The Jewish Roots of Kehilla’s Values: Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Part 6
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.

By the early 1970s I had become a hippie. I spent time hanging out in communes in different parts of California, and also teaching in free schools in which the students and the teachers shared power and control. By 1973 I was living in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco in a crash pad with other hippies. I never told anyone that I was a rabbi, or even that I was Jewish. I wanted a life unburdened by my past.

I had met Reb Zalman in 1963, but I hadn’t seen him in five or six years. I heard that he was offering High Holy Day services at Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco. Should I go? I didn’t really like the High Holy Days with all of the traditional guilt-inducing liturgy. Well, maybe Reb Zalman was doing something novel with the holy days, so I decided to check out the scene. I attended Kol Nidre, but once again the liturgy was just too heavy to bear and I walked out an hour later.

Sometime later I heard that Zalman was offering a week-long seminar on the Zohar at the Hillel House in Berkeley. I decided to attend. When Zalman saw me enter the hall he came up and hugged me, inviting me to go for a walk during the lunch break so we could catch up on our lives.

As we strolled around the campus of the University of California, I revealed that I had been going through a major crisis in my life. I wasn’t certain that I could trust God—not after the Holocaust and my personal difficulties growing up during the gloom of the Holocaust. I hadn’t been sure whether I could even continue being a Jew, because my Jewish identity had been so deeply bound up with my sense of personal victimization.

“I certainly understand, Burt. The Holocaust has really changed everything,” he told me. “No honest Jew today can open to God or develop a sense of faith until he first faces the darkness of the Holocaust and struggles through its challenges.”

And then I told Zalman that I had become exhausted by the authoritarian character of Jewish tradition as I knew it, by the heaviness of the legalistic approach to observance of the rituals, and by the narrowness and parochialism of Jewish religion.

“Yes, I’ve been reading about the Ba’al Shem Tov,” I told Zalman.

“That’s good. The Ba’al Shem knew something about the changes that were needed.”

And then Zalman said to me, “Burt, I must say that I really admire the path you have taken and I’m confident that you will come out of this stronger and more whole.” It was a pivotal moment for me. Zalman’s concern was both comforting and empowering. Somehow, I knew that I would soon return to the Jewish path.

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That same year, Zalman came to Berkeley and spent five nights a week for four weeks providing the attendees in his seminar with the tools they would need to form their own community of prayer. Members of the group wanted to continue Zalman’s work by observing Shabbat and Jewish holy days together, and they began to meet in one another’s homes on Friday evening. They originally called themselves the “Floating Crap Game,” but later took the name Aquarian Minyan.

I had signed the mailing list for Zalman’s seminars and I received a notice regarding the formation of the Aquarian Minyan. Might this new community offer me a path to reconnect with Judaism in a way that wouldn’t threaten my fragile Jewish identity? I wasn’t sure, but late one Friday afternoon I drove from San Francisco to Berkeley to attend one of the Minyan’s Shabbos evening gatherings. The attendees seemed sweet-natured and welcoming, and the service was loving and open-hearted. I recognized some of the folks I had met at Shlomo Carlebach’s House of Love and Prayer in San Francisco.

During the service, the singing and dancing were ecstatic, and the spirit of joy was entirely palpable. People spontaneously shared the blessings they had received during the week that had passed, and they blessed one another for the coming week. The only traditional liturgy that was chanted was the Sh’ma and I realized that many or most of the Minyan folks were not conversant with the siddur, the traditional Jewish prayerbook.

I finally moved from San Francisco to Berkeley to become a member of the Aquarian Minyan. I soon discovered that some of these young seekers were students or professors at the University of California; some were dropouts from the Orthodox world; others were hippies with no knowledge of Judaism at all. Others had experienced the mystery and unity of existence through the use of psychedelic drugs or Eastern religious practices, and they wanted a way to link these visions with Judaism.

For many months I told no one that I was a rabbi. I simply wanted to experience what seemed to me to be part of a healthy non-judgmental form of Jewish community and see what it felt like to be openly Jewish once again. Within six months I had become one of the Minyan’s spiritual leaders.

There were several qualities that Zalman possessed that drew people to him. He had a magnetic personality, and his very presence brought joy to people. And the spirituality he offered was deeply relevant to the lives of the people to whom he spoke.

Reb Zalman could hear the genuine concerns of individuals without the need to prove the veracity of his own beliefs. And he had a great love and concern for people. One of my most important teachers, Rabbi Arthur Green, spoke at a memorial service for Zalman just after his passing. In his eulogy, Art said that “Whatever you had to offer, Zalman was there to encourage you, to receive it and to help you celebrate it and make it grow.” Art concluded his eulogy with these words:

Zalman’s work is not completed. The Judaism of profundity and joy that he sought to articulate and share is still news to most Jews. The rescue of Hasidic wisdom and the beauty of its truth from the straits of exclusivism and narrow-mindedness, making it available to seekers Jewish and non-Jewish, here and around the world, has only just begun. A Jewish people that can thrive and attract new members in the context of an open society because it has vitality, inner strength, and important things to say to our world, especially in this age of environmental crisis—all these are seeds that Zalman planted within us, that we now have to nourish and grow . . .
Kehilla's Annual Community Retreat: July 12-14 at Bort Meadow
A unique opportunity to get away from the hustle of our busy lives and spend some time in community in connection with nature. We encourage you to join!!
You can come JUST for Saturday, OR you can also camp on Friday and/or Saturday nights.

IT’S TWO WEEKS AWAY!!
Please register as soon as possible!! Website link: www.tfaforms.com/4734776.

Playshops:

Session A

Spirituality in Nature
with Leanne Grossman
Tap into your spiritual essence through the peace of being in nature. Join naturalist Leanne Grossman on a two-mile hike through the woods and environment surrounding Bort Meadow. An easy to moderate up and down trail. Kids welcome. We will meet in the meadow right behind the bathrooms. Bring water. Wear sturdy shoes.

Spiritual Awakening: Teachings of the Ba’al ShemTov
with Rabbi Burt Jacobson
Israel Ba’al Shem Tov was the founder of Hasidism, the 18th century movement of Jewish Renewal. We will explore the Ba’al Shem’s teachings about awakening to the path of the spirit.

Rhythm and Jews
with Debbie Fier
Come enjoy the playfulness and deep power of the drum out in the beauty of nature. On Shabbat afternoon, sitting under the trees, we will clap, snap and drum together. If you have a drum, bring it. I will bring a variety of drums and percussion for folks to use. Everyone welcome! Come play!

Session B

Know your Roots
with Rabbi Dev and Jenna Stover-Kemp
Description coming soon

Drawing from Nature
with Leah Korican
Drawing is a wonderful way to deeply connect with the visual world. We will take our inspiration from the landscape around us; zooming in on details or meditating on a larger landscape. No prior experience is necessary. You will be gently guided in techniques for seeing and drawing whether you draw all the time or have not drawn since kindergarten. All ages are welcome.

Singing Circle
with Hazzan Shulamit
In the beauty of the meadow, let’s circle round to sing together and soften our senses to sweetness of Shabbat afternoon. We’ll revive some songs from the monthly Kehilla Sings! gatherings and learn some new tunes, t

Accessibility: Bort Meadow has fully accessible bathrooms and a drop-off point that is located right near the part of the meadow in which we hold activities. From the drop-off point to the area where we have lunch and hold services is about 200 feet. Although the Retreat area is relatively flat, there are no paved areas beyond the drop-off point. We know that some wheelchairs and scooters can navigate the terrain and we are working on measures to improve the accessibility. We will provide more information, as we test improvements on June 3 (rescheduled due to rain). If you have concerns about attending the retreat, we want to hear them. Please email Maya at maya@kehillasynagogue.org as soon as you can. Our registration form also has space for requesting accommodations.

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Greetings from the Board of Trustees, Part II

The Board of Trustees has been sharing individual member profiles to introduce ourselves to the congregation and describe our individual paths to joining the board. Please meet members Lisa Korwin and Ruth Atkin:

Lisa Korwin is beginning her second year on the Board and is very much looking forward to it. She began attending Kehilla’s high holiday services in the ‘90s and was drawn to the politics and commitment to inclusive practices. As someone who grew up assimilated yet culturally Jewish, it was deeply important to feel welcome and to have a place to explore her Jewish identity. After years of loving Kehilla from the periphery, Lisa and her wife Kip finally decided to become members. When Lisa saw a post in the newsletter soliciting new members for Kehilla’s Art Gallery Committee, she saw it as a wonderful way into the working life of Kehilla. She joined the committee, and had the honor of serving as its chair. The Art Committee was only the beginning. She co-led the beautification of Kehilla’s lobby to use beauty in providing respite and continues to work on different building beautification projects. Lisa and a team of friends also served on an accompaniment team for an Afghan family who came to settle in the East Bay.

Serving on the board this past year exposed Lisa to the many facets of the work being done behind the scenes to make Kehilla the warm, welcoming, spiritual and political Synagogue that it is. As a board member, Lisa not only attends monthly board meetings but also serves on the Generosity Committee. This Committee — which was profiled in an earlier Kol Kehilla article — is responsible for raising critically important resources for Kehilla. This is a new role for Lisa but one that she continues to learn more about each week, recognizing how vitally important it is that Kehilla have the resources to thrive.

Lisa Korwin came to the Bay Area from New York 36 years ago in search of an environment that was welcoming to lesbians and politically progressive. She put down roots in Oakland and hasn’t looked back since. Lisa launched her own firm in 2001 — Korwin Consulting — where she evaluates programs that are dedicated to advancing social justice solutions. The work is tremendously satisfying, and she is inspired by the important work she supports.

Lisa looks forward to the year ahead and getting to know even more of Kehilla’s members.

Ruth Atkin is beginning her third year on the Board of Trustees. Ruth was “shul-hopping” in the 1990s and “settled down,” becoming a member after Avi Rose gave a High Holy Day talk on LGBT inclusion and how having a critical mass would change the culture of an institution. Kehilla was the perfect place for a home that synthesized political activism with Jewish renewal. Before moving to the Bay Area, Ruth had been involved in the chavurah movement, one of the strands that evolved into Jewish renewal, as well as activism as a Jew and a feminist through New Jewish Agenda. She was a founding editor of Bridges: A Jewish Feminist Journal, an outgrowth of Agenda’s feminist task force newsletter. She was also an editor of the Bay Area Jewish Women’s Newsletter, yellowing issues of which are in her attic.

Ruth was active years ago in a Kehilla anti-racism committee and early sanctuary work. More recently, she served on a support team for two Iraqi refugees.

When she joined the board, she decided to put her attention on the physical well-being of our congregation. In these past two years it has been wonderful to see capital improvements to the building, including improved accessibility, and more projects in the planning stages.

This coming year Ruth will serve as Kehilla’s Treasurer and co-chair of the Finance Committee.

Krabbalat Shabbat: Liturgically Traditional, Radically Inclusive
Friday, July 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.
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:

**July 20 - Myles Blazer**

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

My favorite part of the BBM process has been going to my classmates’ ceremonies.

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

I like that Kehilla is open to everyone’s beliefs.

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

I play both piano and trombone.

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**Kehilla Sings!**

**Upcoming dates:**

*Saturday, July 13* at the Kehilla Retreat in Bort Meadow, 3:15-4:30pm

*Tuesday, August 13, 7:00-8:30 pm, Fireside Room

*Tuesday, September 10, 7:00-8:30 pm, Fireside Room*

A monthly gathering with Hazzan Shulamit to circle round and sing together! *Special focus on High Holy Day preparation in August and September.* We’ll nourish our bodies, minds, and spirits with nignuim (wordless melodies), new tunes for ancient prayers, and songs to take out into the streets. Join us for a delicious time of tuning into our souls and to one another. Everyone’s welcome! Donations accepted at the door $5-15 (for gatherings at Kehilla). Visit the website for posted music for shabbat, protests, and more!

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**July 4: Kehilla Admin. Offices Closed for American Independence Day**

**July 1-3 & 5: Kehilla Administrative Offices at Limited Capacity**

Our Kehilla Administrative Offices will be at limited capacity during this week, as many of our staff members are out on vacation or off-site events. It is possible response times will be slow as the staff on-site will be fielding all requests. We appreciate your support and understanding.
Kehilla-Plymouth Criminal Justice Workshop June 25

Along with the Justice Committee of Plymouth United Church of Christ, some members of the Economic Justice Committee presented our 2nd Criminal Justice Reform Workshop on the subject of Re-entry After Incarceration. It took place June 25 at Kehilla and was aimed at Kehilla congregants and those of Plymouth – the Jazz and Justice – Church as well as those of St. Colomba Church. The program included speakers’ personal experiences of re-entry into the community after incarceration, opportunities for volunteering with those re-entering, and a letter-writing activity in support of facilitating faster reinstatement of medical coverage for jail inmates on release.

Participants discussed the many challenges of re-entry, including the lack of housing, employment, health care, and difficulties reconnecting with family. They discussed the importance of beginning plans for re-entry as early as the start of incarceration, and that people who have experienced jail or prison should be the ones to work with those released.

The LiveFree Committee of Oakland Community Organizations (members of the Economic Justice Committee and Plymouth’s Justice Committee are participants) published a report, “What’s Up With Our Jails?” (see link) A lot of good crucial work is now happening on a local and statewide level to address the poor conditions of those incarcerated at Santa Rita and Glenn Dyer jails and possibly in other jails in the state. Two issues getting a lot of attention now include: 1) sleep deprivation and 2) inadequate prenatal and perinatal care for infants born in custody.

To get more information or to join these efforts, please contact EJC Chair, Karen Rachels, karenrachels@gmail.com

Invitation to Artists: Kehilla High Holy Days Art Show

Kehilla’s Art Gallery Committee is planning our annual exhibit open to all members of the congregation. We invite you to share your creativity with the community as you begin reflecting on your feelings, thoughts and hopes for the coming year. Get those artistic juices flowing and create a new piece for this show or bring an old favorite. We are seeking two-dimensional art, ready to hang. The only other limit is your imagination!

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Lynn Lazarus at lrlazarus18@gmail.com or Sasha Gottfried at sashago@comcast.net. The deadline for submission is August 30th, but we do hope to hear from you sooner

The exhibit will hang in the Fireside Room from September through December. We will share general information in future newsletters and coordinate closely with each artist as you contact us. We look forward to seeing your work!

Tot Shabbats!
Saturdays, July 6 and July 20, 10:30-11:15am

Join us for Tot Shabbat with Jen Miriam and Alon Altman with their Puppet Friends. Geared towards babies and children up to age 5 with their grownups! 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. In the back classroom.

Morning Meditation Sit
Wednesdays at 7:50am

With Rabbi Dev. In the Fireside Room (Enter through the Patio entrance on Fairview). Doors open at 7:50 a.m., short teaching at 7:55 a.m., silent sit from 8:00 – 8:30, mourner’s kaddish and announcements at 8:30.
Tikkun Ha-Nefesh (Repair of the Soul) Healing Racism, Unpacking White Privilege – Affinity Group
Sunday, July 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)

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.
Love to chant Torah? We want YOU to leyn!

Teens and Adults, let’s do this, one aliya 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 July or August
- September 7: Elul CHAI Shabbat morning service (Sanctuary)
- September 28: Elul Shabbat morning service (Fireside Room)

Contact Shulamit@kehillasynagogue.org for any of the above dates.

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!

If you aren’t able to join the registry, there are still ways to help us get the word out and register new people by hosting drives – which is easy to do and in which we are happy to support you!

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

July Book Discussion Group: Nemesis by Philip Roth

Monday, July 8, 7-9pm

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

Financial

Annual Fund
Ellen and Howard Rosenberg
Marjorie Cox
Catherine Lyons
Barry Skeist

General Donation
Rachel Vyda Venning and Laura Weide
Ari Grossman-Naples
Jay and Ruth Koch

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
Carla Schick, in honor of the Immigration Committee
Linda Artel, for Rabbi David who is terrific and understanding
Riley Newfield, a gift from Riley made from a portion of his Bar Mitzvah Gifts

Terumah Building Fund
Carla Schick, in honor of the Immigration Committee

Volunteer

The Annual Retreat Planning Committee
Members: still planning, still collecting folks, all doing amazing work! To be listed in detail in August

Office Volunteers in June: Whitney Dorman, Jeanette Nichols, and Shoshkie Finacom, and Sasha Gottfried, who patiently and beautifully helped us move forward with some important projects.
July 2019 Event Listing
Please remember that all events are fragrance-free

Mon., July 1 -Wed, July 3. **Kehilla Administrative Offices at Limited Capacity.** Our Kehilla Administrative Offices will be at limited capacity during this week, as many of our staff members are out on vacation or off-site events. It is possible response times will be slow as the staff on-site will be fielding all requests. We appreciate your support and understanding.

Wed., July 3, 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 4. **Kehilla Administrative Offices Closed for American Independence Day**

Fri., July 5. **Kehilla Administrative Offices at Limited Capacity.**

**No Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, July 5. First and Third Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services resume in August.**

Sat., July 6, 10:30 am-12:15 pm. **Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Dev and Hazzan Shulamit.** Join us for a delightful morning of prayer and torah and togetherness!

Sat., July 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., July 8, 7-9pm. **Book Discussion Group. July’s book: Nemesis by Philip Roth.** All Kehilla members are welcome to join us for our customary meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7pm.

Wed., July 10, 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.

Fri., July 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.

Fri., July 12-14: **Kehilla’s Annual Retreat in Bort Meadow**. More info on page 3/Register here: https://kehillasynagogue.org/bm2019/

Sat., July 13, 10:15 am -12:30 pm. **Shabbat Morning Services at Bort Meadow**

Wed., July 17, 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.

**No Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, July 19. First and Third Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services resume in August.**

Sat., July 20, 10:00 am-12:30 pm. **Shabbat Morning Service and Myles Blazer becoming Bar Mitzvah.** With Rabbi David, Julie Nesnansky, Rabbi Carol Caine, and Debbie Fier. Join us for a celebratory and musical Shabbat morning service exploring Parashat Naso. Everyone is welcome! Kiddush provided by Myles’ parents, Karen Gersten-Rothenberg and Jonathan Blazer.

Sat., July 20, 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.

Sun., July 21, 10am-12pm. **Tikkun Ha-Nefesh (Repair of the Soul) Healing Racism, Unpacking White Privilege – Affinity Group.** Learn more on page 7.

Tues., July 23, 6:15-9pm. **Board of Trustees Meeting.** (Dinner at 6:15) All members are welcome. Back Classroom (main floor, straight down the hall).

Wed., July 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.

Sat., July 27, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. **Shabbat Morning Service and Uf Ruf celebration!** Join Rabbi Dev and Beth Dickinson for a joyful shabbat morning of prayer, torah, and our celebration of the upcoming wedding of Talia Davidow and Maggie Owsley. Talia and Maggie are sponsoring the kiddush in honor of their simcha.

Wed., July 31, 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.

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