


*chevruta*, or pairs, so that each might draw on the strengths of the other. That dynamic is alive and well at B'nai Tikvah, anytime groups gather for Torah Study, Adult Learning, and Sunday morning Religious School. Walking through the halls on these mornings, in addition to the knowledge imparted by our remarkable teachers in their classrooms, you'll see pairs of our older and younger students in the hallways and library reviewing Hebrew language skills. Our teen tutors are significant role models for the kids in our younger grades, who in turn give their tutors a chance to keep their knowledge fresh and to take their place in the generational transmission of Jewish learning and values.

As another secular year begins, Congregation B'nai Tikvah is taking some exciting leaps in our Adult Education Program. We have a lay-led group in formation that will be studying *Mussar* together – a spiritual tradition that offers wisdom and guidance by encouraging us to pay attention to how our inner traits affect our lives. Also beginning in January, we are excited to introduce a three part series in partnership with Lehrhaus Judaica, a Bay Area center for Adult Jewish Studies. This series, called “All in the Jewish Family,” will be an exploration of interfaith relationships, interfaith families, and the dynamics of



**On January 9<sup>th</sup>:** Please join us for a fabulous evening of jazz and classical piano with **French Jewish musician Marina Pacowski**. I will be joining Marina on a few songs, along with Harry Wittenberg on bass. The evening begins at **7:30 in our Social Hall** and includes French wine and cheeses. It guarantees to be a beautiful way to start your new year!

**On January 17<sup>th</sup>:** I am thrilled that we are co-sponsoring a concert given by the **Nava Tehila ensemble from Jerusalem**. Many of you have heard me talk about this Renewal community in Israel and about the gorgeous music they are offering to the world. I have recorded several of their songs and we now use many of their melodies at our services. The concert will be on **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Chochmat HaLev in Berkeley**. We are co-sponsoring the event with Urban Adamah, Chochmat HaLev, and Kehilla Community Synagogue. It will be an uplifting evening of music and prayer that you don't want to miss! Please see the flyers in our lobby and in this edition of Tikvah Talk. To purchase tickets, go to [cochmat.org](http://cochmat.org).

