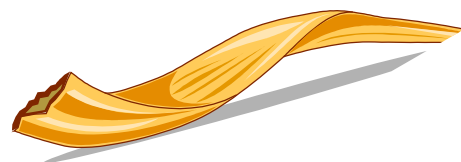




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## *A Message from Rabbi Dean*



In May and June life at Temple Beth Hillel begins to slow down. Adult education and religious school go on vacation until the fall. We continue our regular Shabbat services but begin planning for the High Holidays that will come in the fall. Many of you go away on vacation and so participation in services is spottier than during the fall, winter and spring.

With fewer direct connections to TBH and, hopefully, more free time, what can we do to keep our Jewish interests growing and stimulate our mind and spirit? In the summer, my thoughts always turn to reading a good book. So let me suggest some good Jewish reads to mix in with fine summer reads. This is a non-scientific list of books that I have read recently or am reading now and think are worthy of your consideration.

First is How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less, a graphic novel by Sarah Glidden, published by Vertigo/DC Comics and widely available. It's a record of her Birthright/Israel trip in 2008. In case you're not aware, Birthright is a program sponsored by the State of Israel and a number of American/Jewish philanthropists that sends young American Jews who have never been to Israel on free 10 day trip to Israel. About 100,000 young men and women have gone on a Birthright trip. This is her story. It's a memoir of her highly personal encounter with Israel. She begins with a very critical stance regarding Israel and is wary of being brainwashed. While her point of view doesn't change, through the course of her trip she begins to understand the complexity of Israel and the conflict with the Palestinians. This is a thoughtful book, well written and beautifully illustrated. I think it gives a profound insight into the struggles of many young American Jews to integrate Israel into their lives.

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Second, is Rethinking the Holocaust, by Yehuda Bauer, Yale University Press. Bauer, a professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is one of the world's leading historians of the Holocaust. He has taught, researched and published for over 40 years. This book contains many of his most recent ideas and some reassessments of earlier historical work on the Holocaust. I am in the process of reading it now and have learned a great deal from the early chapters in which he attempts to define the Holocaust, to critically examine what makes it unique when compared with other genocides, and to evaluate recent Holocaust scholarship such as Goldhagen's Hitler's Willing Executioners. I am looking forward to the later chapters on Jewish resistance to the Nazis and his examination of Holocaust theology. He brings a historian's discipline and organization to his work and is an excellent writer. If you want to get a sense of the latest academic attempts to come to grips with the Holocaust, this book is a good place to start.

Speaking of history, if you have never read anything by Benny Morris, one of Israel's most famous historians I highly recommend his most recent book, 1948: The First Arab-Israeli War. Morris was one of the founders of the "Revisionist School," of Israeli historiography. They attempted to debunk the so-called myths of Zionist history by using documents that had been declassified from the Israeli Government and the IDF 20 years after the establishment of Israel. Meticulously researched and well written, 1948 is the definitive history of Israel's war of Independence.

No summer reading list would be complete without a couple of recommendations from the work of Abraham Joshua Heschel. Although he died too young in 1972, Heschel has had a profound influence on American Jewish life. Born and raised in a Polish Hasidic family. He received a traditional Jewish education and was ordained in Chasidic yeshiva. He came to Germany in the early 1930's and earned a Ph.D. in philosophy. His writing combines a poetic mysticism with an understanding of struggles of life in the modern world. This year in adult ed we've been studying the prophets and I have recommended Heschel's The Prophets to participants in the class. It's a phenomenal look at the ancient Hebrew prophets through the mind of Heschel. If you haven't already done so then buy a copy of The Sabbath, probably one of the most beautiful works of Jewish theology ever written. Whether you consider yourself religious or not, this is a book that will change the way you think about Judaism.

Finally, on a lighter note, this is isn't a Jewish book per-se, but I've been reading a series of books by Phillip Kerr about a private detective, named Bernie Gunther in Berlin before and

after the Second World War. Imagine Phillip Marlowe meets Adolf Eichman and you've got the right idea. The first three are called The Berlin Noir Trilogy and are sold as a set. The final two are A Quiet Flame, and The One From the Other. Their well written, atmospheric, and a great read. Perfect for the beach or a summer trip.

Happy reading.

*Rabbi Dean Kertesz*

Beit Midrash Hillel will hold a Teacher Appreciation and Havdallah Potluck and Service on Saturday, May 7 @ 6:30PM. All are welcome!

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## *from Our President*

Get out your calendars. The next couple of months are full of events which really highlight the many different kinds of programs we offer. We hope you will find several that fit your interests and join us.

In addition to our regular **Friday evening services**, we are gathering for a **Shabbat morning service** on Saturday, April 30, followed by a potluck lunch. Come and participate in a wonderful experience. And on Saturday, June 11, Stefan Moskowitz will become a **bar mitzvah**. Share this special day with him and his family, and welcome him to our community.

We are commemorating **Yom Hashoah** on Sunday, May 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Betty Bleicher and Renee Powell have planned a different program this year, which will involve our Beit Midrash Hillel students. The theme is "A Continuum of Remembrance." with survivors, children and grandchildren of survivors as guest speakers, and readings including excerpts from children's diaries, poetry, stories and psalms. Join us to remember and support all the victims of the Holocaust.

In this month of Israel Independence Day, we have several programs that focus on Israel. On Sunday, May 15, we will participate in a **Remembrance Day Ceremony**, remembering the lost lives of Israeli soldiers and victims of terrorist acts, followed immediately by **Yom HaAtzmaut celebrations** with Israeli food, music, folk dance, Koomzitz (bonfire), face painting, flag making activities, and more.

That afternoon, from 2-9 p.m., we are a co-sponsor of **Voices of Israel: Celebrating Israel @ 63**, at Temple Sinai in Oakland. There will be keynote addresses, workshops, Israeli-style dining and music.

The following weekend, May 22, Doug Freifeld is arranging a **bagel brunch** featuring some of our congregants, including our young adults, who have visited Israel recently. Come and learn about their experiences.

Our Beit Midrash Hillel, in addition to participating in these events, will hold a **Teachers' Appreciation Potluck and Havdallah Service** on Saturday, May 7. This is an opportunity for everyone to honor teachers who have made a difference in their lives. Our **Shavuot Alumni Potluck and Service** on Friday, June 3 is an alumni service, a chance for a reunion with all our Religious School alumni. And the last day of Religious School, Sunday, June 5, will feature the **Mensch Awards**, followed by a **potluck and barbeque** for the entire congregation.

There are study opportunities for adults as well. Rabbi Dean is continuing his **class on the prophets**. We are a co-sponsor of the **Tikkun Leyl Shavuot**, a community-wide all-night study session. You will have the opportunity to choose from a plethora of classes with teachers highlighting many facets of the Jewish experience.

We are contributing to the larger community by partnering with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley in a **Blood Drive** on Monday, June 6. Here is an easy way to help save a life. You can also join us every month when we prepare and serve lunches at the **GRIP Souper Center**.

For those who just want to have fun with members of our community, come to the **Concert of Music by Stephen Sondheim** on Saturday, May 14. Sondheim is one of the greatest musical theatre composers of our time. We will enjoy delicious desserts, and this is a fund-raiser for our Temple, so it all goes to a good cause.

You can also join us at the **Oakland A's Jewish Heritage Night** on Tuesday, May 17. The As will be playing the Angels. There's free parking and a treat plus your very own A's kippah – in Hebrew, no less.

Learn more about what is and will be going on in our TBH community and participate in our governance at the **General Membership Meeting** on Sunday, June 5. This is an opportunity to have your voice heard and to be a part of our decisions, and we hope everyone will attend. Then join us for the **potluck and barbeque**.

At the **El Cerrito Fourth of July Celebration** on Monday, July 4, you can enjoy the celebration while helping us with our booth to get the word out about these and all the other wonderful things we do.

And, if there is something else you would like to see us doing, please let us know. We are always open to ideas and helpers.



# NOTES FROM THE BOARD

April 13, 2011

## Upcoming Events

- **Shabbat Morning Service**, Saturday, April 30.
- **Yom Hashoah Commemoration**, Sunday morning, May 1.
- **Teachers' Appreciation Potluck and Havdallah Service**, Saturday, May 7.
- **Concert of music by Stephen Sondheim**, Saturday, May 14, at the home of Dana Meyer and June Kamerling. Reserve seats at the Temple office.
- **Israel Independence Day celebration**, Sunday, May 15.
- **Adult Education** – Rabbi Dean Kertesz's class on the prophets continues Sunday, May 5. We are studying Isaiah.
- **Voices of Israel, Celebrating Israel at 63**, Sunday, May 15, 2 – 9 p.m. at Temple Sinai, features two addresses, six workshops, Israeli dinner and music. We are a co-sponsor.
- **Oakland A's Jewish Heritage Night**, Tuesday, May 17. Contact Louise Snitz to buy tickets as part of a TBH group.
- **Bagel Brunch, "My Trip to Israel"**, Sunday, May 22. Doug Freifeld is organizing a program featuring congregants, including young adults, who have recently visited Israel.
- **Shavuot Alumni Potluck and Service**, Friday, June 3. All Religious School alumni are welcome.
- **General Membership Meeting**, Sunday, June 5.
- **Last Day of Religious School and Mensch Awards**, Sunday, June 5.
- **Temple BBQ and Pot Luck**, Sunday, June 5.
- **Blood Drive**, Monday, June 6, at Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. We are a partner.
- **Tikkun Leyl Shavuot**, Tuesday, June 7 – Wednesday, June 8. We are a co-sponsor of this community all night study session on Shavuot.
- **El Cerrito July Fourth Celebration**, Monday, July 4. We will have a booth.

## Programs and Events

- The **Purim Carnival** went well. Many people, including many children and many new visitors attended. Thanks to very active marketing. Net income to date is about what was budgeted.
- Gordon Raskin is working on organizing a **Bagel Bruch** with a representative from **J Street**.

## Outreach and Community Events

- We will be a Mission Message Sponsor for the **GRIP Harmony Walk** in October.
- Josh Genser has consulted with the Richmond Planning Department, and the **zoning for our property in the new Richmond General Plan** is appropriate for our needs.
- The **FBI Training Event** was successful and well-attended. We received a very cordial thank-you letter, particularly mentioning David Brown, "who was an incredibly gracious host".

## Buildings and Grounds

- Funds were authorized for **lighting** for the big sign and the sidewalk. David Brown will make arrangements, and Scott Wexelberg is generously donating his services.
- Funds were authorized to **slurry seal the parking lot**.

## Operations

- The draft **budget** for 2011-2012 was discussed.
- Rabbi Dean Kertesz is authorized to purchase new **URJ prayer books for the House of Mourning**.
- Note received thanking us for aid to make a **trip to Israel** possible.



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## *Anniversaries:*

Stefan Lipson & Jane Breyer	5/7
David Brown & Cheryl Black	5/18
Larry & Heather Fox	5/24
Jane & Pablo Durango	5/27
Darren & Joyce Kessler	5/29
Bob & Arlene Lisby	6/3
Jody & Judith Pollak	6/6
Bo Breda & Pete Wilson	6/16
Dann & Dana Ozer-Bearson	6/19
Carl & Suzanne Nelson	6/21
Gordon & Libby Raskin	6/28

## *Birthdays:*

Alan Marks	5/3	
Pat Trumbull	5/4	
Stefan Lipson	5/6	
Michael Chanowitz	5/12	
Sam Genirberg	5/15	
Gisella Lakritz	5/18	
Pablo Durango	5/19	
Dori Goldberg	5/19	15th birthday
Dana Meyer	5/19	
Malachi Katz	5/21	5th birthday
Jennifer Devorah Fox	5/24	8th birthday
Michael Stephens	5/27	
Betty Bleicher	6/4	
Anna Tingley	6/4	13th birthday
Deborah Koenig	6/8	
Penelope A Norman	6/11	
Claire Taylor	6/14	3rd birthday
Debra Dane	6/16	
Helene Class	6/17	
George Tingley	6/19	
Libby Raskin	6/22	
Harry Kiefer	6/25	
Kobi Meyer	6/25	16th birthday
Jay Weidenfeld	6/26	
Beverly Zell	6/27	
Geoffrey William Class	6/29	19th birthday
June Maberry	6/29	
Sherbie Aberle	6/30	
Rosalinde Westil	6/30	

Mazel Tov to Devin Van Hoy upon her graduation from Midrasha May 22,2011

Mazel Tov to Jennie and Andrew Loos on the birth of their son, Tyler Evan and to all the grandparents.

## **Please Join Us for an Israel's Independence Day Celebration**

**Date: Sunday May 15th, 2011.**

**Time: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Where: Temple Beth Hillel, Richmond**

The program will include:

Remembrance Day Ceremony (Yom Hazikaron) - Remembering the lost life of Israeli soldiers and victims of terrorist acts.

Followed immediately with Yom HaAtzmaut celebrations with Israeli food, music, folk dance, Koomzitz (bonfire), face painting, flag making activities, and more.

## **Jewish Heritage Night with the Oakland A's – May 17!**

Louise Snitz is organizing a TBH group to be part of the Jewish community supporting our own Oakland Athletics. It will be a California competition – the A's against the Los Angeles Angels. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Seats are \$26 each and are located in the Plaza Infield, right outside the Westside Club.

In addition, each ticket holder will receive his/her very own A's yamulke and a ballpark treat served in the Westside Club (non-kosher). Parking will be FREE for the evening. For more information go to [www.oaklandathletics.com/jewish](http://www.oaklandathletics.com/jewish) or contact Josh Feinberg at [jfeinberg@oaklandathletics.com](mailto:jfeinberg@oaklandathletics.com) or 510.563.2205.

## **Bagel Brunch**

**Israel - Panel Discussion by TBH  
Congregants Recently Returned from  
Israel**

**Sunday, May 22**

**Please Join Us!**



## *Tzedakah*

*"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?  
And if only for myself, what am I?  
And if not now, when?"*

### **General Contributions:**

James & Judy Freeman, in memory of  
Charles Freeman

Zelda Holland, in memory of Fania  
Schlocker

Elisabeth Miller, in memory of Sam Herrod  
Irene & John & Michele Morgan, in  
memory of Aaron (Buck) Morgan, & Isidore  
Morgan

Judy Windrix & Bill Hartman, in memory of  
Gershon Caplan

### **R.S. Enrichment:**

Sheri Tattenham & Stan Hazlak in memory  
of Carl Dubow

### **Dues Relief:**

Sanford & Helene Wichner, in memory of  
Sylvia Meisel

### **Beautification:**

Neil & Roxann Zarchin, in memory of  
Helen Glass

### **Tzedakah-Tikkun Olam:**

Maggie Jacobs & Robert Woznicki  
Laura Taub & David Kline in memory of  
Edna Taub

Roy & Pat Trumbull, in memory of Herman  
levy, Helen Trumbull & Doris Pick

### **Adult Education:**

Henry & Eva Linker in memory of Vernon  
Stroud

### **Cantor's Discretionary:**

Henry & Eva Linker in memory of Ellen  
Dorn

### **Rabbi's Discretionary:**

Jeff Romm

### **Mitzvah Access:**

Allan & Phyllis Sagle, in memory of Murray  
& Theodora Goldstein

## TBH Event Summary

### **May**

5/1 Yom Hashoah Commemoration  
5/7 Teacher appreciation and Havdallah Service  
5/14 Concert of Sondheim's music  
5/15 Remembrance Day and Israel Independence Celebration  
5/15 Voices of Israel @ Temple Sinai in Oakland (co-sponsors)  
5/15 Jewish Heritage Night @ Oakland A's Game  
5/22 Bagel Brunch Panel Discussion  
5/22 Midrasha graduation

### **June**

6/3 Shavuot Alumni Potluck and Service  
6/5 General Membership Meeting  
Last Day of Religious School  
Mensch Awards  
Potluck and BBQ  
6/6 Blood Drive @ Unitarian Church in Berkeley (co-sponsors)  
6/11 Stefan Moskowitz's Bar Mitzvah

### **July**

7/4 TBH booth @ El Cerrito 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration



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## An Invitation

### *The Music of Stephen Sondheim* with *Jennifer Boesing*, Artistic Director of YMTC

*Join us for a very special musical evening:  
A private concert featuring the songs of Stephen Sondheim  
and a delicious, gourmet dessert buffet.*

**Saturday, May 14, 2011**

**7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

*The home of June Kamerling and Dana Meyer  
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*Bring friends and music lovers!  
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*To reserve your place, contact Arlene at [tbh@aol.com](mailto:tbh@aol.com) or call 510-223-2560.*

**Rabbi Dean Kertesz and Cantor Howard Cohen  
are sponsors of this Temple Beth Hillel Fundraiser  
(All proceeds go to the support of the synagogue.)**

**Jennifer Boesing** is a phenomenal singer and interpreter of Stephen Sondheim's music. She graduated from the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theater in New York City, where she studied acting with Sanford Meisner and Richard Pinter. In 2002, she earned a Masters in Music from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Operatic Performance. Boesing has performed opera, oratorio and new music theater. She has worked professionally with San Francisco Opera Center, San Francisco Lyric Opera, Pocket Opera, Golden Gate Men's Chorus, Gold Coast Chamber Players, Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, Berkeley Opera, Oakland East Bay Symphony, Oakland Opera Theater, Festival Opera, and North Bay Opera. She currently serves as Artistic Director for YMTC (Youth Music Theater Company), a Berkeley-based company providing exceptional musical, theatrical training and performance opportunities to talented Bay Area youth.

Born March 22, 1930, **Stephen Sondheim** is an American composer and lyricist for stage and film. Along with multiple Grammy Awards, an Academy Award and Pulitzer Prize, he is the winner of multiple Tony Awards--eight, more than any other composer—and the recipient of a Special Tony for Lifetime Achievement in the Theater. As composer-lyricist, Sondheim's most famous works include *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Company*, *Follies*, *A Little Night Music*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Into the Woods*, and *Assassins*, as well as the lyrics for *West Side Story* and *Gypsy*. Frank Rich of the *New York Times* described Sondheim as "the greatest and perhaps best-known artist in the American musical theatre."

# Yahrzeits

May Their Memories Be A blessing

Betty Elkind, Mother of Susie & Risa Nye	5/1	Paula Krent Drucker, Mother of Carol Drucker	6/6
Frank Goldberg, Father of Ruth Fremes	5/2	Rachel Danielle Ellis,	
Ron Soble, Father of Laura Soble	5/2	Granddaughter of Sanford & Helene Wichner	6/6
Bertha Wichner, Mother of Sanford Wichner	5/3	Edna Mann, Founding Member of TBH	6/6
Sarah Laskow, Grandmother of Beverly Zell	5/4	Amnon Weidenfeld, Father of Jay Weidenfeld	6/7
Leonard Metz, Father of Ellen Seskin	5/4	Kevin Blakeley, beloved member of Congregation	6/8
Robert M. Hansen, Father of Eric Hansen	5/5	Sarah Kamil, Mother of Adolph Kamil	6/8
Samuel Mittleman, Father of Sharon Mittleman	5/5	Leonard Manheim, Uncle of Howard Cohen	6/8
Moses H. Fogel, Grandfather of Laura Soble	5/6	Zelda Racenstein, Mother of Steve Seskin	6/9
Ida Morgan, Remembered by Irene Morgan	5/6	Ruth Hardy, Mother of Sherbie Aberle	6/11
Louis Rosen, beloved member of Congregation	5/6	Victoria Mahar, beloved member of Congregation	6/11
Ken Fox, Husband of Rose Fox	5/7	Benjamin L. Miller, Uncle of Arlene Lisby	6/12
Max F. Robinson, Father of Bernard Robinson	5/8	Ruth Slackman, Mother of Marcia Slackman	6/12
Louis Fox, Grandfather of Larry Fox	5/9	Meyer Zuckerman, Father of Ellen Stephens	6/12
Dorothy Mittleman, Mother of Sharon Mittleman	5/9	Bessie Cohen, Grandmother of Howard Cohen	6/13
Freida Needle, beloved member of Congregation	5/9	Pat Gray, Friend of Arlene Lisby	6/14
Thurston Glass, Father of Roxann Zarchin	5/10	Jaime Nadler, Husband of Bobbi Nadler	6/14
Stanley Newman, beloved member of Congregation	5/10	Ethel Mandel, Mother of a woman called Sam	6/15
Donna M. Samuels, Sister of Helene Wichner	5/10	Alexander Schlocker, Father of Zelda Holland	6/16
Aron Nahimovich Svidovsky, Father of Frieda Hilsabeck	5/15	Janet Hassett, Sister of Laura Taub	6/18
Benjamin Kessler, Father of Darren Kessler	5/18	Israel Kamil, Father of Adolph Kamil	6/19
Benjamin Lesch, Grandfather of Beverly Lesch	5/18	Marvin Stern, Brother of Geri Stern	6/19
Lana Leshaa, Grandmother of Joyce Kessler	5/18	Harvey Butchart, Uncle of Maggie Jacobs	6/20
Rose Raskin, Mother of Gordon Raskin	5/18	Norma Matta, Sister of Bernie Dulberg	6/21
Sophie Adelman, Mother of Carol Katz	5/19	Charlotte Zuckerman, Mother of Ellen Stephen	6/21
Peter Klein, beloved member of Congregation	5/19	Sarah Guss, Grandmother of Saralynn & Helen Nusbaum	6/23
Harry Richard Minsky, Father of Paul Minsky	5/19	Carl Kosky, Cousin of Alan Marks	6/23
Evelyn Rosenwach, Mother of Janet Neiderbach	5/19	Ruth Alexander, Mother of Roberta Alexander	6/25
Mae Welstand, Mother of Steve Welstand	5/21	Melvyn Rabinowitz, beloved member of Congregation	6/26
Frances Bloom, Cousin of Laura Soble	5/23	Louis Hyman, Grandfather of Helene Class	6/28
Jack Henner, Father of Bobbi Nadler	5/25	Mitzi Freifeld, Mother of Doug Freifeld	6/29
Gerald Powell, Father of Renee Powell	5/25	Herman Lester Gerry, Father of Eric Husby-Gerry	6/29
Elizabeth Sylvia Minsky, Mother of Paul Minsky	5/26		
Leo Wichner, Father of Sanford Wichner	5/26		
Vera Waxman, Mother of Arny Waxman	5/27		
Barry Ira Fogel, Uncle of Laura Soble	5/28		
Louis Linker, Brother of Henry Linker	5/28		
Charles Rose, Father of Linda Rose	5/28		
Morris Rubinstein, beloved member of Congregation	5/29		
MaryRuth Casebeer, Mother of Carl Nelson	5/30		
Bill Fox, Son of Rose Fox	6/1		
Don Mason, beloved member of Congregation	6/1		
Sara Stern, Mother of Geri Stern	6/1		
Louise Klein, beloved member of Congregation	6/3		
Israel Schwartz, Father of Rose Fox	6/3		
Harry Stern, beloved member of Congregation	6/4		
Briget Berryman, Mother of Elisabeth Miller	6/5		
Ernest Mueller, Uncle of Gisella Lakritz	6/5		



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Dogs by Dianne, *Richmond*  
Down Home Music Store, *El Cerrito*  
Farm Fresh to You  
Fiat Music Company, *Pinole*  
Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco  
Five Star Video, *Albany*  
Floor Dimensions, *Berkeley*  
Flower Cart, *Pinole*  
Folkmania, Inc., *Emeryville*  
Forrests Music, *Berkeley*  
Freight & Salvage, *Berkeley*  
Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park  
Giovanni's Produce & Grocery, *El Cerrito*  
Glenn Custom Framing, *El Cerrito*  
Golden Gate Fields, *Albany*

Gordo Taqueria, *Berkeley*  
Grand Bakery, *Oakland*  
Habitot Children's Museum, *Berkeley*  
Hagafen Cellars, *Napa*  
Hannah's Children's Resale, *Berkeley*  
Head Over Heels, *Emeryville*  
Hilltop YMCA, *Richmond*  
Holy Land Kosher Food, *Oakland*  
Hometown Buffet, *Pinole*  
Hornblower Cruises, *SF*  
Hotel Mac Restaurant, *Pt. Richmond*  
Ice Chamber Athletic Performance & Training, *Pt. Richmond*  
Julia Morgan Theater, *Berkeley*  
Kinders Meats & Deli, *Hercules*  
La Farine Bakery, *Berkeley*  
La Strada Restaurant, *San Pablo*  
Lawrence Hall of Science, *Berkeley*  
Ledger Liquor Store, *Berkeley*  
Lindsay Wildlife Museum, *Walnut Creek*  
Lucasfilms Limited, *San Rafael*  
Marin Shakespeare Company, *San Rafael*  
Masquers Playhouse, *Richmond*  
Mountain Play Association  
Nation's Foodservice, Inc., *El Cerrito*  
Nation's Giant Burgers  
Natural Grocery Store, *El Cerrito*  
Neshoma Network, *Englewood*  
Niensens Arts, *Berkeley*  
Oakland A's Community Fund  
Oakland Ballet Company  
Oakland Harley Davidson  
Oakland Museum of California  
Oakland Raiders  
Oakland Zoo, *Oakland*  
Oregon Shakespeare Festival, *Ashland*  
Original Red Onion, *Pinole*  
Palace Furniture, *Richmond*  
Paper Plus Outlet, *Berkeley*  
Peet's Coffee & Tea, *on Solano in Berkeley*  
Picante, *Berkeley*  
Pinole Valley Lanes  
Pinole Valley Lanes  
Playland-Not-at-the-Beach, *El Cerrito*  
Post Meridian, *Kensington*  
Red Onion, *El Cerrito*  
Renaissance Rialto – Grand Lake Theater, *Oakland*

Rialto Cinemas Cerrito, *El Cerrito*  
Richmond Sanitary Service  
Ripley's Believe It or Not, *SF*  
Romano's Macaroni Grill, *El Cerrito*  
Round Table Pizza, *Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, Lafayette*  
Rubios  
San Francisco Jewish Film Festival  
San Pablo Lytton Casino  
Sara's Nail & Salon, *El Cerrito*  
Scandia Family Fun Center, *Fairfield*  
See's Candies, *South SF*  
Semifreddi's Bakery  
Sizzler Restaurant, *Pinole*  
Sohelia's Hair Salon, *Pinole*  
Solano Hair Design, *Berkeley*  
Sport Fencing Center, *El Cerrito*  
St. George's Spirits, *Alameda*  
Stella Carakasi/Two Star Dog Clothing, *Oakland*  
Sticks Framing & Art, *Berkeley*  
Stonemountain & Daughter Fabrics, *Berkeley*  
Sue Johnson Lamps, *Berkeley*  
Ten Speed Press, *Emeryville*  
The Buddy Club, *Richmond*  
Toy-Go Round, *Albany*  
Wax Museum, *SF*  
Winchester Mystery House, *San Jose*  
Windrix Transcription, *Pleasant Hill*  
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, *SF*  
Zoe's Cookies, *Richmond*

# Temple Beth Hillel

## Yom Ha-Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, May 1, 2011  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Invite your family, friends  
and neighbors.

Of the eleven million people who  
died during the Holocaust,  
six million were Jewish men,  
women and children.

Join the congregation,  
Rabbi Dean Kertesz,  
Cantor Howard Cohen,  
speakers and students from  
Beit Midrash Hillel for

### A Continuum of Remembrance

a service commemorating all  
who were victims of this tragedy.

Memorial candle lighting

Guest Speakers:  
Survivors, Children and  
Grandchildren of Survivors

Readings:  
Excerpts from children's diaries,  
poetry, stories and psalms

The theme that embodies the  
worldwide significance of  
*Yom Ha-Shoah* is to recall all the  
victims of the Holocaust, and to  
ensure that this catastrophe never  
happens again!



Temple Beth Hillel  
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Richmond, CA 94803

Temple Beth Hillel is the only synagogue  
serving West Contra Costa County.

Questions? [www.tbhrichmond.org](http://www.tbhrichmond.org) or (510) 223-2560



Dear Religious School Alumni,

Temple Beth Hillel will honor you with a special service on Friday evening, June 3, 2011. We look forward to welcoming you at our family potluck service at 6:30 p.m. that evening. It will be a mitzvah if you and your family can attend and help us celebrate you! Please R.S.V.P. to Marc Teitelbaum at (510) 24-4892 or email him at [marc.teitelbaum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marc.teitelbaum@sbcglobal.net)

## Sunday, June 5, 2011

Save the date

- 9:30 a.m. Last Day of Religious School and Mensch Awards
- 10:00 a.m. Bagels
- 10:30 a.m. General Membership Meeting  
All members are urged to attend.  
There will be reports, discussions elections, budget approval.  
More information and agenda to follow.
- 12:30 p.m. Temple BBQ and Pot Luck - Bring a non- meat dish to share.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Are you looking for services? Housing? Employment? Or do you have these available? Do you have something to buy, sell, rent, exchange? This is your space to contact members of our community. Please send your notices to Louise Snitz.

If you are interested in spending a week in sunny Mexico, or another part of the world, please contact Marcia Delgado. We have a couple of resort timeshare weeks for rent (deeply discounted for TBH friends). E-mail [holvisusa@comcast.net](mailto:holvisusa@comcast.net) or call (510) 223-6030.



## Please Save This Date

Annual GRIP Blood Drive June 6, 2011 2pm-9pm  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley  
1 Lawson Rd., Kensington (see map for directions)  
510-525-0302

To reserve a specific appointment time go to:  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Sponsor code: GRIP

Contact Marilyn Hertzberg for more information  
510-816--7885 [mgh654@msn.com](mailto:mgh654@msn.com)

## HELP WANTED

Help with our Israel Independence Day program – *Contact Heather Fox*

Organize brunch for General Membership Meeting, June 5 – *Contact Laura Taub*

Help with BBQ and pot luck June 5 – *Contact Laura Taub*

Help staff our booth for the El Cerrito Fourth of July celebration – *Contact Larry Fox*

Organize GRIP dinners – *Contact Laura Taub*

Sponsor an oneg to celebrate Shabbat – *Contact Sheri Tattenham*

Help organize an educational or social program – *Contact Laura Taub*

Beautify our Temple by rehangng the needlepoints – *Contact Louise Snitz*

Help our members: the Caring Community needs cooks, drivers and visitors –  
*Contact Marilyn Hertzberg*

Help reshelve the library books – *Contact Laura Taub*

Shelve and/or process books for the Children's Library so we can have new books on display  
*Contact Laura Taub*

Help feed the hungry at the Souper Center – *Contact Jane Kaasa*

Lead a class on Jewish food (URJ has lesson plans) –  
*Contact Laura Taub*

## From The Chairperson of Our Purim Carnival

Dear Friends,

The Purim Carnival has come and gone, and by the time you read this, Pesach will be over and we will be counting the omer leading up to Shavuot. I want to take this opportunity to tell you how grateful I am to have worked with such fabulous volunteers who all worked toward the same goal of making our TBH Purim Carnival a success. We had a great turnout, and I want to thank our entire congregation (and our many guests). There are lots of people who really put in extra efforts, and they deserve our special recognition.

Thanks to **Laura Taub** who recruited and coordinated volunteers to cover every detail of this great event and made sure that everything ran smoothly. Laura's volunteer recruiting efforts were backed up by **Ellen Seskin, Meg Freifeld, Alice Chanowitz, Sheri Tattenham, Bobbi Nadler** and **Marcia Delgadillo**.

Publicity for the event was a big success thanks to **Audrey Berger** with help from the **Marketing Committee, Larry Fox, Roberta Alexander** and me.

Our great TBH Office Administrator **Arlene Lisby** wore many hats this year. She coordinated, communicated, collected, and ensured that our Temple building and grounds once again could host the Purim Carnival. Arlene provided special assistance with the raffle, publicity, designing and mailing out flyers and raffle tickets, and, of course, the silent auction. Her family pitched in to help us in many ways.

There was lots of hard work behind the scenes that made the Purim Carnival great and beautiful. This year, set up was handled by **Doug Freifeld** assisted by **Neoma Kenwood, Norm Goldwyn, James Goldwyn, David Brown, Dana Meyer, Kobi Meyer, Frida Hilsabeck, Holvis Delgadillo, Marilyn Hertzberg, Brandy** (Arlene's granddaughter) and **Kylie, Arlene Lisby, Jane Kemp, Marc Teitelbaum** and **Larry Fox**.

Clean-up was also handled by **Doug** assisted by **Neoma Kenwood, David Brown, Jim Freeman, Stan Hazlik, Roberta Mandel, Kobi Meyer, Steve Seskin, Josh Genser, Andre Moskowitz, Arlene Lisby, Carl Nelson, Barbara Ball, Libushe Moskowitz, Stefan Moskowitz, Marilyn Hertzberg** and **Ellen Seskin**. Thank you all for your hard work.

The Silent Auction was back this year thanks to the dedication of **Laura Taub** and **Linda Rose**. The committee put forth an incredible effort and got donations from near and far to make this year's offerings better than ever. Laura and Linda were assisted by **Arlene Lisby** and **Debra Dane**. **Sheri Tattenham** made calls for volunteers. Donation Follow-Up was handled by **Helene Class** assisted by **A Woman Called Sam, Barbara Ball, Cheryl Black, Betty Bleicher, Alice Chanowitz, Larry and Heather Fox, Judy and Jim Freeman, Meg Freifeld, Clara Rae Genser, Juli Goldwyn, Marilyn Hertzberg, Jane Kaasa, David Katzenellenbogen, Jane Kemp, Debra Lurie, June Maberry, Alan Marks, Bobbi Nadler,**

**Renee Powell, Allan Sagle, Frank Snitz, Marc Teitelbaum, Pat Trumbull, San Wichner, Judy Windrix, Beverly Zell** and me. Additional pick-ups were handled by **Judy and Jim Freeman, Jane Kaasa, David Katzenellenbogen, Jim Montgomery, Jeff Romm and San Wichner**. Advance data gathering was handled by **Bo Breda** and **Kathleen Hunt** did some of the online requests. Silent Auction set up on Saturday was handled by **Linda Rose, Arlene Lisby, Barbara Weidenfeld, Holvis Delgadillo, and Frida Hilsabeck**. Sunday staffing was handled by **Roberta Mandel, Cheryl Black, Michele Waxman, Audrey Berger, and Laura Taub**.

Booths this year were handled by the amazing **Neoma Kenwood** and family. The games included throwing, tossing, playing, jumping, dancing, swinging, fishing, plopping, and pulling again this year which were fun for everyone. Neoma was assisted by **Matt Lisby** and **Natalie, Debbie** (Arlene's daughter) and **Roy** (Arlene's son-in-law), **Heather Fox, David Katz, Carol Katz, Nahum Goldberg, Jane and Maurice Kaasa, Andre Moskowitz, Michael Katz, Dori Goldberg, Kobi Meyer, Carrie Katz, Emily Specter, Sheri Tattenham, Don Specter, and Dana Meyer**. A special thank you goes to **Juli, Norm, Daniel** and **James Goldwyn** for coordinating the Cake Walk, which now a traditional part of for our Purim Carnival. Queen Vashti's booth brought a Persian air of glamour and luster to all who entered, thanks to **Margie Marks'** fine work. **Deborah Koenig** and **Ellen Seskin** staffed the booth and Meg and Doug Freifeld helped with accessories and logistics. Color and fantasy adorned faces thanks to our face painters, **Elisabeth Miller and Malka Helfman**. Bingo was run by **Marc Teitelbaum, Bobby Lisby** and **Doug Freifeld**. The prize booth was run by **Josh and Elaina Genser**. They took charge of it and, as usual, did a wonderful job. **Betty Bleicher** sold beautiful treasures from the Gift Shop assisted by **Barbara Ball**. **Debra Lurie** and **Anna Tingley** worked at the book sale. No one got in the front door without buying some game tickets and raffle chances, and they were greeted and cordially served by **Sanford Wichner, Adolf Kamil and Harry Kiefer**. This year **Carl Nelson** was our Master of Ceremonies/Announcer, and he hosted the costume parade, raffle and announcements.

Our traditional Bake Sale was chaired **Pat Trumbull** and **Sharon Mittleman** who were assisted by **Clara Rae Genser, Roberta Alexander, Naura Soares, Barbara Ball, Beverly Zell, Bobbi Nadler, Judy Windrix** and me. Thanks too, to all who baked hamantaschen and other goodies.

The kitchen this year offered a great lunch thanks to the hard work of **Louise Snitz**, her cooks **Selma Goldberg** and **Sid Levy**. Louise's great committee, did a fantastic job shopping, setting up, shopping, cooking, selling, serving and cleaning up afterwards. Many thanks to **Alice Chanowitz, Frank and Louise Snitz** and **Selma Goldberg** for shopping, **Ellen Stephens, Scott Wexelberg, Bo Breda, Priscilla Schneider, Barbara Weidenfeld, Alice Chanowitz, Steve Seskin** and **Marilyn Hertzberg** worked in serving up the delicious food. **Frank Snitz** sold egg creams. **Jay**

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## Old at Heart By Roberta Alexander

I used to volunteer at an assisted living facility. Because of privacy laws I cannot tell you anything about the people who live there.

But I can tell you about my experience.

Because I have always been frightened of ending up too feeble to take care of myself I have steered away from anything that involved old people. I did not want to be a “Friendly Visitor” who went every week to visit some poor soul who would never leave the four walls of the institution that was now “home.”

My fears have not abated with age. Every evening when I do my crossword puzzle, I go to sleep grateful I do not yet have Alzheimer’s. On days when my body aches, I slowly climb the stairs at night and remind myself I am still mobile.

I also know one of the best cures for excessive self-absorption is to do something for somebody else.

As the result of a long recovery period following a serious car accident, I grew sick to death of my endless preoccupation with myself, with doctors’ appointments, with envy of people whose lives seemed “normal,” with focusing on what parts of my body worked and what still hurt.

So I prescribed for myself a dose of getting out and doing something useful. It had to be something within my limited physical capabilities, and I preferred it not be anything that looked too much like what I do for a living.

I found a listing for an assisted living facility seeking someone to read aloud for an hour a week. Reading: I could do that. Plus, it wasn’t too up close and personal, an important consideration for going into an environment that frightened me.

It turned out the place had already found a regular reader. I agreed to come in another day, to help with the morning exercise session and then work with a couple of people on the computer. Although I was aware of a lot of background chatter from all the judgmental and fearful voices that live in my head, I tried to be open-minded. After all, I could always quit.

There were lots of surprises. By my second week, I was aware of many different personalities. Why had I assumed that because the residents were elderly and disabled in some way that they lacked personality or were all the same?

This was an environment in which one of my great strengths—my verbal fluency—was of little use since many of the residents were memory-impaired..

Another surprise: I didn’t have to comment on the action all the time.

With some people, because of their memory loss, I had pretty much the same conversation each week.

Unfailingly, I left the building after one of these exchanges truly able to live in the present for the rest of the day. It was a pleasure to let go of all my what-ifs and maybe-tomorrows for a few hours.

The facility was always looking for volunteers for one activity or another. Not a week went by that I didn’t get at least two e-mails about the need for volunteers for the monthly tea party or for someone to help residents make menu selections. I didn’t have the time to make additional commitments but I was surprised at how interested I was.

There’s something about being needed that’s very seductive.

Without realizing it, I quickly became part of the community. I didn’t think much about the idea of community when my children were small; I was too busy. Their schools were a community; their activities created others. My office, too, constituted a community.

The people who lived and worked in this facility were a community, too.

I am still scared of what I might be like at 85.

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**Weidenfeld** and **Roy Trumbull** did a great job with cashier duties for the food.

The Raffle was handled by me, **Josh Genser**, **Arlene Lisby** and **Hallie Friedman**. A special thank you goes out to all who donated to the Silent Auction and all who bought raffle tickets.

Thank you, everyone, for this year’s event, and we will soon start planning for next year. We will need your great participation again, so please stay tuned. . .

Lshalom,  
Jane Durango  
Chair and Program Planning  
for the 2011 TBH Purim Carnival

## Shoah Memories Part 10 by Sam Genirberg

After supper that evening I discovered that my working day had not yet ended. I was ordered to go to the medical facility and serve as an interpreter for a German physician who treated patients from camp. The infirmary consisted of two treatment rooms. Both were filled with patients. I found this an entirely new experience, having to translate medical terms and ailments to German after hearing the complaints from the patients in Russian, Ukrainian, or Polish. I fervently hoped nothing would be lost in the translation lest I make some people even sicker.

The highlight of the evening came when I was introduced to one of the female nurses, an attractive Russian girl by the name of Tamara Tretiakova. In the excitement I almost forgot to lie when she asked me about my background; then in time I remembered the role I had to play. Nevertheless, from the warm smiles we gave one another, there wasn't a doubt that we established an instant rapport. Before I returned to my room that evening I told her that I hoped to see her again.

Tamara smiled and said, "Yes, that would be nice."

Soon Christmas arrived. The employees received a special holiday meal. The Poles, being Catholics, celebrated the holiday and were allowed to go to mass. Soviet citizens, on the other hand, grew up in the spirit of atheism and avoided celebration.

The news from the Russian front was encouraging. Not for the Germans. It became difficult for the Germans to sustain their high morale after learning of the total annihilation of the sixth army at Stalingrad and of Marshal Paulus's surrender. I watched the gloomy faces of the Germans and I secretly wanted to leap for joy. For the first time since 1939, the victorious German armies were feeling the bitter taste of defeat. Ninety five thousand German soldiers were taken prisoners and the rest were annihilated by Russian armor.

"Mann Kann nicht immer siegen," – "one can't always win", I overheard Netzel Steinmetz say to his German friend. How sweet those words sounded in my ears. I quickly spread the good news throughout the camp. The Russian men and women were elated to hear the news about the German surrender at Stalingrad, and many predicted that soon Russian tanks would roll into Berlin.

That night I slept well, certain that the victorious Red Armies would succeed and would liberate Europe from Hitler's fascism. And yet, as I lay there in comparative comfort, I worried about my brother Leyzer whom I left in the woods of Ukraine. About my sister Brenda, who also escaped from the Ghetto, and my brother Hershel who was serving in the Red Army. Will I ever see them again?

In time, I had proven my ability as an interpreter in so many situations. I was fondly referred to around both the camp and the factory as "Andreas, the cute Russian".

Since I was the only foreign worker at the facility who spoke German, I was kept very busy and was on call constantly. Some department chiefs would ask me to help out with delicate explanations about the use of tools. Other German men were interested about life in the Soviet Union under the Communist system. A few even voiced their displeasure with the Nazi dictatorship.

The many requests for my services took me to every corner of the factory and I was impressed with the German efficiency and cleanliness I saw all around me. Although the English made sporadic bombing raids it didn't seem to stop the flow of production.

One Sunday afternoon, I ventured out of the camp. Since the guard knew quite well I wasn't prevented from leaving, I didn't wear the OST badge, so I could visit the City along with other people promenading about in a carefree manner. I was overwhelmed by the good roads, the white clean sidewalks.

When I got hungry, I decided to enter this elegant restaurant on a fashionable street in the city of Hagen. Many tables were already occupied with guests. The rooms were very well lit and waitresses dressed in black and white uniforms were rushing back and forth to serve the guests. The hostess escorted me to a table and handed me a printed menu. A waitress brought over a glass of cold water which seemed to me strange. We never drank cold water with dinner at home. She also explained the amount of ration cards I would need for each entrée. "But I don't have any ration cards", I said innocently. "Oh, then you may order the duck," she said. "It's delicious today and it doesn't require ration cards". And so I settled for the duck dinner which I enjoyed a lot.

When I returned to the camp that evening, I told all my "friends" about my experience. They all wanted to tag along on the next outing. My relation to Tamara was progressing. We thought that we are good for each other. (to be continued)



## Special Thanks To

Jane Durango for chairing a great Purim carnival, and  
Linda Rose for running a fabulous auction

Neoma Kenwood and Selma Goldberg for planning and  
cooking a delicious Seder dinner,  
Margie Marks and Elisabeth Miller for setting beautiful  
tables, and

All their helpers, including Jane Durango, Hallie Friedman,  
Dori Goldberg, Nahum Goldberg, Marilyn Hertzberg, Sharon  
Mittleman, Suzanne Nelson, and Emily Specter.

Josh Genser for dealing with our zoning classification in the  
Richmond General Plan, and  
Marilyn Hertzberg for speaking at the Planning Commission  
meeting.

David Kline for again cooking yummy pizza for Game Night.

Jane Durango and the Ritual Committee for organizing our  
Shabbat morning service.

Betty Bleicher and Renee Powell for creating a moving Yom  
Hashaoah commemoration.

Margie Marks for organizing the Teachers' Appreciation  
Potluck and Havdallah.

Louise Snitz for arranging our trip to the Oakland A's.

Larry Fox and David Brown for serving as the Board  
representatives to the Nominating Committee

If you know of someone to thank, please contact Laura Taub.

## *A message from Beit Midrash Hillel*

We have an excellent Religious School Program here at Temple  
Beth Hillel. The only thing missing are the students. Although we  
have been looking for them, they are very good at hiding from us.  
Can you help us locate the little rascals?

We offer a complete program and curriculum for ages 2 – ½ years  
through 13 years.

Would you look toward your family, friends, neighbors, and  
acquaintances to inform them about our program? We provide a  
Jewish education in a playful and informative setting.

Please pass this information along to anyone who might be  
interested.

Contact Temple Beth Hillel 801 Park Central, Richmond, CA  
94803-1225

Our phone number is (510)222-2560.

Our email contact is [tbh@aol.com](mailto:tbh@aol.com)

Our web site is <http://www.templebethhillelrichmond.org>

## Want something tasty...think about an ONEG!!!!

An ancient slave named Epictetus was maimed by the Greeks. He  
became a famous philosopher and advisor to Marcus Aurelius. He  
once said "Do the right thing only because it is the right thing." He  
went on to say "Honor is born of responsibility."

I do not know if this man was a Jew but I believe he could have  
been or perhaps he should have been one!

As we know it is a mitzvah and an honor to be responsible for  
sponsoring and Oneg on Shabbat for our community here at  
Temple Beth Hillel. I sincerely thank all the people who have  
so admirably stepped up to make our Shabbat Services so tasty  
and welcoming this past year. All these wonderful people have  
shown kindness and comfort to all the guests and members of our  
congregation last year:

February 4, 2011 - Cheryl Black and David Brown

November 19, 2010 - Bo Breda

October 15, 2010 - Alice Chanowitz

June 3, 2011- Marcia and Holvis Delgadillo

September 17, 2010 - Jane Durango

July 16, 2010 - Marilyn Hertzberg

February 18, 2011 - Eric Husby-Gerry

March 4, 2011- Frida Hilsabeck

December 17, 2010 - Jane Kaasa

January 7, 2011 - David Katzenellenbogen

January 21, 2011- Neoma Kenwood and Don Specter

September 3, 2010 - Dana Meyer and June Kamerling

March 18, 2011 - Bobbi Nadler

May 6, 2011 - Andre and Libushe Moskowitz

August 6, 2010 - Renee Powell

October 1, 2010 and May 20, 2011 - Louise and Frank Snitz

April 15, 2011 - Mark and Naura Teitelbaum

August 20, 2010 and April 1, 2011 - Barbara and Jay Weidenfeld

November 5, 2010 - Judy Windrix and Bill Hartman

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH for honoring your commitments.  
If I have missed anyone please forgive me.

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg please contact me. I will  
get you all the information, including the expenses and ways to  
mitigate them.

Shalom,

Sheri Tattenham

Phone: (510) 724-1586

Email: [sns hazlak@gmail.com](mailto:sns hazlak@gmail.com)



## From Midrasha in Berkeley by Diane Bernbaum

It's coming. My favorite day of the Midrasha year... graduation. No, it's not my favorite day because it marks the end of the school year and I can finally sleep a little later or go to a ball game or have guests for brunch on Sundays. It my favorite because when I hear each graduate speak about what Midrasha and their 18 years of Jewish education have meant to them, I am overwhelmed with pride and have absolutely not a worry in the world about "Jewish continuity." All the early mornings, late nights, long work days, and worry about program details all go out the window and I realize that I have chosen the right profession and the right job. If you'd like to be similarly filled with nachas (You don't have to be the school director or be related to Midrasha in any way to take pride in the se kids. Just living in our community will do!), please join us for graduation. It is Sunday, May 22 at

10:15 a.m. in the Congregation Beth El sanctuary, 1301 Oxford Street in Berkeley. The graduation epitomizes the pluralistic nature of our Midrasha community. We have 22 graduates. They come from 6 different synagogues. We are truly a community school.

Mazel tov to the following students and their families: Alona Bach, Daniel Baldassare, Adam Berson, Eli Bovarnick, Raphael Falk, Jason Finkelstein, Leo Grossman, Erin Hodess, Alexandra Kennedy, Callie Lapidus, Hannah Lukanuski, Ephraim Margolin, Sara Meltzer, Amy Midanik-Blum, Lena Miller, Joshua Nelson, Zachary Piser, Avi Rosenblum, Ariele Scharff, Jordan Tennenbaum, Devin Van Hoy and Marnina Wirtschafter

See you on May22 at 10:45 at graduation.



**Be A Mensch and A Patriot  
Come Help Spread The Word  
About Temple Beth Hillel at the  
City of El Cerrito's Annual 4<sup>th</sup>  
of July Festival**



**Enjoy The Sun & Get Out In The Community!**



Please volunteer to help staff our booth and have a great time talking about our wonderful Temple Beth Hillel community and handing out balloons. Please contact Larry at [larrydafox@hotmail.com](mailto:larrydafox@hotmail.com) or (510) 965-9351.  
**See you on the 4<sup>th</sup>!**



# May 2011

## Nissan-Iyyar 5771

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