Temple Beth Hillel
Sunday Morning Bagel Brunch
March 26, 2017
10:15 a.m. - Noon

Sar-El: Experiencing Israel in a Different Way

Speaker: David A. Brown

Discussion: Contributing to the Well-Being of Israel

Sar-El, The National Project for Volunteers for Israel—or Service for Israel—is a non-profit service organization for Israeli citizens living abroad who wish to finalize their status with the military. The program is also open to non-Israeli citizens who would like to participate in a program akin to national service without enlisting in the IDF, the Israeli military Defense Force. In November 2015, Temple Beth Hillel member, David A. Brown, fulfilled a long-held desire to contribute to the well-being of Israel with his hands. He connected with volunteers throughout the world on a Sar-El mission. Stationed on IDF bases in Israel, David lived in a barracks, dined in the mess hall with soldiers, and performed non-combative duties: packing medical supplies and food, repairing machinery, organizing equipment, building fortifications, and maintaining the bases. Join David for a photo presentation of his experiences and a discussion of the satisfaction and fulfillment he found from volunteering with Sar-El.

For those interested in learning more about Sar-El, David will provide a link to information about this program.

David A. Brown has been a member of Temple Beth Hillel for many years, and has held every office in the Temple’s leadership except “President of the Women’s Group.” He has practiced law in the El Cerrito/Richmond area for more than 35 years. As an estate and trust attorney, he understands the concerns of the area’s residents and the necessity of planning for the future. When David has spare time, he flies a single-engine light aircraft, sails the San Francisco Bay, and shoots (handgun and rifle). He also serves on the Richmond Citizens Police Review Commission and enjoys a good book. David and his wife Cheryl have one surviving son and three grandchildren.

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