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SHALOM, B'NAI TIKVAH!

By Rabbi Rebecca Gutterman



A little known Jewish holiday occurs in the Hebrew month of Av, which dovetails with late July or August on the secular calendar. It's called Tu B'Av ... *Tu* as you may remember from Tu B'Shevat, corresponds to the Hebrew letters which equal the number 15. Occurring a mere six days after Tisha B'Av, which commemorates the destruction of both Jerusalem Temples and other calamities in Jewish history, the 15th Day of Av is an ancient festival of love. According to tradition, in the glow of a full summer moon, young women robed in white would dance in the fields outside the walls of Jerusalem. The men would follow in hopes of finding a bride. Tu B'Av was celebrated at a distance from the Temple Mount as a way of holding the two truths of destruction and rebirth apart, even if just for a day.

How might the proximity of Tisha B'Av and Tu B'Av speak to us? I wonder if it is Judaism's way of emphasizing that our lives are made up of many complex stages and experiences. The rabbis were indeed wise in juxtaposing these seemingly contradictory observances, because they both hold their place, contributing to the totality of our story. In a well-loved passage, the Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that "to everything there is a season... a time to weep and a time to laugh/ a time to grieve and a time to dance." Sometimes those times occur years apart, and sometimes our attention is pulled right from one to the other and back again, in very close proximity. Being present for the full emotional and spiritual spectrum is where the challenge lies, but it's where the blessing lies too. Tisha B'Av bids that we acknowledge our collective losses and mourn them honestly. And Tu B'Av brings us back out into the fullness of this world, reminding us that despite the pain of the past and present, love in all of its glorious manifestations is still possible... and open hearts are well worth cultivating.

I write this column the day after the 2016 Tony Awards; by the time you read the summer's issue of Tikvah Talk, that evening will be weeks in the past. But I hope we can all find continuing inspiration in the words of the extraordinary sonnet delivered by Lin Manuel Miranda, creator of the groundbreaking musical "Hamilton." He writes:

*When senseless acts of tragedy remind us
That nothing here is promised, not one day*

*We live through times when hate and fear seem stronger.
We rise and fall, and light from dying embers
Remembrances that hope and love last longer.
And love is love is love is love is love is love is love is love;
Cannot be killed or swept aside.*

May we work to make it so. For all of us.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dan Lapporte



Hard to believe that summer is already here, but I guess time flies when you're having fun. As always, there's a lot going on at our Temple, and I'd like to highlight a few recent as well as upcoming events.

I'll also use this opportunity to officially invite all of you to our second "End of Summer Schmooze" to be held on Tuesday August 23 at 6 pm where, in a panel setting, you can schmooze with our Temple leadership about things that are important to you and what you're looking for from B'nai Tikvah. This meeting, along with others we'll have roughly each quarter, is an opportunity for open dialog and continues the theme of transparency in our community. I hope you'll be able to join us!

The past two months have seen a lot of activity at our Temple. A few highlights:

- We celebrated Judy Blum's retirement and welcomed Amanda Radman as our Temple Administrator.
- Completed another year of Religious School and graduated 18 seventh graders on Friday June 10th... Yasher Koach Seventh Graders!!
- Renewal of our lease with Contra Costa Midrasha where we hope most of those 18 seventh graders will continue their education next year.
- Continued our six-part educational series called "Walking in the Valley of the Shadow – And Not Being Afraid", a project of The Gamliel Institute, Sinai Memorial Chapel, and Lehrhaus Judaica on Jewish thinking around death and dying.
- Conducted another outdoor Shabbat service, this time at Civic Park in Walnut Creek... Actually, this one was a Shab HOT Shalom.
- Welcomed a wonderful office volunteer, Dee Hirsch.

See what I mean about time flying when you're having fun?

Upcoming events are equally exciting. In late June through August, you can look forward to:

- June 30, we'll go to see the A's play the Giants with Congregation B'nai Shalom.
- July 23 and 24 The Relay for Life Team Tikvah fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

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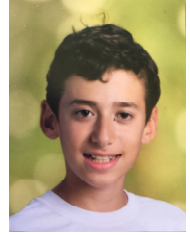
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UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVAH

Bar Mitzvah of Jason Oliner
Son of Valerie and Ian Oliner
Saturday, August 20



Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Newman
Daughter of Karen Sutton and
Andrew Newman
Saturday, August 27

Shabbat Services begin at 10 a.m.
The Congregation is invited to attend.

*Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah
and their families!*



Juleen Lapporte

MAZEL TOV TO OUR GRADUATED 7TH GRADERS!

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

By Rayna Ravitz, President

Several members of Book Sisters went to see “Me Before You.” We read the book and had mixed reviews but enjoyed the movie for the most part. We should note that we always have mixed reviews on whatever we read and that makes it fun. You know what they say: “Two Jews, three opinions.”



We will continue playing Mah Jongg this summer. The dates are: June 29, July 13, July 27 and August 24. If you want to receive email notices about Mah Jongg, let Rayna know.

July

13 (Wednesday): Mah Jongg, 7 p.m.
19 (Tuesday): Book Sisters, 6:30 p.m.
“A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman
Discussion leader – Kristen Mackey
Dinner – from Morucci’s \$10
Rsvp: Raynaravitz@gmail.com
27 (Wednesday) Mah Jongg, 7 p.m.

August

24 (Wednesday) Mah Jongg, 7 p.m.
28 (Sunday): Book Sisters, 11:00 a.m.
“The Girl From the Garden” by Pamaz Foroutan
Potluck brunch at Rayna’s
Rsvp: Raynaravitz@gmail.com

September

20 (Tuesday): Book Sisters, 6:30 p.m.
“Marriage of Opposites” by Alice Hoffman
Discussion Leader— Leslie Rupley
Dinner – from Morucci’s \$10
Rsvp: Raynaravitz@gmail.com

October

9 (Sunday): Membership Brunch
SAVE THE DATE
More information to come
Rsvp: Raynaravitz@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

By Keren Smith, Director of Education



Igniting a Spark of exploration

Do you remember the first time you realized you were Jewish? Perhaps it was just a sense you always had, something you knew as long as you can remember. But maybe there was a moment of revelation for you. For me, there was a clear turning point; a distinct point in my life in which I found out I am Jewish.

When I was in first grade, a boy in my class informed me that we were both Jewish. I had no idea what that meant; I was not sure whether or not he was joking, telling the truth, or if I should feel offended. When I saw my mother later that day, I asked her if I was Jewish, and she told me that I was. She proceeded to explain to me the concept of religion and what it means to be Jewish. It was the first time in my life I was introduced to the idea of faith, and the first time I realized that not everyone was Jewish. Growing up in Israel, being Jewish was taken for granted, and I had never been told that I was Jewish, in the same way that no one had ever told me that I was human. At that moment, Judaism had instantly become connected for me with the most wonderful feelings and experiences: Judaism was sitting at my grandfather’s burgundy velvet-walled Sukkan in the crisp Jerusalem air, and enjoying an amazing Bucharian meal that my grandfather worked on for days on end; Judaism was the reason we got to stay up once a year for the Seder where our whole family, a small tribe of about 100 people, would sit together in tables snaked around my grandfather’s house to share the story of Exodus; Judaism meant I celebrated with my classmates cooking (or perhaps burning) potatoes in the Lag Ba’Omer bonfire; Judaism meant that on Shavuot I went to school wearing all white with a crown of flowers on my head holding a basket of fresh fruit. I was surprised to learn that not everyone in the world was Jewish -- after all, everyone in *my* world was – but I had, for the first time, become very proud of being Jewish.

This awareness came into full focus again years later when I moved to the US as a sophomore in high school. For the first time in my life, I was a minority, (albeit a very large one in Fair Lawn, NJ) and I experienced religious diversity first hand. For the first time in my life, Judaism was not all around me, and my Jewish identity had to take a bit more of a front seat. I needed to familiarize myself with my new surrounding and find a new balance of bringing awareness to a part of me that, for longest time, was taken for granted. If I did not make an effort to remember Tu B’Shevat, the holiday for the trees would come and go and I would not know. And so, as I became more Americanized in my faith, I learned to bring the beauty of Judaism into my life.

It is this very awareness that I want to bring to our children as your Director of Education. In their lifelong journey of exploring their religion, I would like to set them on a path of finding their own unique meaning within our shared values, and in the long and rich tradition which they, our youngest generation, are now ready to embrace. I want them to experience the beauty of

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- Robin and Larry Gordon on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Audrey Lynn Gordon
- Roberta Davis and Bert Gunter on their marriage
- Julie and Bob Miller on the marriage of Hannah and Jeneya Fertel
- Pat and Chuck Eisner on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Reuben Eisner

Condolences to

- Galina Khalameyzer and family on the loss of her father, Shmuel Zhuravski
- Lauren Goldberg and family on the loss of her father, Jack Jerrold Ross

Have something to share? Please let us know! Email amanda@tikvah.org.



TIKVAH L'ATID
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



Paula & Mike Weintraub

What will you leave behind? Jewish tradition teaches that it's our responsibility to make the world a better place for future generations. Congregation B'nai Tikvah and Rabbi Asher helped us realize that it's all about connecting generations: from us to our son, our grandkids, and beyond.

Leaving a legacy gift sends a powerful message to family, colleagues and friends that you believe in the programs and values that make up our congregation. We want all this to be strong for the generations to come, but that takes money and the vigilance of connecting generations.

Now is the right time for legacy planning, as parents plan to pass their wealth and legacy to their children, grandchildren and organizations important to them. A legacy gift should be part of every CBT member's estate and financial plan.

Wealth may last a lifetime but a legacy of good deeds lasts forever.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. -Winston Churchill

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

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Judaism, to become familiar with an ancient language that today is spoken in the Jewish land, and ultimately, to have a strong, proud sense of being Jewish. I hope to spark a fire in them -- one that will serve as an eternal light in their lives; a fire of exploring their Jewish religion and finding new meanings in it as they mature.

I am excited and humbled to start this journey alongside your children, and look forward, along with a fantastic team of capable and dedicated teachers, to partnering with you in this very important undertaking of bringing Judaism into your children's hearts.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to

- Enid and Robert Zimmerman
Kevin
- Sara & Eric Lautenbach
- Jodi & Richard Steel
Brooke & Jack

WELCOME



Jonah Daniel Simons

Born March 20, 2016
6 lbs, 18 inches long

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for our wonderful congregation, which has surrounded Jonah with love and gladness since we brought him home.

We thank you.
Rebecca, Michael and Jonah

CONTRA COSTA MIDRASHA

By Devra C. Aarons, CCM Director

May and June is a time to commemorate the inspiring work of the year. In 2015-16 CCM held its inaugural year hosting its own Teen Philanthropy Board. Participating teens learned about the Jewish values connected with Tzedakah and making change happen in their communities and in the world. They chose a mission, this year to “alleviate poverty,” did their own fundraising and picked organizations to fund. Through the help of funders like the Morton and May Friedkin Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Community Foundation, the Susan and Howard Geifman Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation and donors from all over our community and beyond, our teens were able to fund three organizations in the Bay Area whose direct services help alleviate poverty: Shelter Inc., Dress for Success and Monument Crisis Center. A HUGE blessing, kol hakavod (job well done!) goes to this year’s teens and their primary educator, Tamar Zaken for doing this inspiring and important work in our community. We are pleased to share that CCM will offer this program next year too!



day, whether about Israel or current world events or just the various important happenings in other people’s lives. I have never felt judged here and more importantly, I have been able to hear extremely diverse points of view, without the burden of judgment weighing down the discussion. I have never met a better group of listeners in my life. Midrasha has taught me that no matter where I am there are always kind and understanding Jews willing to help, or to just listen.” – Tjaden Hess



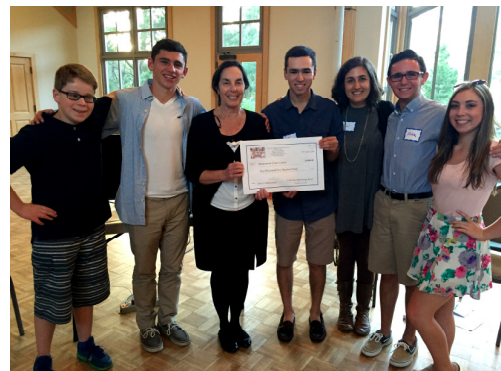
I learn a lot at Contra Costa Midrasha’s annual graduation, held this year on May 25, 2016. Here are the three most important things I learned this year, accompanied by quotes from this year’s graduates:

- 1. Midrasha stands as a vital bridge for teens to grow their Jewish identity beyond their b’nai mitzvah:**
“Before I joined Midrasha, the only time I interacted with a Jewish community was at my synagogue during my bar mitzvah training. Midrasha showed me how versatile the Jewish religion could be. It showed me that Judaism could be anything from having a family dinner on Shabbat to Jedi prayer. If I hadn’t started attending Midrasha, my bar mitzvah probably would have been the end of the road for my Jewish involvement. It acted as bridge to keep me in touch with a community that has become a massive part of my life today.” – Marc Heller
- 2. Midrasha is a place where teens feel heard:**
“I found that Midrasha provided an invaluable outlet where I could listen and be heard and learn something new every

3. Today’s teens need a place to relax, Midrasha provides that space of sanctuary:

“One week during my junior year, I had two projects, an essay and so much other homework I couldn’t even tell you all of it. I was so overwhelmed I felt that I couldn’t breathe. Although I felt insane, I decided to just drop everything and go to Midrasha. I just needed a break. There wasn’t anything special about that night – it was just a typical night of hanging out at Midrasha and relaxing with my friends. But what was special about it was that I was finally able to breathe. I needed to take a break and have meaningful conversation with others. And that night at Midrasha, along with many other nights, gave me just that.” – Danielle Goldman

Midrasha returns for its 2016-17 year on September 7, 2016! All teens in our community are invited to join in – to inspire and do good work in the community, to be heard, to relax and to grow their own Jewish identity. To enroll today, make a donation, or find out more about CCM’s programs, visit our website at www.ccmidrasha.com.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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- Our ongoing programming around Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah, Mussar group and beautiful services.

And a special announcement for an upcoming event in September... On Sunday September 18, we'll host Al Clark in our second Red Carpet event and fundraiser. Al was the first Jewish umpire in professional baseball and will be speaking at three unique events through the day: a sponsor's brunch in the morning; a lunch time pep talk with our Religious School kids after school; and a gala dinner and keynote in the evening. Al is an incredibly dynamic speaker and is a walking encyclopedia of baseball trivia. If you're a fan, you won't want to miss this, so mark your calendars!

In early July, you'll receive your annual membership renewal statement in the mail. We are keeping our 2016 / 2017 membership commitment constant at \$2,625 per household. As I've mentioned in prior Tikvah Talk articles, our membership and resulting income have been declining for the past several years. We're working hard on reversing this trend, but making a discretionary contribution to B'nai Tikvah through your annual statement allows us to continue to offer and expand our excellent programming and to focus on growth, you'll notice a new line on your statement making it easy. Please consider an additional tax deductible contribution this year.

As always, please feel free to contact me at bnaitikvahpresident@gmail.com with questions about our temple, programming ideas or volunteering. I welcome your involvement in our vibrant community and wish you a wonderful summer.

ISLAM 101

On May 15, Imad Abboushi, Outreach Director of the San Ramon Valley Islamic Center, came to B'nai Tikvah to present Islam 101 – a short course on Islam and being a Muslim. There were about 30 congregants who attended. The session was much more of a dialogue than a presentation, where Mr. Abboushi presented information and answered all of the questions asked by our congregants. All who attended agreed it was a very informative conversation and truly broke some myths and misunderstandings. So much so, they have asked that we continue talking with Mr. Abboushi and possibly have some of our congregants join one of his congregation's services. I hope if we do this again that more of our congregants join the session. Thank you to the Adult Ed Committee for sponsoring this important dialogue.

Harry Wittenberg, Immediate Past President, Board Member of the Contra Costa Interfaith Council

SOCIAL ACTION

Come join the Social Action Committee for a volunteer day on the farm at Urban Adamah in West Berkeley. Volunteer and help grow food on the farm! Mulch, weed, plant, and get to work with us this summer! Urban Adamah is an educational farm and community center that integrates the practices of Jewish tradition, sustainable agriculture and social action.



August 21, 2016

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Children between ages 6 and 12 are welcome to come with adults (with a guardian:child ratio of 1:2), children 12-16 are welcome with an adult guardian: child ratio of 1:3, and children 16-18 are

welcome without direct guardian accompaniment if they bring in a volunteer waiver signed by them and their guardian. Waivers can be provided by emailing chefalison@gmail.com.

All other volunteers are welcome to fill out forms when they arrive, and then get to farming!

Please bring:

- sun protection
- closed-toed shoes
- water
- snacks

There are only volunteer spaces for 15 people. Email the social action chair at chefalison@gmail.com if you'd like to join us for this fun day.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Help spread the word about how great CBT is, invite your friends to come check us out with this special program.

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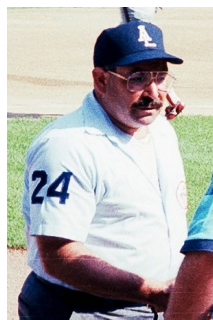
Audrey Lynn Gordon

April 21, 2016

LOST AND FOUND

We have items hanging on the coat hooks by the upstairs restrooms, please stop by this summer and check if any of the items are yours. All items will be donated on September 15!

SAVE THE DATE



Sunday, September 18, 2016

Al Clark: Major League Baseball umpire

Presented by the Membership Committee

Sponsors Morning Brunch - Private sponsors' brunch with Al Clark

Kids' Lunch Program: - After Religious School – Team work talk for kids

Evening: Dinner and Keynote with Q & A (Fundraiser)
Babysitting available.

Al Clark spent 26 years as an umpire in Major League Baseball. His new book, *CALLED OUT, BUT SAFE, A Baseball Umpire's Journey*, chronicles his personal rise.

Join us to hear Al's eyewitness accounts on the diamond to many iconic baseball moments and of his fall as he spent four months in prison for his role in selling baseballs that he and a memorabilia dealer falsely claimed were used in historic games.

Al's interesting stories will captivate all, not just baseball fans!

ONEG 2.0

Our new Oneg Sign Up Forms are coming out in July and this year—Don't just sponsor...Host!

Our new oneg program is easy as 1,2,3...

1. Submit your form with a few dates that you would like to come to services (maybe a birthday, a yahrtzeit or Torah portion).

2. Wait to hear from us which date your family gets to host, and we will walk you through everything you need to know!

3. Come on your "assigned" evening, bring the goodies, help with setup and greet people as they come into the social hall as though they are coming into your home.

That's it, someone from the oneg committee will be there every Friday to lend a helping hand. Let's continue to make our onegs an important part of our friendly and welcoming community. Questions contact Mary Ann Wittenberg at mawittenb@comcast.net.

JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30pm Family Shabbat Service	2 Parashat Sh'lach 9:00am Lay Led Torah Study
3 (Office closed)	4	5 10:00am - 11:00am Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah 7:00pm - 8:30pm Walking In the Valley of the Shadow - And Not Being Afraid	6 10:00am Open Bridge	7	8 6:30pm Shabbat Service	9 Parashat Korach 9:00am Lay Led Torah Study
10 6:00pm Executive Board Meeting 7:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting	11	12 10:00am - 11:00am Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah	13 10:00am Open Bridge	14	15 7:30pm Shabbat Service	16 Parashat Chukat 9:00am Lay Led Torah Study
17 10:00am Social Action Mtg 11:00am Mussar Group	18	19 10:00am - 11:00am Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah 6:30pm Book Sisters	20 10:00am Open Bridge 7:00pm Men's Night Out at the Buckhorn Grill in Walnut Creek at 7pm.	21	22 7:30pm Shabbat Service	23 Parashat Balak Relay for Life 9:00am Lay Led Torah Study
24 Relay for Life	25 5:30pm - 6:30pm Executive Board 6:30pm General Board Meeting	26 10:00am - 11:00am Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah	27 10:00am Open Bridge	28	29 6:30pm Shabbat Service	30 Parashat Pinchas 9:00am Lay Led Torah Study
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Save the Date!

19th Annual Walnut Creek Restaurant Walk
Tuesday, October 18th

JOIN OUR CBT COMMUNITY FOR DINNERS

Membership Committee:

Shabbat Dinners:

We have catered and potluck dinners before most of our *Shir Joy* services. Please contact: TikvahRSVP@gmail.com - our committee welcomes your input.

New Members:

We are always looking for new members. Please bring your friends to our events.

AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:00am - 11:00am Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah 7:00pm - 8:30pm Walking In the Valley of the Shadow - And Not Being Afraid	10:00am Open Bridge		5:30pm Tot Shabbat 6:00pm Pizza Dinner 6:30pm Family Shabbat Service	Parashat Matot-Masei 9:00am Lay Led Torah Study
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	6:00pm Executive Board Meeting 7:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting	10:00am - 11:00am Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah 7:05pm - 10:05pm Oakland A's Jewish Heritage Night v. Baltimore Orioles	10:00am Open Bridge		6:30pm Shabbat Service	Parashat Devarim 9:00am Lay Led Torah Study
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00am Young Adults Walk Around Lafayette Reservoir		10:00am - 11:00am Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah	10:00am Open Bridge		7:30pm Shir Joy	Parashat Vaetchanan 9:00am Lay Led Torah Study 10:00am Shabbat Service - Bar Mitzvah of Jason Oliner
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:00am Men's Club Shmeer and Schmooze 10:00am Social Action Mtg 11:00am Mussar Group	5:30pm - 6:30pm Executive Board 6:30pm General Board Meeting	10:00am - 11:00am Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah 6:00pm End of Summer Schmooze	10:00am Open Bridge		7:30pm Shabbat Service	Parashat Eikev 9:00am Lay Led Torah Study 10:00am Shabbat Service - Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Newman
28	29	30	31			
		10:00am - 11:00am Jewish Meditation - A Taste of Torah	10:00am Open Bridge 7:15pm Midrasha- Staff Training			

MEN'S CLUB

Join the Men of CBT for these upcoming events.
All men are welcome!

Wednesday July 20 - Men's Night Out
Buckhorn Grill
in Walnut Creek at 7 pm

Sun. Aug 21 - Shmeer and Schmooze
10 am in the Social Hall.

JOIN OUR YOUNG ADULT GROUP FOR A WALK

Young Adults 20s and 30s are meeting on

August 14 at 10 a.m.

Walk around the Lafayette Reservoir and bagels.

Kids are welcome!



Team Tikvah – Team of Hope

CANCER. It's a word none of us wants to hear. The unfortunate reality is that if it hasn't already, cancer will one day affect you or someone you love. We are proud that Congregation B'nai Tikvah will once again participate in **RELAY FOR LIFE**, our 16th year!

Relay is a fun-filled 24-hour event designed to celebrate survivorship and to raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. Teams of people gather and take turns walking laps around a track for a 24-hour period. Because cancer never sleeps, each team tries to keep at least one member on the track at all times.

When: 9:00 am on Saturday, July 23 to 9:00 am Sunday, July 24

Where: Martinez Junior High School, 1600 Court Street, Martinez

There will be music, food, raffles and entertainment throughout the day and on Saturday evening our team will have a special Havdalah service.

You can walk one lap. You can walk 10 laps. You can walk 100 laps.
If you like, pitch a tent on the field and spend the night.

If you're a cancer survivor, be sure not to miss the special opening lap at 9:00 am Saturday.

PLEASE JOIN OUR TEAM

If you'd like to join or make a donation to the team, you can do so at our team homepage:

http://main.acevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=74083&pg=team&team_id=2011462

(You can also find us thru the main Relay for Life Webpage)



For any questions about Relay, contact Amy Lichtenstein @kittypurr13@gmail.com.
Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the event!!

Thank-you in advance for your support,
Bob Grossman, Martha Jensen & Amy Lichtenstein

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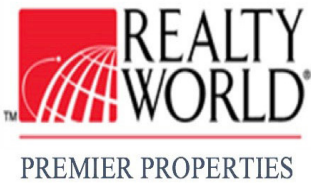
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All donations received through the end of September will be sent to American Cancer Society- RELAY FOR LIFE To support our Team Tikvah– Team of Hope.

<http://relayforlife.org>

This organization was selected by our Ritual Committee.



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END OF SUMMER SCHMOOZE

Join us for our second “End of Summer Schmooze” Tuesday, August 23 at 6 pm – snacks will be provided. Childcare will be available.

Rabbi Gutterman, Cantor Chabon, Dan Lapporte, Amanda Radman & Keren Smith will all be on hand to talk about what what’s important to you and the future of CBT. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome!

