the verse thus demonstrating the substantial Jewish presence. And after all, it was Shabbat and this plus our “leg-prayer” would have to be our Shabbat service.

Those electing to do civil disobedience (CD) and risking arrest gathered at the gate to block it. Time passed. The sheriff’s representative tried to get us to move away by claiming that a group of visitors could not leave through our gate while we were present. We reaffirmed that we were nonviolent and that we certainly would not block any people visiting those incarcerated from leaving. Finally, the deputy relented and visitors left and some actually joined our support crowd beyond the gates.

We were told of a problem the sheriff’s office was having. For the large number of folk doing CD, the officers would have to bring in a bus or two which would take a long time, or they could bring in a van quickly to take 10 of us and quickly process. The

leadership asked for guidance and a consensus from the CD group. We were not very concerned about the extra time. But after considering several issues and also calculating the cost to PICO of our bail (in the low five-figure range), we decided the arrest of ten representatives would be effective enough. But who? The group should contain people of different religious groupings and include African-Americans, Latinx, younger and older folk. I and Rabbi Chaim Schneider, a friend from Santa Cruz, were the Jewish part. With the other eight, we awaited the quick arrival of the van. But didn’t come.

We then learned that a completely different group that did not share our discipline of nonviolent resistance had set down to block the access road to the Center. The arrest van could not get through. After almost an hour, and a report of a physical altercation at that other action, we decided as a collective that we would not stay for the protracted period before we could be arrested and we did not want our arrests to be seen as part of the other group’s action. We had already driven our point home and left having accomplished our purpose along with the thousands of others demonstrating along other borders that day.

In the face of the continued incarceration by Trump’s policies of so many people simply seeking to save their lives or to escape intolerable conditions at home—largely the result of the effects of US imperialist activities—we need to step forward and do what we can to resist. It is what our history and our compassions call us to do.

Check the Kehilla and my Facebook page for the videos I took during the day of the action. Also, the most accurate report in the press is from the Times of San Diego. See [No Estas Solo article](#) in the Time of San Diego online. The J Weekly says as of this writing that they will cover this action as well.

It’s Time to Renew Your Kehilla Membership!

The primary contact for your household received an email with a link to your membership renewal form! Please look out for the email and complete your form at your earliest convenience! For paper copies or any questions contact Maya at 510-547-2424 x 106 or maya@kehillasynagogue.org.

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Transitions: A Message from Sandra Razieli

Dear Kehilla Community,

As many of you know, I moved to Maui a year ago but have continued to direct the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program with the amazing assistance of Youth Programs Coordinator Natalie Boskin. Beginning July 1, Rabbi Gray Myrseth will be taking over my role. Over the course of several months, Rabbi Gray and I have been working together behind the scenes to prepare for this transition. I am thrilled to be passing on the leadership of the program to such capable hands. Rabbi Gray’s knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm is exactly what this program needs to continue to grow and thrive. Rabbi Gray will be assisted by Natalie Boskin and I’ll continue to be available for consultation.

This is a bittersweet moment for me as I have been on staff at Kehilla for many years. In the fall of 2000, I was a graduate student looking for a little side work. Someone told me that Kehilla School was looking for teachers. At that time I was teaching a university class on modern Jewish identities. I loved being Jewish and had a good knowledge of Jewish

subjects but I never enjoyed participating in Jewish institutions. That changed the moment I walked into Kehilla; I felt it was a place where I, along with my questions and concerns about socio-political matters, would be welcome. Since that time, I’ve served as an educator, Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program Director and Spiritual Leader. It’s been a supreme joy to have helped guide hundreds of people to go through powerful life passages. Thank you!

I plan to stay in Maui for an indefinite period of time. While I live far away, I still feel very much part of Kehilla and am proud to be a lifelong member. I cherish the connections that I have made over the years and I look forward to continued connections. I invite you to follow my work as a movement educator and hear stories about Maui through my website www.raziyoga.com. You can also sign up here to receive short videos and blogs. I also welcome questions about Maui. Come visit!

With Aloha,
Sandra Razieli

An Important Invitation

We are forming affinity groups at Kehilla for people to think more about race and racism in our lives and community. The groups are: Jews of Color, white people, white parents of kids of Color, parents of Color and multiracial parents, and Jews of Sephardi and Mizrahi descent. Please follow the link on the homepage of the Kehilla website to sign up.

Save the Dates in August!

1st and 3rd Friday Kabbalat Shabbat returns August 3rd and August 17th
Morning + Evening Tot Shabbat returns August 4th and Aug 24th (New earlier time TBA)
Elul Chai Shabbat on Saturday, August 18-- not to be missed!

The Jewish Roots of Kehilla's Values: Martin Buber, Part 1

by Rabbi Burt Jacobson

In this series of articles I offer readers some background history on the Jewish sources of the values and ideals that motivated me to develop the vision that became Kehilla Community Synagogue. Past installments focused on the life and thought of Abraham Joshua Heschel. In this four-part series, I turn to the legacy of Martin Buber for our community. Buber was a renaissance man: philosopher, scholar, theologian, cultural anthropologist, Bible translator and radical social critic. He was arguably the most well-known Jewish religious philosopher of the twentieth century.

As I thought about the congregation I was planning to start during the late 1970s, I knew that it would have to be as much an actual community as a synagogue. I felt that the modern synagogue had become a membership organization rather than a true community, and I wanted to transform that pattern. My vision derived from my experiences as a member of a number of alternative communities in both the general and the Jewish counter cultures. But my thinking was confirmed and deepened through my study of Martin Buber's religious philosophy.

Buber's concern about community derived from his understanding of human relationships. His most famous book, *I and Thou*, was published almost one hundred years ago, in 1923. He wrote that when an individual relates to another person in a fully open way, they are engaging in what he called an "I-Thou" or "I-You" encounter. The hyphen that connects I and you is crucial. We are not totally independent entities, Buber contended. Our authenticity as individuals lies in our

interconnectedness with one another: "All real living is meeting," he declared. And for Buber it is through authentic I-You encounters that we come to encounter the "Eternal You," Buber's name for God. What he meant was that we find the divine in and through the richness of our connections with one another.

Buber contrasted the "I-You" relationship with what he called the "I-It" relationship. When an individual is concerned chiefly with his or her own benefit, that person will then use others for their own ends. The other person becomes merely an "It," an object who is there to fulfill my needs. Buber writes that human society cannot exist without I-It relationships, but when the I-It becomes the dominant mode of relating, as it has in the modern world, the result is the severe alienation witnessed in our world today.

Of course, members of communities engage in both I-You and I-It encounters. But in authentic spiritual communities, members consciously foster I-You relationships with one another, creating a web of connections. And yet, Buber wrote, a genuine community is more than the sum of its I-You relationships. Every authentic community has a center which provides ultimate meaning to the members of the community. And those members have a common relation to that center overriding all other relations. He stressed that this center must be open to the light of something divine. He suggested that such communities allowed for the increased prospect of genuine I-You encounters and relationships in which people would exhibit openness, trust and mutuality.

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Liturgically Traditional, Radically Inclusive Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, July 13th, 7-8:30pm

Join us for a more traditional davenning style of Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv, the Shabbat evening service, songful and in Hebrew, following the full liturgy. Co-led by SAM Luckey and Arielle Tonkin, with a dvar Torah from Binya Koatz. Kiddush and light oneg after the service. Sponsored by Kehilla and Glitter Kehilla.

In the Fireside Room.



The Jewish Roots of Kehilla's Values: Martin Buber, Part 1 [continued from page 4]

The new intentional Jewish spiritual communities of the late 1960s and 1970s were attempting to renew the reality of authentic community. Worship on Shabbat, sacred study and acts of kindness were, of course, primary activities. But the havurot and minyanim of the Jewish counter culture aimed to become family-like entities where individuals would come to know, love, and trust one another, where people would share their joys and griefs, and receive support from one another when it was needed. Of course, this ideal was not always carried out in practice; nonetheless, these experiments did represent attempts at creating caring community in Buber's sense.

Buber's thought also influenced the educational philosophy of Kehilla. I loved kids, and when I started the Bar/Bat Mitzvah program in 1978, I wanted the classroom to be a place where students

and teachers could develop genuine I-You relationships. If you've ever witnessed a teacher attempting to teach a class of 20 or 30 twelve year olds, and having to contend with the behavior problems that erupt in such a potentially explosive atmosphere, you will understand why the class size in our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program is usually limited to two students and a single teacher. Such a structure makes it possible to treat every student with love and respect, and it allows for the development of warmth and intimacy in the classroom.

When I considered different names for the congregation, I came up with the designation "Kehilla Community-Synagogue." The hyphen was important to me. Kehilla would not be organized as a synagogue in the conventional sense; it would be both a community and a synagogue.

Kehilla's Annual Retreat: Celebrate Shabbat at Lake Temescal

July 21st, from 10 am - 5pm

Join us to worship, pray, play, and build community!

The Day's Order of Events:

10am Gather for Shabbat Service

10:15 – 12:30 Shabbat Service and Children's activities

12:30 – 1:15 Lunch (catered, included in ticket)

1:30 – 2:45 Playshops Session A

3-4:15 Playshops Session B

4:15 pm Closing Ritual

Address: Lake Temescal Regional Park, 6500 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94618

Playshops:

Biblical "Truth" & the Creation Story with Rabbi David | Sketching from Nature with Leah Korican

Family-friendly Botany Hike and Sensory Meditation with Naomi Stein

Prayerful Images with Chinabear Joseph and Sue Kearney | Rhythm & Jews with Debbie Fier

Learn New Songs/Tunes with Hazzan Shulamit and SAM Luckey | Talmud with Rabbi Gray

And

Visit Kehilla's Greening Committee Table at the retreat!

Learn more about the committee and its activities on page 7

Piedmont City Council Approves Sanctuary Resolution

by Julie Litwin

Several Kehilla members were present at the Piedmont City Council meeting on June 4th to witness the unanimous vote of the council in favor of a resolution declaring Piedmont to be a sanctuary city. The issue was hotly debated prior to the council meeting, generating numerous letters and calls to the council. Kehilla members joined the effort to mobilize supporters in Piedmont, and we were able to assist by sharing helpful information with those writing emails or planning to speak at the meeting. Rabbi Dev represented Kehilla at the city council meeting and spoke eloquently in favor

of the resolution. Although Piedmont's current policies already conform to what is required by the California Values Act (SB54) and will remain unchanged by the resolution, the public declaration of sanctuary sends an important message of caring and inclusivity to those who live or work in Piedmont. By passing this resolution, Piedmont joins the other six municipalities in California's 13th congressional district that have already enacted sanctuary policies. Kehilla is thrilled to be a part of a new sanctuary city!

Open Mind Open Heart - Exploring Class Dynamics in our Kehilla Community Sunday, October 7th, 1-5pm

This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn together, raise awareness and become more comfortable talking about class in our amazing and diverse Kehilla community. More info to come, but please save the date!

Nourishing Ourselves Wisely with Qigong: An Introductory Series with Diana Lion

Tuesdays, Aug 14, 21, 28, Sept 4 – 6:30-8:30 PM in the Fireside Room

Come join us for a 4-week relaxing Qigong class series. Qigong is an embodied form of meditation, which acts on all aspects of the body, mind, spirit, and life force. This series is a wonderful way to nourish ourselves as we address what's happening in the wider world, as well as help us prepare for the upcoming High Holy Days.

Diana will be teaching several methods to support harmonizing all aspects of our beings. They combine movement with an alive stillness. These methods are helpful for people looking for more energy and vitality; less anxiety and worry; more clarity; and increased ease/sense of relaxed

wellbeing. They can also be used to support other healing modalities we are using for specific health conditions.

These methods can be modified for people of all abilities. They can be done in sitting, lying, and standing postures. They are simple, enjoyable, and effective.

This is suitable for people with NO Qigong experience, or who have studied in other Qigong traditions.

For more information about Diana and this class series, please email maya@kehillasynagogue.org

Please help Talya Husbands-Hankin support our homeless population by donating blankets, tarps, tents and men's socks to be distributed to homeless folks in the area.

Please, no clothing and no babies' / children's gear. We have a box located right by the Sanctuary door. It continues to be a pressing need.



Join Kehilla's Greening Committee

Visit us at July 21st Retreat Lunch-Time Tabling!

Kehilla's Greening Committee meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The Committee has been meeting for over 10 years and is always excited to take on new environmental projects. Please bring your issue or proposed project to us and consider working with us on it. Our proud accomplishments include adding a bike rack and solar panels to Kehilla's building, and working with other community organizations to bring Alameda County's Community Choice Energy program—East Bay Clean Energy—to fruition. Come to our Retreat table on July 21st and find out more about East Bay Clean Energy's launch in November and how you can make the most of it

in your home. Our other activities have included holding voter information nights and debates on crucial issues, such as what climate and fire-prevention policies to support, as well as participating in innumerable marches and letter-writing campaigns. We use each project as an opportunity to protect the environment and to build community at Kehilla and beyond. We keep each other informed about the many outside groups we participate in and seek out as partners. Your energy and enthusiasm can find a home with us. We look forward to meeting you! Please contact us at greening@kehillasynagogue.org.

Stories of Loss & Destruction - a Multifaith Ceremony

Saturday, July 21st, 7pm at the Richmond West County Detention Facility

We come from so many different stories and histories of trauma and loss. Sharing these stories and listening to each other, we heal and build connection. July 21 is the Jewish holy day of Tisha B'Av, a day of mourning and fasting to remember the communal losses of our people.

The West County Detention Facility in Richmond incarcerates both immigrants without papers and people caught in the prison-industrial complex. It has become a site of protest and pilgrimage to resist the gears of oppression that grind in our own neighborhoods.

This year, we gather here with people of all backgrounds to share, to grieve, to resist and to build something better. 7:00 pm - Community / multifaith story-sharing and witness | 8:00 pm ish - Candlelight Tisha B'Av service with chanting of Lamentations/ Eicha

July Book Discussion Group: *Judas* by Amos Oz Monday, July 9th, 7-9pm

All Kehilla members are welcome to join us for our customary meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7pm in the Fireside Room.

**Please note that the June Kol Kehilla mistakenly listed July's book. The June selection was The Last Flight of Poxl West by Daniel Torday. August's book will be The English Teacher by Daniel Atir.*

A reading list of past book group favorites:

Dean, Debra- Madonnas of Leningrad | Diamant, Anita- Boston Girl | Diamant, Anita- Day After Night | Doerr, Anthony- All the Light We Cannot See | Englander, Nathan - What We Talk About | Epstein, Joseph- Fabulous Small Jews | Feniger, Mani- Woman in the Photograph | Ford, Richard- Canada | Franklin, Ariana -Mistress of the Art of Death | Gary, Romain- Life Before Us | Gershman, Norman - Besa: Muslims who Saved Jews | Ghosh, Amitav- In an Antique Land | Godwin, Peter- When a Crocodile Eats the Sun | Goldstein, Rebecca- 36 Arguments Existence of God | Goldstein, Rebecca- Betraying Spinoza | Goodman, Allegra - Cookbook Collector | Goodman, Allegra- Intuition | Goodman, Allegra- Kaaterskill Falls | Grossman, David - To the End of the Land

Your vision of TRUTH

Kehilla's Art Committee

Calling all artists! We are excited to be putting together this year's High Holy Days art exhibit reflecting the New Year's theme of TRUTH. As the spiritual leadership team explains:

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Psalm 51:8

The Days of Awe bring us together in a community of spiritual practice that celebrates truth-seeking. We seek deeper understanding of the truth of our own experience and relationships. We seek to align ourselves with the moral and spiritual truths of our world. We seek courage in community to face the truths of our lives that can lead us toward greater wholeness. The many Jewish names for G-d can be understood as our attempts, bound by the limits of our language and consciousness, to name the shared, ongoing truths of our world. Seeking and being with truth is how we understand ourselves, each other and our world.

The spiritual practice of the Days of Awe is itself an act of resistance — especially in these times. The three great themes of the shofar service direct us toward truth. Malchuyot calls us to come face-to-face with the power of truth; Zichronot calls us to internalize it in our memory; and Shofarot demands that we proclaim it publicly. By practicing together, we strengthen our muscles for discerning truth, we grow our capacity to recognize and name what is untrue, and we build our courage to speak truth to power.

Any two dimensional piece you create, or have created in the past that resonates in your heart as a reflection of this year's theme will be considered for

the exhibit. We can guarantee that at least one will be hung. Feel free to be creative in your interpretation!

As in the past, we will display artwork in the Fireside Room and in other areas of our synagogue to deepen our connection to this sacred, contemplative time and to each other. Please keep in mind that the Fireside Room is used for worship by Kehilla and other congregations in the community. It is also used for children's classes and as a space for yoga and meditation. With that in mind, we hope to create a show that will complement these activities and enhance our space with works of artistic quality and thoughtful integrity as we usher in 5779. We look forward to your participation!

Some Details:

- Please submit images of your work, identify the medium, and include framed size (width and height) to rolken@yahoo.com and Helayne.waldman@comcast.net by July 20, 2018. You may submit more than one image and we will attempt to hang as many as possible. At least one piece per artist will be displayed.
- All work must come ready to hang.
- Receiving deadline and hanging guidelines to follow.
- The show will be on display beginning on September 7, 2018 and the reception will be held on September 15 from 3:00-5:00 p.m..

Please contact rolken@yahoo.com and Helayne.waldman@comcast.net with any questions

Grief & Growing: A healing weekend for bereaved individuals and families November 30-December 2

This is a weekend program for adults, children, teens, families of all kinds, and friends who are experiencing grief from recent or past losses in their life. To learn more, call 415-750-3436 or visit www.jewishhealingcenter.org

An Interview with Avi Brooks

Photo and Story by Bill Lazarus

Kehilla member Avi Brooks finds connection to his Jewish and African American identities in the music of Passover seders and spirituals. “We say at seders, “Next year in Jerusalem, Brooks says, adding, “Black people in spirituals have said for hundreds of years, “We will see Zion.”

Avi, an avid science fiction fan and a professor at Cal State/Hayward, has grounding in different worlds and an ongoing involvement in Afrofuturism. He says Afrofuturism “combines science fiction and fantasy to re-examine how the future is currently imagined and to re-construct futures-thinking with a deeper insight into the black experience.” Avi adds the study helps “increase people’s awareness of their own public imaginations.”

Avi co-produces and creates a podcast on Afrofuturism (The Afrofuturist Podcast on iTunes with Ahmed Best). In His engaging, friendly manner Avi offers idea after idea that startle, amaze, and bemuse. He is is intrigued by new forms of storytelling built on “augmented reality” where holograms are added to views of the real world,

enabling viewers to interact with both.

It’s a field that parallels, in a fashion, Avi’s personal experience. He grew up “partially sighted” in Los Angeles, and long relied on computers to help him connect to the world and his imagination. His world tied to those of his mother, a secular Ashkenazi Jew whose grandfather escaped from the Ukraine in 1902 to avoid being drafted for the Russo-Japanese War. His great grandmother left her Russian village for a day only to return to find that her whole village was destroyed in a pogrom.



His grandmother, who wrote down family history, lived in Brooklyn with her husband, until the U.S. Food and Drug Administration transferred him to California. His mother attended Fairfax High School. [continued on page 10]

B’nei Mitzvah on the Horizon!

Dear Kehilla community,

You are invited to join us at the following Shabbat morning services as these amazing 7th graders become Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Some of us may feel a little hesitant about coming to a Shabbat service when a young person we do not know personally is becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Please be assured that having Kehilla community members present brings immense joy and liveliness to the service, which is greatly appreciated by the family and their young person. Furthermore, from the pride that the Bar/Bat Mitzvah families show while joining in the Kehilla community aliya to the Torah to the joyful way that the students dance with that day’s celebrant after they have finished chanting from the Torah, the power of these services reaches all who attend.

Please note that these services begin at 10am and please attend these (and all) services fragrance free.

The following Shabbat morning services will include the following young people becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah:

July 7 - Adil Zamora Kantor
July 14 - Lily Brown
July 28 - Eitan Camacho

An Interview with Avi Brooks [continued from page 9]

Avi's father was a black, Latino writer and creative thinker, who helped to produce a stage production of the play "Soul Alley" that examined the black experience in Vietnam. Avi recalls seeing the intense play produced on stage. His father also created a foundation for struggling black artists.

While Avi and his brother Jeff did not go to synagogue, he hung out at LA's Westside Jewish Community Center, and, "We grew up with a strong Jewish identity."

He recalls fondly doing skits on shabbat incorporating Beatles tunes. He also recalls identifying with the State of Israel, though, with its shift to the right, it seems to him more a Goliath than a David. In the wake of the war in Lebanon, Avi

recalls feeling conflicted about Israel and what it means to be Jewish.

When his daughter was born in 2006, Avi and his partner Jocelyn, who was born in the Phillipines, decided to raise her Jewish. They named her Amieh (pronounced a-mi-eh), after his grandfather Arthur and "ami" or "my people" in Hebrew.

Amieh is scheduled to have her bat mitzvah on June 29, 2019, just over one year after Avi's own bar mitzvah. Whatever develops, Avi will bring his own spirited creativity to the bimah. "My secret mission is to re-tell the Torah as science fiction," he says, adding, "Superman, to me, is just another retelling of King David."

Community Klezmer Workshops for Simchat Torah

[Note: You must attend at least 2 of the 4 workshops to play on Simchat Torah on October 12!]

We're planning another rockin Simchat Torah celebration at Kehilla on October 1, hopefully with YOU in the band! Once again the intrepid and fabulous teachers/band leaders Mike Perlmutter and Jeanette Lewicki will lead us into and through the experience, with a series of workshops leading up to the event. New players welcome! We will build on the repertoire from last year, adding some new tunes and work on strengthening our ensemble playing and klezmer style, playing off book at the event and as much as possible in the middle of the room with dancers swarming around us ecstatically. We'll work on the tunes by ear, but charts are available for many of the tunes, and you'll receive a Dropbox link for recordings to practice from. As was the case last year, we need to have at least 8 paying participants (\$25) committed in advance for each workshop so we can get our bandleaders paid. The workshop dates (7-9pm) are:

Monday Aug 6, Sunday Aug 19, Sunday August 26, Sunday Sept 23, Simchat Torah October 1

Cost: sliding scale \$20 - \$30/session. To register, follow the link on the digital copy or email maya@kehillasynagogue.org / (510) 547-2424. All sessions are at Kehilla, 1300 Grand Ave., Piedmont, 94610

Community Gathering to Celebrate Sandra Razieli

Monday, July 23rd, 6:30-8:30pm at Kehilla

After 16 years, Sandra Razieli is stepping down as the Director of Kehilla's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program. Sandra has been a gift to Kehilla. She has deepened and expanded an extraordinary Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program, one that has provided deep learning, meaning and Jewish connection to hundreds of teenagers and their families. The program has become a model for other synagogues across the country. She has built it with thoughtfulness, wisdom, creativity and care.

Sandra will be in from Hawaii and we will have the opportunity to celebrate her in person. Please email natalie@kehillasynagogue.org to RSVP. Dinner will be provided, but please bring a potluck dessert.

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July 2018 Event Listing

Please remember that all events are fragrance-free

Wed., July 4. **Kehilla Offices closed for the holiday.**

Wed., July 4, 7:50 am. **No Morning Meditation Sit** because of the holiday. Will recommence July 11th.

Fri., July 6. **No Kabbalat Shabbat.** First and Third Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services resume in August.

Sat., July 7, 10:00am-12:30 pm. **Shabbat Service and Adil Zamora Kantor becoming Bar Mitzvah.** With Rabbi David, Julie Nesnansky, and Rabbi Gray. Join us for a celebratory, musical Shabbat morning exploring Parashat Pinchas. Everyone is welcome! Kiddush provided by Adil's parents, Miriam & Carlos Zamora Kantor.

Sat., July 7. **No Tot Shabbat.** Morning and evening Tot Shabbat services resume in August.

Saturday, July 7, 2-4pm. **Working Class / Low Income Group Meeting.** We'll continue our discussion on changes we'd like to see at Kehilla, share some personal stories and work on planning the Oct. 7 community-wide workshop. Back Classroom.

Sun., July 8, 11am-noon. **Protest at the Richmond Immigration Detention Center.** Join Kehilla Immigration Committee and Our Family Coalition, FOR JUST ONE HOUR (11am-Noon). This is a multi-faith, accessible-for-all-ages action to call for an end to the detention/deportation and mass incarceration of our communities and neighbors. Bring signs and noisemakers to let those being interned—and forced to work—know we have not forgotten them. **Location:** the West County Detention, 5555 Giant Hwy, Richmond.

Mon., July 9, 7-9pm. **Book Discussion Group.** All Kehilla members are welcome. This month's book: *Judas* by Amos Oz. In the Fireside Room. *Note: June's Kol Kehilla mistakenly listed July's book. The June selection was *The Last Flight of Poxl West* by Daniel Torday (learn more on page 7)

Tues., July 10, 7:30-9pm. **Middle East Peace Committee Meeting.** Fireside Room.

Wed., July 11, 7:50 am. **Morning Meditation Sit, Fireside Room.** 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. Please enter through the patio off Fairview Avenue.

Thurs., July 12, 6:30-9pm. **Economic Justice Committee Meeting.** In the Fireside Room.

Fri., July 13, 7pm. **NEW-ish! Traditional-style Kabbalat Shabbat** with Rabbinic Intern SAM Luckey, Talya Husbands-Hankin & friends, Fireside Room. A more traditional davenning style of Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv, the Shabbat evening service, songful and in Hebrew, following the full liturgy. Kiddush and light oneg after the service. Sponsored by Kehilla and Glitter Kehilla.

Sat., July 14, 10:00am-12:30 pm. **Shabbat Service and Lily Brown becoming Bat Mitzvah.** With Rabbi Dev, Hazzan Shulamit, Rabbi Carol Caine, and Debbie Fier. Join us for a celebratory, musical Shabbat morning exploring Parashat Matot-Masei. Everyone is welcome! Kiddush provided by Lily's parents, Rayna Caplan & Matt Brown.

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Tues., July 17, 7-9pm. **Ten Essentials of Judaism.** A deep dive into some of the juiciest parts of Jewish practice and life with Rabbi Dev. This monthly class is required for Conversion and Adult B'nei Mitzvah Students and is open to all. Please register online.

Wed., July 18, 7:50 am. **Morning Meditation Sit, Fireside Room.** 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. Please enter through the patio off Fairview Avenue.

Thurs., July 19, 6:30-8pm. **Greening Committee Meeting.** In the Back Classroom.

Fri., July 2th. **No Kabbalat Shabbat Service.** First and Third Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services resume in August.

Sat., July 21, 10:00am-5 pm. **Kehilla's Annual Retreat.** Join us in the park to pray, play, and build community! 10:00 am Shabbat morning services, 12:30pm Catered Lunch, 1:30pm Playshops, 4:15pm Closing circle. For more info and to register, go online or email maya@kehillasynagogue.org (learn more on page 5).

Sat., July 21. **Saturday July 21, 7:00 pm-9:30 pm**

For Tisha B'Av - Stories of Loss & Destruction: A Multifaith Ceremony for Troubled Times - At the West County Detention Facility in Richmond, 5555 Giant Hwy, Richmond. (Learn more on page 7).

Sun., July 22. **Tisha B-Av.**

Tues., July 24, 6:15pm. **Board of Trustees Meeting.** Dinners starts at 6:15pm. All members are welcome. In the Back Classroom – Main Floor.

Wed., July 25, 7:50 am. **Morning Meditation Sit, Fireside Room.** 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. Please enter through the patio off Fairview Avenue.

Fri., July 27. NO Tot Shabbat. Tot Shabbat resumes on Saturday morning, Aug 4, then Friday evening, Aug 24.

Sat., July 28, 10:00am-12:30 pm. **Shabbat Service and Eitan Camacho becoming Bar Mitzvah.** With Rabbi Dev, Beth Dickinson, Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller, and Debbie Fier. Join us for a celebratory, multi-lingual (Spanish/English/Hebrew) Shabbat morning exploring Parashat Va'etchanan. Everyone is welcome! Kiddush provided by Eitan's parents, Yonah Camacho Diamond and Rocio Camacho.

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