Passover: The Quintessential Kehilla Holiday
by Rabbi David J. Cooper

Between our Kehilla’s Annual Community Seder, our on-line downloadable Haggadah, Kehilla takes Passover seriously and provides the means to make it meaningful and accessible to every household. Our Kehilla Home Haggadah is free for anyone to use and is usable even by those who know no Hebrew and includes instructions for a flexible seder that can be geared for people of different ages and backgrounds.

And why? Because Passover is very much what Kehilla is about. It is a rite that is both spiritual and political, small-group and communal. It draws us each year to remember that our tradition begins with the mythos of a struggle for liberation, and it reaffirms that it is not a thing of the past, but that it is incumbent upon us to consider Pharaonic oppression in our time and to commit ourselves to the liberation of all. And Passover affirms what we do throughout the year in Kehilla: prayer, song, serious discussions, joyous laughter and a call to action.

This year, the first night of Passover is a Friday night, April 19, and no activity is planned at the synagogue since this is a time for home seders. The second seder is Saturday evening and for those who want a community seder, Kehilla’s will be that evening. Rabi’a Keeble, a long-time social activist and friend of Kehilla, will join the leadership of the seder along with me, Rabbi Burt and Cantor Linda Hirschhorn. Ms. Keeble is the founder of Qal’bu Maryam, the “women’s mosque” which is actually open to all genders and all faiths. The founding of her mosque is itself a part of a liberation struggle for Muslims within American society and for women’s leadership in Islam. Our theme for the seder is Truth as Resistance.

Many will attend large community seders, and many will have a Passover seder at a home around a table. The Kehilla haggadah for use at home is available on line as a PDF and is easily downloaded: kehillasynagogue.org/haggadah. We recommend downloading the page of instructions and suggestions which will help anyone holding a seder how to customize your seder for the configuration of participants at your table: age, background, degree of familiarity with Jewish ritual. And if you want to learn a few seder prayers and songs, tune in to My Jewish Learning’s files of seder melodies (myjewishlearning.com/article/where-to-find-songs-for-your-passover-seder).

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“Haggadah” means “Telling.” It doesn’t mean “reading.” The words, songs and prayers of the haggadah should act as a mortar and not the bricks of the celebration. The Kehilla Home Haggadah helps you find a way to encourage sharing stories, thoughts, insights, poetry, music and art as well as children’s activities at the seder. Rushing through a bunch of words to get to the meal misses the whole point. But it also misses the point to slavishly read through long texts of liturgy if they are not stimulating discussion and interaction. The Haggadah says pointedly that each of us must consider that we are today on that exodus story described in the Torah. So we ask what are our involvements and our struggles at this time? Where does our responsibility to be liberators lie at this moment? What do our predecessors, Jewish and non-Jewish, teach us about the road to freedom? How is our path to be replete with laughter, song and joy, as well as determination and persistence?

The values that Passover celebrates and reinforces are not for just those seven or eight days. They are for the entire year and every day. But how great it is that we have this time set aside, a consecrated period, to get together and consciously celebrate our continuing efforts toward liberation. Happy Pesach! Chag sameyach!

MANY STORIES, SHARED LIBERATION
AN EVENING WITH
ALICIA GARZA
Co-founder of Black Lives Matter & Black Futures Lab
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 7:00 PM

At First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley
2407 Dana Street, Berkeley, CA

As our movements for liberation grow, how do we strengthen our connections and move in solidarity inside and across communities? How do we resist the forces that try to fracture us? How do we reach out with love and curiosity and build trust? Join Alicia Garza and the Kehilla Community as we explore questions of justice in our time, including the intersections within and between dismantling white supremacy and antisemitism.

You’re invited to sponsor the event. Sponsorship supports Kehilla’s programs and the important work we do in the world. Make a sponsorship gift of $10 to $1,000 above the cost of the ticket. Sponsors will be acknowledged on the Kehilla website unless you ask to be anonymous.

Tickets on sale at: kehilla.ticketspice.com/aliciagarza
General Admission: $30
Low Income / 35 & Under: $15
No one turned away for lack of funds

You are welcome to purchase tickets and / or make a donation by writing a check to Kehilla Community Synagogue and mailing it to 1300 Grand Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94610.

[editor’s note: this event is going to sell out, so if you’re excited about this, get your tickets asap!]
Sharing our Process in Responding to the New Zealand Mosque Shootings
by Rabbi Dev Noily

On March 15, we learned of the horrible attack against people praying in Masjid Al Noor and the Linwood Masjid in New Zealand. We continue to mourn and to build our relationships with local Muslim communities in the wake of the attack.

Sometime later I was talking with Kehilla's board co-chair, Karen Cohn, and I shared our process as we learned about the attacks and began to respond. Karen encouraged me to share some of that more widely, and suggested a Kol Kehilla article, so that more people in our community would have a sense of what we were doing and how we were thinking as the news of the attack broke, and we began to connect with our Muslim neighbors and friends.

The shooting was during Friday prayers in New Zealand, which was Thursday night for us. Many of us heard about it Friday morning, as Shabbat approached. Our clergy team — Hazan Shulamit, Rabbi David and I— started thinking about how we and our community could show up for our Muslim siblings, and how, when and what to communicate with our Kehilla community. Rabbi David contacted our colleagues at the Islamic Cultural Center (ICNC), our partner for many years in the Faith Trio. He learned that a first step would be for a few of us as clergy to show up there in solidarity for Friday prayers, which we did.

One question I had was: how quickly should we try to mobilize our community? I was brought back to the Pittsburgh Tree of Life synagogue shooting. It also happened during weekly prayers, on Shabbat morning. When that news broke, we had a series of immediate needs. First, we needed basic information — what happened? Who was hurt or killed? Did we or people close to us know the dead or the injured? Then we thought about what our community would need — a place to gather, a way to be together and mourn and process what had happened and what it meant for us. Bend the Arc took the lead in organizing a vigil for that night at Lake Merritt. It happened that Rabbi Gray and I were in West Marin with a Kehilla School retreat. We had decisions to make about whether I would stay on the retreat or return to Oakland, and we had to think about what would be best for the students, and how to communicate with their parents. We had to get word out to as many of our members and friends about the vigil that night.

While we were doing all this, my inbox was filling up. There were dozens of expressions of solidarity and love, and offers of help. The interfaith coalitions we’re part of were immediately activated, and they wanted to organize actions to protect and surround local synagogues to help keep us safe.

I was so grateful for all of those expressions of love and solidarity and support. And at the same time, I was completely focused on what our own community needed. In those first 24 hours, we didn’t have bandwidth to respond to all of the offers we were receiving. It took a few days for the Kehilla leadership to figure out what we needed and how we would respond. We decided to hold an Open Door Shabbat, the Friday night after the shooting — almost a week later. And we decided we wanted our friends and allies inside the building praying with us, not outside the building helping to protect us as we prayed inside. Maybe you were there that Friday night. It was an overwhelming experience of love, solidarity and community in a time of grief and mourning.

So it was with that experience in mind that I found myself questioning my feelings of urgency after the Mosque shootings. Did we need to put out a statement right away? Did we need to direct people to gatherings happening that night? Did we need to wait and learn more about what our Muslim neighbors and colleagues would want and welcome? Did we need to give them time to tend to their own communities’ needs before asking how we could support them? Would we learn more in the coming day or so that would help us to communicate more fully with our members? And where was my sense of continued on page 4
urgency coming from? — would reacting faster be a better way to serve our community and our Muslim siblings, and/or would it satisfy my pressing need to do something? And as we considered these questions, and stayed focused on the news and on how our local Muslim leaders were responding, Shabbat was drawing closer, and we prepared for services that night and the next morning.

We made the decision not to send out an email message to the whole community before Shabbat, but to post information on our Kehilla FaceBook pages, and to re-post messages from our community partners there. (Kehilla actually has two FaceBook pages – one is our organizational page, where staff manage the content, and the other is a Kehilla Community Synagogue Group page, where everyone can post and talk amongst ourselves. Both pages are a good place to look at at times like this – we can get information out more quickly there, and we can update more easily and frequently).

Our message to the Kehilla community went out on Sunday night. By then, we had learned of a community vigil at Lake Merritt on Monday night, organized by AROC, the Arab Resource and Organizing Center, and supported by many of our interfaith colleagues and community allies. I felt very humbled and honored to be invited to speak at the vigil. So many of you were there, and I felt so proud of our community’s commitment to show up for our neighbors, our siblings, in a time of grief, vulnerability and determination to stand together against hate.

We continue to mourn, and to support our Muslim neighbors and friends as best we can. We continue to try to understand, integrate, and respond to the ways hate and violence are increasing around us. We continue to build our personal resistance and resilience, and to build our movements that name and reject violent systems of oppression that attempt to dehumanize some of us, and that particularly target People of Color.

Ours is a powerful community, and we live in a powerful place. Here and now, we can build on decades of relationships and histories of organizing to uproot systems of oppression and to grow the infrastructures of justice. This is the season of our liberation. And we see more and more every day how all people’s liberation on this tiny, reeling planet is bound up together. I’m entering this season with so many questions about how to walk this path, and with such gratitude to be walking it together.

Folks with White Privilege Affinity Group Meeting
Sunday, May 5, 3:30-5:30pm

Kehilla community members are welcome whether or not you have attended before – we’d love to have you! This is part of Kehilla’s Racial Justice Initiative. The suggested reading before the meeting is the article “Roundtable: White Jews: Here is what Black Jews need from you in 2019,” by Bentley Addison: forward.com/opinion/416737/roundtable-white-jews-here-is-what-black-jews-need-from-you-in-2019/
For more info or to get on the email list, contact Susan Schulman, susanschulman60@gmail.com. In the Fireside Room.

April Book Discussion Group
Don’t Call It Night by Amos Oz
Monday, April 8, 7-9pm

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

Kabbalat Shabbat: Liturgically Traditional, Radically Inclusive
Friday, April 12, 6-7:30pm

Join us for a more traditional davening style of Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma’ariv, the Shabbat evening service, songful and in Hebrew, following the full liturgy.
ALL are welcome to come pray, sing, hum, clap and celebrate building our beloved community.
Kiddush and light oneg (ritual snacks) after the service.
Cosponsored by Kehilla and Glitter Kehilla.
If you have stopped by Kehilla during the workweek recently, you may have noticed me in a meeting, on the phone or intently writing on my computer. We have hit a very busy time for me and for all of Kehilla. I find my head spinning with the many exciting projects on my plate. I tried to come up with a big picture topic for this column, but gave up and decided to let you in on some of these many great efforts.

**Upgrading our Building**

Work continues on our Grand Avenue home. We just installed an air conditioner in the sanctuary. Given how cold it has been this last couple of months, this may not seem exciting, but we are looking forward to those sweltering summer services in the sanctuary becoming a thing of the past.

Next time you are in the building, check out the beautiful new wooden tabletop in the lobby. It is one of the final pieces of our lobby beautification project. We recently had the building tested for mold and will be learning soon about the scope of the work needed to make our building more accessible to everyone.

In support of our commitment to offer physical sanctuary for an immigrant or refugee resisting deportation, we are in the process of getting permits for a new shower/bathtub to be located off of Miriam’s Well on the ground floor. We have raised over $19,000 for the project at this point and are hoping to get to the construction in the spring or early summer.

**Evening with Alicia Garza Fundraiser**

As you probably know by now, we are hosting a very special event on May 11, “Many Stories, Shared Liberation: An Evening with Alicia Garza” at the First Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. We are excited to have this civil rights activist and co-founder of Black Lives Matter in conversation with Rabbi Dev and Kehilla activists of color to address how our liberation movements can work together to dismantle white supremacy and antisemitism.

We are expecting to sell out, so get your tickets soon and tell your friends of this powerful evening. Please consider sponsoring this event to help raise funds for Kehilla’s programs and all that we do. Ticket sales cover only the event costs, so the fundraising portion comes through your sponsorships. We invite you to be a sponsor by making a gift on the ticket sales page in addition to your ticket purchase. Sponsorships range from $10 to $1,000. And we have already raised more than $10,000 to date!

**St. Michael’s Ethiopian Church**

Our long time tenant, St. Michael’s Church, has finally been able to purchase their own building and will be leaving Kehilla at the end of May. We are sad to see them go, but overjoyed that they finally have a home they can call their own. We are now looking for another congregation that would like to use Kehilla as their home base. Let me know if you have any leads.

**Organizational Development Task Force**

Over the past five years, Kehilla has grown significantly in membership and in organizational maturity and has undergone many transitions in staff, clergy and lay leadership. We are thriving as a community, and we are also faced with the challenges that come with growth and change. We recently convened a task force of a diverse group of Kehilla leaders, to explore these issues and consider how we can change and grow our infrastructures (both volunteer and professional) to support our current and future size. There will be a number of opportunities to engage this process in the future. We will let you know about them as they arise. [continued on page 6]
Annual Community Meeting

We have begun planning for our Annual Community Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 7pm. As always, I have an opportunity to give my “State of the Congregation” talk. In preparation, I have been working hard to bring this fiscal year to a close and to prepare our budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Mark your calendars so you can join us.

Summer Retreat

Plans are also underway for our annual summer Congregational Retreat. Check out Maya Joshua’s article for details. This is just a taste of the many interesting things that have been occupying my Kehilla days – and I didn’t even mention that Passover is coming! I wish you all a good month of preparation and liberation. I will be heading to Israel for Pesach, and look forward to seeing many of you at the many exciting events that will be happening once I am back.

Kehilla’s Community Passover Seder 5779: Truth as Resistance

Saturday, April 20th, 4:45 pm

with Rabbis David J. Cooper & Burt Jacobson

music by Linda Hirschhorn

and with a special message from

Rabi’a Keeble

Founder of Qal’bu Maryam Women’s Mosque,

“America’s first all-inclusive mosque”

Rabi’a Keeble is a long-time social activist and spiritual leader. She established Qal’bu Maryam (Miriam’s or Mary’s heart) to create a mosque space that honored the women as religious teachers and which would not be segregated by gender.

In a time of lies, truth is resistance. The Kehilla Seder continues to elucidate our theme for this year, Truth-Emet, which we introduced at High Holy Days. Along with Passover blessings and songs, we will explore how the concept of truth relates to the Passover theme of the struggle for freedom against Pharaonic tyranny. The story of the Exodus starts with a series of lies about the Hebrews to justify Pharaoh’s enslavement and oppression of them. Untruth is a necessary element to enforce white supremacy, xenophobia, and other oppressive ideologies and policies. Passover is the sacred time when we rededicate ourselves to the work of liberation on many fronts.

Join Rabbis David and Burt, Cantor Linda Hirschhorn and Rabi’a Keeble to celebrate and rededicate at our annual Kehilla Community Seder.

Tickets at: kehilla.ticketspice.com/seder

We are excited to work with Sacred Kitchen to offer a delicious Sephardic Seder Menu, mostly organic, completely vegetarian, with gluten and dairy-free options. This event is wheelchair accessible. Please attend scent-free.
Challenges and Opportunities: Kehilla’s Annual Community Retreat
by Maya Joshua

One of the things I love most about Kehilla is that we don’t shy away from what’s difficult. When I was a kid and I’d complain to my father that something was hard, he’d always respond with enthusiasm: “Good! Hard is good!,” he’d say. The gist was: if it’s hard and you’re tired and maybe it’s a little messy, you’re probably busy with something worthwhile. That’s how I know that the Kehilla retreat this summer is going to be fantastic: it’s only March, and we’re already weeks deep into some good challenges.

There are two big challenges with the retreat, and I’m going to share them with you and ask for your help. The first is that Kehilla has had amazing retreats in the past at a site called Bort Meadow, but Bort Meadow isn’t physically accessible for everyone in our community. The second is that the retreat requires a rad* and energized team – without which nothing is going to get off the ground.

Challenge A: accessibility. We’ve gone the rounds trying to figure out what makes the most sense for us as a community. Bort Meadow offers a unique space for the kind of intimate community-building that is hard to find – a location we have yet to find a match for. It has accessible bathrooms and is less than a 20 minute drive from Kehilla – but it’s a meadow, which is hard for wheelchairs and can pose mobility barriers for some people. After consulting with a dozen or so community members whose mobility needs might be affected by holding the retreat at the meadow, the overall response was that it is worth seeing what we can do to come up with some creative access improvements because the magic of Bort Meadow is unique. And so we are determined to do our best to map out the accessibility challenges that this site raises for our members, and to make sure that we are prepared for them.

I am well aware – now, because some Kehilla friends have been kind and patient enough to widen my perspective (limited, as it is, by my privilege) – that this case-by-case prep is not what constitutes planning a truly accessible event. We’ll also continue exploring the idea of going to different locations for different kinds of retreats in future years: we know that every option offers different opportunities (and their own challenges). So here is my first ask to you: come talk to me about accessibility at Kehilla. Let’s talk about how this upcoming experience is going to help us to grow in this field, and how we can continue our quest for retreat magic and our commitment to truly accessible events.

Challenge B: planning. I need your help with planning and executing. You all keep me very busy; I love working for you, and feel deeply grateful to this community for the work that it does in the world, and the sacred space that we work to offer each other. I want to put together a committee of people that is stoked to make this summer retreat a legend of summer retreats. It will not happen without your help. Let’s put some music on, grab some Thai food, and plan some magic – and then make it happen. What say you?

*definition of ‘rad from Urban Dictionary: An abbreviation of ‘radical’—a term made popular by the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Maya’s dictionary: really just means cool.

Have you fulfilled your Avodah commitment for the current membership year?
We have only 3 months left, and so many great opportunities!
Check them out at kehillasynagogue.org/volunteer
Or call Maya at 510.547.2424 x 106

Save the Date
Kehilla’s Annual Community Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 6:45-9:30pm

Glitter Passover Seder
Plans for glitter Seder are in process
~ watch the Glitter Facebook page for updates:
facebook.com/groups/glitterkehilla
Meet the Kehilla Board of Trustees

Over the next few months we will introduce you to the members of the Kehilla Board of Trustees. Remember you are invited to join the board at its monthly meeting – the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the back classroom.

Ali Cannon

Ali has been a Kehilla member since the fall of 2016. When not at Kehilla you might find him stand up paddle boarding, or writing poetry.

Ali is from Studio City in the San Fernando Valley. His has had a career in education management, both in the non-profit sector, and as a school district administrator. Currently he is an educational consultant doing a range of equity and inclusion work.

Ali is a proud transgender man, who has been active in the LGBTQ movement for decades. He is married to an OUSD principal. His son, Raffi, will enter high school in the fall. In 2018 Raffi became a Bar Mitzvah. Ali and his family are still very involved with their Chavurah that formed during the B’nei Mitzvah year.

Prior to joining the board Ali was very involved in the Kehilla school and was part of the hiring committee to fill the position now held by Rabbi Gray. He is also on the Chevra Kadisha.

Of his role as a Kehilla board member, Ali says “It’s been a great honor being on the board. I’ve gained a deeper connection to the Kehilla community and feel responsible for its direction, growth and sustainability. I wanted to serve to support the senior rabbinic transition along with wanting an opportunity to get more involved. It was a way to dive deeply in shortly after becoming a member family.”

Marcie Rubel

Like many, Marcie’s connection with Kehilla started with High Holy Day services back when those services were held at the Congregational Church on Harrison Avenue. She was instantly wowed by the Rabbinical wisdom and heartfelt singing. She and her husband Michael joined when their children, Adrian and Alex, who are now 22 and 19, were 7 and 5. Both had B’nei mitvot at Kehilla.

Marcie got more engaged at Kehilla when she joined Ketzev Kehilla – the drumming group that plays at Chai Shabbat and on Rosh Hashanah morning, led by Debbie Fier. This has led her to explore various types of drumming; currently she is studying Afro-Cuban drumming. She is an active member of the Immigration Committee. She is part of an accompaniment team supporting a recently arrived family from Guatemala.

Marcie is originally from Glencoe, Illinois a suburb of Chicago. She currently works as a Spanish speaking psychotherapist who specializes in trauma informed therapy.

This is Marcie’s fourth year on the board. She is the board secretary (and you can always see the board meeting minutes on the Kehilla website!). Her board work has allowed her to feel a greater sense of belonging to the community, more connected to members, clergy, and staff. She has helped plan several events including Rabbi Dev’s Brit Kehilla, at which time, as volunteer coordinator, she discovered the extraordinary baking skills and generosity of our community.

Catherine Lyons

Catherine also first came to Kehilla for High Holy Days when they were held at the Congregational Church in Oakland. She joined when her daughter, Sophie, started Hebrew School at age 8. Sophie had her Bat Mitzvah at the church in Northbrae. Catherine was thrilled not to do that schlep to and from Oakland anymore! Like many, she dabbled in Kehilla-world – coming to high holy day services, taking a class here and there. She was drawn into becoming increasingly active with her involvement in the Welcoming Synagogues Project about 10 years ago. As someone raised with a strong Jewish identity and a social justice ethic, but no religious training, Kehilla has been a place to learn, and to engage in social justice work in a container of spiritual practice.

Catherine is originally from Vermont but has been in the Bay Area since 1987. She had a career as a Nurse Practitioner working in HIV/AIDS. She retired from that in 2013, though has kept on with one small project in Kenya. She writes, travels, does yoga, [continued on page 9]
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studies Spanish, and best of all, has time to do nothing.

This is Catherine’s second year on the board. She is currently co-chair. She is active with the Immigration Committee, working on the sanctuary task force and being on accompaniment teams as well as supporting all the accompaniment teams. She drums with Ketzev Kehilla.

Regarding board service, Catherine says: “It is a tremendous privilege to find ways to support this community and its many activities. There is a warm, collaborative working relationship between the board, the clergy, the ED, and the staff.”

Tikkun Ha-Nefesh (Repair of the Soul) Healing Racism,
Unpacking White Privilege – Affinity Group
Sunday, April 21, 10am-12pm in the Back Classroom

Facilitators: Rabbi Shifrah Tobacman and Chaplain Laura Fitch

This group will meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month (until Nov 2019 – it’s part of the community’s larger project of addressing racism and de-centering whiteness within and beyond our congregation. It is an outgrowth of Kehilla’s affinity group for those who identify as white or as benefitting from white privilege. This will be a safe space in which to engage in the emotional and spiritual journey of healing and repairing the soul around these critical issues. You do not have to participate in the larger affinity group in order to attend these sessions, and you are welcome to come to as many or as few sessions as will facilitate your healing journey.

As a framework we will use the three-fold path from the Ba’al Shem Tov’s teaching on healing and being present to grief and trauma. The three-fold path includes:

1. Hachna-ah: Full Immersion / Presence. We’ll sit fully and mindfully with our difficult experiences and feelings and be held by each other in a loving if also challenging way as we do.
2. Havdalah: Differentiation. We’ll find ways to distinguish between our past and present, our trauma and present day realities. We’ll ask ourselves: What keeps us silent or complicit in the face of racism? What keeps us safe? What are our fears, real or imagined, around racism and white privilege? What opportunities emerge as we honestly examine our experience? How can we let go of what keeps us from being fully present to racism, connect better with those who are targets of racism, and engage with other white people who may be acting out in oppressive ways?
3. Ha-Mitookah: The Sweetening. We’ll lean into gratitude and hopefulness for the ways our lives are enhanced and our spirits uplifted through an honest reckoning, and by the potential for more genuine and meaningful relationships with ourselves and others.

Please join us.

NOTE: Pre-registration is not required, but RSVP’s are strongly encouraged to give facilitators a sense of how many people to expect. To RSVP email Laura at lafitch@gmail.com.

If you are experiencing abuse in an intimate relationship,
please be in touch with one of our clergy members (Rabbi Dev, Hazzan Shulamit, Rabbi Gray, Rabbi David or Rabbi Burt), or with one of these organizations:
www.shalom-bayit.org – Shalom Bayit (East Bay) 866-SHALOM-7 / or (510) 845-SAFE
www.thehotline.org/help/for-abusive-partners/ National Domestic Violence Hotline (for abusive partners)
Spearheaded by the Economic Justice Committee, which sought and received Board and Rabbinic approval, Kehilla is now a Participating Congregation in the Tiny House Village Project designed to provide housing for homeless youth.

There are 1,700 homeless youth (age 14-24) in Alameda county, and only 36 youth-designated shelter beds. The vast majority of these young people are neurodivergent, experience physical and mental health obstacles, or have experienced abuse and neglect. They need security, support, and resources to achieve their personal and vocational goals. This housing-first program was initiated by youth, and will integrate social services and job training through Youth Spirit Artworks (YSA).

The Village will be located in Oakland, and consist of 24 Tiny Houses as well as communal bathrooms, kitchen, and a community yurt. The religious community, including Congregation Beth El, Kehilla, and Congregation Beth Israel from the Jewish community, is working together to make the youth’s big dreams a reality.

Kehilla has committed to recruiting volunteers for the builds, as well as supporting advocacy and community outreach. If possible, Kehilla would like to take on responsibility for building one Tiny House. That would involve a volunteer Build Leader and volunteer construction workers. If building our own house is not possible, Kehilla members can volunteer for fall build days, and for planning and coordinating in the lead-up for other congregations building houses.

Volunteers are needed at all ability levels for building, organizing, and supporting! If you are interested and able to participate in the April Build Construction training, please contact Hannah immediately (email below) and please also email Karen at karenrachels@gmail.com.

This visionary project will be the first youth tiny house project in the country, and the youth leaders and their advocates need our support. Visit youthtinyhousevillage.org to learn more or donate, or contact Interfaith Organizer Hannah Trumbull at hannah@youthspiritartworks.org. No gift is too small, and all forms of generosity are greatly appreciated.

Here is info about the trainings:

The build leader trainings will be at YSA headquarters (1740 Alcatraz in Berkeley) April 6-7, 13-14, and 27-28. Each day of build leader training corresponds with one day of blitz build leading in the fall (explanation in sign-up form). Sign-up for that by going on the digital Kol Kehilla page via the Kehilla website.

A model tiny house will be brought to the Kehilla parking lot for all to see as part of an educational and soliciting help event, probably in May. Please check the Kehilla weekly emails, Kol Kehilla, and the calendar for more information about this upcoming event.

Let’s help house youth!

Kehilla Joins Youth Tiny House Effort!! Volunteers Sought!

Kehilla's Annual Community Retreat

July 12-14 at Bort Meadow

Mark your calendars! And join the planning committee today, help make the magic!

Email maya@kehillasynagogue.org - it's going to be a grand adventure :)

Thank you all who swabbed & ran drives for Norah!

Over 40 people were added to the Bone Marrow Donor registry over the last couple of weeks through the efforts of multiple community members who hosted Norah Needs You drives at our Purim parties and CHAI Shabbat – thank you to everyone who hosted and swabbed!

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.
The Jewish Roots of Kehilla’s Values: Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Part IV
by Rabbi Burt Jacobson

In these monthly articles I have been offering 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. In this six-part series, I turn to the legacy of Reb Zalman for our community.

From the very beginning Kehilla’s vision of community has been characterized by the principles of inclusivity and equality. This was not necessarily the norm in other Jewish communities. The ancient notion of Jewish chosenness often combined with what I might call “anti-Gentilism” to create a sense of Jewish superiority. I found this repugnant and I wanted none of it for Kehilla.

But Jews were not entirely to blame for their anti-Gentilism. The history of Jewish-Christian relations during the last two millenia was, for the most part, exceedingly tragic. Christians held the power, Jews were forced to be subservient, and anti-Semitism was an almost constant fact of Jewish life. Throughout the Middle Ages tens of thousands of Jews died in pogroms at the hands of fanatic Christians. Adolf Hitler’s policies, which resulted in the slaughter of six million Jews, grew out of traditional Christian attitudes toward Jews. Most of the German soldiers and politicians who carried out Hitler’s so-called “final solution” grew up on the myth that the Jews had murdered Christ. Anti-Gentilism was, in large part, a Jewish response to anti-Semitism.

Reb Zalman had had a few Christian friends in Vienna while he was growing up, but his war experiences together with his hasidic education created a deep anti-Gentile sentiment in him. A singular event took place in 1955, however, that radically changed Zalman’s attitudes toward non-Jews.

Zalman agonized over his decision for three weeks, committed himself to be led by God, and registered for Thurman’s course. In that class he learned different techniques for making prayer come alive for himself and for those he was serving. (Howard Thurman is the origin of some of the approaches to prayer that we use at Kehilla!) Zalman has said that his encounter with Thurman was the first time he was sure that God was present in the soul of a non-Jewish religious individual. This realization required him to begin to challenge the Jewish exclusivism and the aversion to non-Jews that was part and parcel of his traditional Hasidic belief system.

Zalman’s connection with Thurman made him wonder about the ways in which members of other faith traditions related to the divine. His curiosity deepened. He began to seek out sages and teachers of different religious paths and participated in ecumenical dialogues with them. He also [continued on page 12]
experimented with spiritual practices from different traditions, integrating what was good and useful into his Judaism. As he learned more about the various paths to the sacred, Zalman came to see that Judaism was just one possible way of constructing a religious life. By the mid-1960s he had begun to craft the universal, post-denominational, and mystical version of Neo-Hasidic Judaism that eventually became Jewish Renewal.

Reb Zalman explored Eastern mysticism, most especially Buddhism, sitting in meditation with Zen masters. He smoked the peace pipe with Native American elders. Drawn to Sufism, in 1975 Reb Zalman was initiated as a Sheikh in the Sufi Order of Hazrat Inayat Khan. He also delved into the various approaches to psychotherapy and personal growth that flowered in the 1970s and 1980s.

Zalman was influenced by his contact with the Carmelite monks in Winnipeg and by his friendship with the great Christian teacher, Thomas Merton. In the course of time, Zalman came to understand Jesus as a revelation of God, an incarnation of Torah. Just as the hasidim believed the words of the Ba’al Shem Tov and of their rabbis stemmed from God, so Zalman could write: “The words of Yeshua of Nazareth, after all, are the teachings of a rebbe to his Hasidim, all of whom lived and died as Jews.”

Zalman’s love for the Jewish people widened out to embrace all peoples and religions, in fact, all of human creativity. “If I believe in divine providence,” Zalman wrote, “then I cannot say that God was asleep when Jesus was born . . . nor slumbered when the Buddha came, and when Mohammed got his revelations. So there has to be an understanding that these different religions also represent God’s will, and altogether we are an aggregate faith community on this planet.”

In 1990, the Dalai Lama invited a delegation of rabbis and Jewish spiritual leaders, including Reb Zalman, to meet with him at his capital-in-exile, Dharamsala, India. The Dalai Lama wanted to find out what the Tibetans could learn from the Jews about how to survive as a community exiled from their native land. Zalman’s dialogue with the Dalai Lama was profound and joyous.

All of these experiences taught Zalman that Judaism needs to rid itself of triumphalism, the belief that Judaism is superior to all other religions, and that Jews are superior to non-Jews. And Zalman taught that we need to be open to and learn from other religions as well as offering insights from Judaism that might benefit the followers of other religious traditions.

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**Kehilla Sings!**

**Tuesday, April 9, 7-8:30pm in the Fireside Room**

A new monthly gathering with Hazzan Shulamit to circle round and sing together.

We’ll nourish our bodies, minds, and spirits with nigunuim (wordless melodies), new tunes for ancient prayers, and songs to take out into the streets. Join us for a delicious night of tuning into our souls and to one another. Everyone’s welcome! Donations accepted at the door $5-15.

Future dates: May 14

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**New Music for Shabbat and Protests and More: Listen and Learn!**

A message from Hazzan Shulamit:

Over the past few months, I've learned many new melodies that we’re slowing integrating into some of our prayer services, as well as songs for taking out to the streets for rallies and protests. There's more to come, and Kehilla Sings! is a great opportunity to sink into song and lift up your soul as we learn 2-3 new melodies each month. The next Kehilla Sings! event is on Tues, March 12, 7:00-8:30 pm. Go to the Kehilla Website, to the Pray < Music tab, and you will see a link on the left called ‘New Melodies for Shabbat, Protests & More’.
An Interview with Kehilla’s Youth Education Director,
Rabbi Gray Myrseth
By Bill Lazarus

Rabbi Gray Myrseth grew up in San Francisco’s Bernal Heights neighborhood. Their father is Jewish and from the midwest, while their mother is from Norway and is not Jewish. Although their family did not, at the time, find a Jewish community that felt like a good fit, home practice and holiday observance “was the center” of their Jewish upbringing.

In college, at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, Gray found their way to a nondenominational spiritual community on campus attracting many unaffiliated Jews, along with students who grew up Quaker and in other traditions. The community grew, its chaplain left, and Gray and a friend stepped in to keep the community on track. They also grew to love studying the text of the Tanakh, or Hebrew Bible, as it was referred to in the academic context.

After graduating from college in 2010, Gray went on to Hebrew College in Boston where they found that they “loved learning how to study Talmud. It’s a text of such creativity and inventiveness.”

Talmud, they add, “is the document of our ancestors trying to figure out how to live and how to practice religion after the destruction of the second temple” in 70 CE. With the destruction of the temple, Judaism lost its centralized location and moved in a diasporic direction. “Don’t worry about it, you can practice religion where you live,” Rabbi Gray says, explaining the new outlook. “It’s kind of risky to create something beautiful,” they say, adding that rabbinic Judaism and the study of Talmud arose from “courage, resilience, and hope.”

This spring, Rabbi Gray will be teaching a Talmud class for Kehilla and Chochmat HaLev congregants, as well as the wider community, where “all you need to get in the door is your Alef Bet.” The “700 Benches” class will focus on a section from Tractate Bava Metzia that deals with questions of leadership, authority, and ownership of Torah.

As director of Kehilla School since the summer of 2017, Rabbi Gray strives to create a “Jewish setting where young people feel loved and embraced.” They find that “young people are endlessly surprising. They always see solutions and interpretations and possibilities that I never had an idea of.” Rabbi Gray’s goal is “to facilitate a learning setting where young people are free to unfurl.”

In studying the Torah portion where the Jews crossed the sea to freedom with Kehilla School students, Rabbi Gray asked for explanations of the midrash that the people sang as they crossed rather than breaking into a celebratory song after the crossing. Answers came quickly. “One student said maybe the people were singing to get themselves to keep walking. Another suggested that the singing was out of gratitude that the path was clear. Another said that singing together can turn a group of people into a community rather than a bunch of individuals and that the community made it possible to keep going.”

At Kehilla, too, Gray has found community. “There’s a real spirit of collaboration, a real centering,” they say. “People are so ready of pitch in. I feel really lucky. It’s exciting.”

Love to chant Torah? We want YOU to leyn!

Teens and Adults, let’s do this, one aliyah at a time. Join us for Shabbat morning services and share your skills and love of leynen with our community. If you’re interested but have never chanted torah before, or if it’s been a long time and you expect to need significant support, please contact Hazzan Shulamit first: shulamit@kehillasynagogue.org.

Upcoming Torah Chanting Opportunities:

- No available dates in April or May
- June 8 (Bamidbar)
- July 6 (Korach)
- July 13 (Chukat) Kehilla Retreat: Kehilla Retreat at Bort Meadow in the Oakland Hills

Contact Shulamit@kehillasynagogue.org for any of the above dates.
Economic Justice In Kehilla: March 5th Criminal Justice Reform Workshop

On March 5, a six-person group consisting of members of Kehilla’s Economic Justice Committee and Plymouth United Church of Christ’s Social Justice group, presented a workshop on Criminal Justice Reform in Alameda County. The workshop took place at Plymouth, a church just a short walk up Oakland Avenue from Kehilla. There were 26 people in attendance from the two congregations, as well as four observers from other Oakland Community Organization (OCO) congregations and two unaffiliated community members.

The workshop content built off of the report “What’s Up with Our Jails, Holding Alameda County’s Sheriff Accountable,” which was developed by the OCO Live Free committee (available at www.oaklandcommunity.org/OurJails). The workshop was geared toward identifying future collective action opportunities for people concerned about criminal-legal justice in Alameda County and the State of California. Attendees were most interested in working on ways that our congregations could support relevant initiatives currently being considered by the California legislature, such as regulating policies for a safe release from jail; establishing humane standards for holding pregnant women in county jails; and defining narrow conditions under which law enforcement can use deadly force.

Participants were also interested in working on legislative initiatives under consideration by activist/advocacy groups, such as changing the requirements for eligibility to run for sheriff; separating the coroner’s office from the Sheriff’s Department; and establishing a county commission to oversee the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office. There was considerable interest in working on the Audit Ahern (the current sheriff) Campaign, being championed by the Ella Baker Center, for budget and performance transparency. This effort has been proposed because the budget of the Sheriff’s Department keeps increasing as the jail population has been decreasing.

Attendees were also interested in a second workshop proposed to take place in a few months on Re-entry Support for the Formerly Incarcerated. The planners will also be working on an ‘Action Alert’ email network to support lawsuits involving the jails, and to notify people of advocacy opportunities, likely in conjunction with OCO’s Live Free committee.

If you would like to learn more, and/or join in future actions, please contact Laura Finkler at larryandlaura@comcast.net, Karen Pernet at kepernet@gmail.com, or Richard Speiglman at rspeiglman@sbcglobal.net.

Norah Needs You!
Norah is an expert joke-teller, modern-dancer, ice cream-licker, and loving big sister. At five years old, she takes her jobs pretty seriously.
Norah was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called Fanconi Anemia (FA). Essentially, FA interferes with her body’s ability to properly repair its DNA. If untreated, it increases her risk of leukemia or bone marrow failure to 90%.
Norah will need a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, none of Norah’s family members are a match for her. Norah has a donor match out there – it could be YOU. Join the “Be The Match” registry with a simple, painless cheek swab to help save Norah’s life. Adding donors to the registry increases the likelihood of finding a life-saving match for Norah and others in need.

Learn more on norahneedsyou.com or join the registry today at join.bethematch.org/SwabforNorah

Three Generation Havurah
Sunday, April 7th 10:30-12pm
in the Back Classroom
- accessible entrance on Fairview Ave

For members of our community who want to connect across different life phases- from infants to elders.

Join us for a potluck brunch – please bring a vegetarian dish to share. This will be the first of many havurah gatherings!

**PLEASE RSVP** to Bracha at:
stone.betty@gmail.com
News from the Faith Trio
by Lea De!son and Steven Falk

The Faith Trio is Kehilla’s alliance with local Muslims and Christians through the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California and Montclair Presbyterian Church.

The Faith Trio held two Living Room Conversations programs recently in January and February 2019: each with 25 or 26 folks total, including people from each congregation. We broke into small groups of 5 or 6 for respectful and deep conversations, in a structured format. The first “The Way Forward” and the second “Faith in Politics” were appreciated and enjoyed. The third will be in late April or May, at Montclair Presbyterian Church. The topic will be “Politics in Faith Communities”. More information here.

Please look for the announcement and attend. Questions: Steven Falk shfalk@gmail.com.

In February, 30 people from the Faith Trio congregations plus Temple Sinai in Oakland joined together to volunteer for 2 1/2 hours at the Alameda County Community Food Bank, bagging a variety of vegetables to be distributed to people in need.

Thanks very much to those that volunteered: Alex Madonik, Bill Lazarus, Carol Suveda, Dan Alpert, Karen Friedman, Laura Nelson, Lea Delson, Leanne Grossman, and Stephani Lesh, plus all the volunteers and organizers from the other congregations! If you would like to be involved in such efforts later this year, please contact Lea Delson at lea@delsonphoto.com or (510) 528-6725.

Another interfaith project we have engaged in since 2011 is our interfaith art exhibitions. We invite anyone who would like to brainstorm about future directions for our interfaith art exhibitions or would like to be involved in planning or fundraising, to please contact Lea Delson at lea@delsonphoto.com or (510) 528-6725. See www.interfaithart.org.

B’nei Mitzvah on the Horizon!

Dear Kehilla community,

You are invited to join us as at the following Shabbat morning services as some incredible humans become B’nei 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 B’nei 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 B’nei 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 scent free.

The following Shabbat morning services will include the following young people becoming B’nei Mitzvah:

April 6 – Leo Silverberg

What has been your favorite part of this BBM process so far?

My favorite part of the bar mitzvah process has been studying with my good friend Myles & our teacher Natalie. She makes it really fun and I’ve learned a lot. Also, we have excellent snacks.

What do you like best about Kehilla and/or Judaism?

My favorite thing about Kehilla is what a welcoming place it is. I like that all my family is welcome at the Shabbat services whether they are Jewish or not.

What is something fun or unexpected that people may not know about you?

When not studying for my bar mitzvah, I can be found playing on my school’s basketball team or playing 2K.

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April 13 – Zachary Schwerin-Daro (private, off site ceremony)

What has been your favorite part of this BBM process so far?
Hanging out with my study partner, Sascha.

What is something fun or unexpected that people may not know about you?
I’m a cool, fun, radical dude.

April 27 - Reba Sadie Gamson-Knight

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Jennifer Wong & Mark Schlosberg
Barbara Petterson & David Lee

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Shoshkie Finacom
for carrying the entirety of the Yahrzeit project for years, and supporting the transition to a digital system with care and her habitual attention to detail and for proof reading the Kol Kehilla (when Maya gets it to her on time!)

Joseph Sklar
for ongoing office support and eternal patience

Kiddish Sponsors!
Matt Leber and Rabbi Dev, in honor of Frances Kramer
Michael David Sasson, in memory of his grandmother Rose Sasson
Barbara Cohen, in celebration of her birthday
Roz and Gerry Angoff, in honor of their grandchild, River Wilcox’s, baby naming

Amy Shutkin, Leanne Grossman, and Catherine Lyons
for organizing a beautiful new-member welcome at the CHAI shabbat

Bread for Ed, and all who supported their efforts and those of the OUSD strike

Michael Butler
for his assistance with our new sanctuary air conditioner and our beautiful new wood countertop in the lobby

Jane Hoberan, Cathy Steirn, and Jay Koch
for their work on the moving consecration ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery

A Message from Natalie and Rabbi Gray:
We are so grateful to all of the school families who helped us put on a super fun Purim carnival this year! Whether you baked a dessert prize for freeze dance, ran a booth at the carnival, helped us decorate or clean up the social hall, or lent us a hand in any other way- thank you so much for your help!
April 2019 Event Listing
Please remember that all events are fragrance-free

Mon., April 1, 6:45-9:15pm. **700 Benches**: Spring Session 2019.

Tues., April 2, 7:30-9pm. **Middle East Peace Committee Meeting**. In the Fireside Room.

Wed., April 3, 7:50am. **Morning Meditation Sit with Rabbi Dev, 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., April 5, 7:30 pm-9:00pm. **Kabbalat Shabbat with Hazzan Shulamit and Debbie Fier**. Join us for a song-filled and soulful evening of Shabbat music and prayer, both spirited and contemplative, as we welcome in Shabbat. Kiddush follows the service. Please bring something veggie/parve to share, sweet or savory.

Sat., April 6, 10:00 am-12:30pm. **Shabbat Morning Service Leo Silverberg becoming Bar Mitzvah**. With Rabbi Dev Noily, Beth Dickinson, Natalie Boskin, and Debbie Fier. Join us for a celebratory Shabbat morning service exploring Parashat Tazria, and honoring Rosh Hodesh Nisan. Everyone is welcome! Kiddush provided by Leo’s parents, Sarah Jackson and Eric Silverberg.

Sat., April 6, 10:30 am-11:15 am. **Tot Shabbat with Jen Miriam and Alon Altman with their Puppet Friends**. Geared towards babies and children up to age 5 with their grown ups! Join us for songs, prayers, friends, puppets, and stories and end with challah and grape juice. Bring a snack to share if you’d like. Main floor back classroom.

Mon., April 8, 6:45-9:15pm. **700 Benches**: Spring Session 2019.

Mon., April 8, 7-9pm. **Book Discussion Group**. April’s selection: *Don’t Call It Night* by Amos Oz. All Kehilla members are welcome to join us for our customary meetings on the second Monday of the month.

Tues., April 9, 7-8:30pm. **Kehilla sings!** A new monthly gathering with Hazzan Shulamit. Learn more on page 12.

Wed., April 10, 7:50am. **Morning Meditation Sit with Rabbi Dev, 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., April 11, 6:30-9pm. **Economic Justice Committee Meeting**. In the Fireside Room.

Fri., April 12, ***6:00 pm - 7:30 pm***. **Liturgically Traditional, Radically Inclusive Kabbalat Shabbat, Fireside Room**. Join us EARLY for a more traditional davenning style of Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma’ariv, the Shabbat evening service, songful and in Hebrew, following the full liturgy. ALL are welcome to come pray, sing, hum, clap and celebrate building our beloved community. Kiddush and light oneg (ritual snacks) after the service. Cosponsored by Kehilla and Glitter Kehilla.

Sat., April 13, 10:30 am-12:15pm. **Shabbat Morning Service with Howard Hamburger, Fireside Room**. Join us for a morning service on Shabbat HaGadol, the shabbat before Passover, with an emphasis on discussing the torah portion, Parashat Metzora. Kiddush will follow; bring veggie finger food to share if you can.

Mon., April 15, 6:45-9:15pm. **700 Benches**: Spring Session 2019.

Wed., April 17, 7:50am. **Morning Meditation Sit with Rabbi Dev, 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., April 18, 6:30-8pm. **Greening Committee Meeting**. In the Emma Goldman Room.
Fri., April 19. **Kehilla Administrative Offices closed for Pesach.**

**Friday April 19, First Night of Passover, No Kabbalat Shabbat service.**

**Saturday Morning, April 20, No Shabbat Morning Service.**

Sat. Night, April 20, 4:30-9pm. **Kehilla Community Passover Seder: “Truth as Resistance”**. Join Rabbis David and Burt, Cantor Linda Hirschhorn and special guest Rabi’a Keeble, founder of Qal’bu Maryam Women’s Mosque, “America’s first all-inclusive mosque” to celebrate and rededicate ourselves. Vegetarian meal included. Click here for more information and to register in advance: kehillasynagogue.org/event/kehillas-community-passover-seder

Sun., April 21, 10am-12pm. **Tikkun Ha-Nefesh (Repair of the Soul) Healing Racism, Unpacking White Privilege – Affinity Group.** Learn more on page 9.

Mon., April 22. **Kehilla Administrative Offices closed for Pesach.**

Mon., April 22, 6:45-9:15pm. **700 Benches: Spring Session 2019.**

Mon., April 22, 7-9pm. **10 Essentials of Judaism.** Join Rabbi Dev for a deep dive into some of the juiciest parts of Jewish practice and life. This monthly class is required for Conversion and Adult B’nei Mitzvah Students and is open to all. In the Fireside Room.

Wed., April 24, 7:50 am. **Morning Meditation Sit with Rabbi Dev, 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.

**Friday April 26, Tot Shabbat is no longer on 4th Friday nights. The next tot shabbat is on Saturday, May 4.**

Sat., April 27, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, Sanctuary. **Shabbat Morning, 8th Day of Passover, and Reba Sadie Gamson-Knight becoming Bat Mitzvah.** With Rabbi Dev Noily, Beth Dickinson, and Bracha Stone. Join us for a celebratory Shabbat morning, exploring special torah verses from Deuteronomy in honor of the 8th Day of Passover! Everyone is welcome! Kiddush provided by Reba’s parents, Joshua Gamson and Richard Knight.

Tues., April 30, 6:15-9pm. **Board of Trustees Meeting** (dinner at 6:15). All members are welcome. In the Back Classroom.

Fri., May 3, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm: **Save the Date for Kabbalat CHAI Shabbat!**