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The Shema-elah of Kol Ha'Emek (Voice of the Valley)

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26th, 5:30 p.m. Passover Community Seder at the Shul. If you haven't yet RSVP'd, please send Kate an email at katem@mcn.org with the word "Seder" in the subject line.

May 10th, 7 p.m. Catered Friday Night Shabbat Service with Paige.

May 11th, 10 a.m. Saturday Morning Torah Service with Paige -- Sara is hosting both.

May 25th, 7 p.m. Movie night! Michael Charnes and Kate Marianchild hosting. Sliding scale donation \$0-\$20 (see page 2 for details).

June 14th, 6 p.m. Community Vegetarian Potluck Kabbalat Shabbat at the Shul.

Shavuot from 6/11-6/13 – Event date to be announced.

The Torah Service will be streaming at the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7196947312?pwd=dDZEYkV4bkVQeGR1aVpuWE9UMmIQQT09>

Would you like to host a Home Shabbat? Please contact Sara for more information how!

Feeding the Hungry

Dan and Cassie are looking for volunteers to help out with feeding the hungry, Sunday, May 19th, 2 PM at Plowshares. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Dan Hibshman at 707-462-7471 or Cassie Gibson at 707-468-5351

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Sunday February 17, 2:00pm at Plowshares
Call Dan Hibshman at 707-462-7471 or
Cassie Gibson at 707-468-5351 to volunteer

Donate

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING
TO KHE TODAY!



Movie Night at the Shul

The Chosen

Friday, May 25, 2024, 7 pm: Movie night at the Shul! Featuring “*The Chosen*”. Home-popped organic popcorn provided--vegan option with advance request: katem@mcn.org.

“*The Chosen*” is a popular 1981 movie starring Rod Steiger. It is based on Rabbi Chaim Potok’s bestselling book of the same name (Simon and Schuster, 1967).

“This historical drama takes place from 1944-1948 in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn, a factionalized neighborhood of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who rarely mix or interact. After a ballgame between rival yeshivas turns ugly, an unlikely friendship develops between two teenagers from the competing teams. As Zionism surges after the end of WWII, the boys’ influential fathers take opposing positions, threatening their sons’ friendship as they grow into adulthood.”

Additional Community Happenings:

May 4, 2024, 2-5 pm: **Inland Valley Women’s Chorus** will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a SONGFEST at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Mary and Martha Room), 640 S. Orchard Avenue, Ukiah.

During the SONGFEST, chorus members will share some of their tried-and-true harmony favorites interspersed with easy-to-learn singalongs. Everyone welcome! Cake and munchies provided. The event is free, but a small donation to offset costs and benefit Project Sanctuary is encouraged.

Inland Valley Women’s Chorus sings together in person every Thursday from 6–7:30 pm at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. If you have an interest in joining the chorus, contact Madge at 707-459-1493 or mstrong@willitsonline.com.

Ukiah Pastels in the Park -- Sat May 04 2024 at 10:00 am to 03:00

River Oak Charter School once again hosts the incredible community event, Pastels on the Plaza. The theme this year is “Planting Connections”. Join your fellow community members, businesses, artists, and musicians as we work to raise money for the public school children at River Oak while we celebrate, create art, enjoy good food, and of course, dance!

KHE may or may not be represented this year, but a good time will be had by all regardless!

Community Happenings

Tikkun olam: A group of long-time Kol HaEmek members, sparked by the vision of Jo-ann Rosen, has been meeting in recent months to consider pursuit of the ideal of tikkun olam. The Hebrew phrase, which can be translated as “repairing the world” or “healing the world,” refers to ways by which Jews can perform good works in the larger community where they live. Please reach out to Rayna Grace if you would like to participate or know more.

Since the 1990s, a team co-ordinated by Cassie Gibson and Dan Hibshman has gathered on a regular schedule to make meals to feed hungry people. Funded by KHE, this group has in recent years operated at Plowshares, the community dining room in Ukiah. Their activity represents one manifestation of tikkun olam.

Erev Shabbat, April 12, 2024

Round-the-Table Shabbat

Led by Kohanet Rayna Grace

We were filled to the brim last Shabbat w/about 40+ people in attendance. This included four brand new attending families!! Welcome to you all!! Lew Crockett of Grazing Bull Catering served Rainbow Rice Bowls – All vegetarian! And I couldn't help myself, folks...this silly little poem popped out of my head while I was waiting for copy for this article.

Erev Shabbat 4/12/24

The room was filled with Shabbos Joys
and overflowed with kid noise

Yummy food by Grazing Bull

Made all our bellies so Full!

Thank You Everyone for helping to make Round-the-Table Shabbat such a success!

To Judith Fuente and Family

We Remember David Nelson

“May David’s Memory Always be a Blessing”

To Teresa Staber and Family

We Remember Harvey Baumoeel

“May Harvey’s Memory Always be a Blessing”

Dear Chavarim, If you'd like to send a card; please contact me for addresses.

Nancy Bertsch - 707 972-6528

Meshupuchah Community News

KHE's New Bulletin
Board
What's New? Or NU?

Send Us Your NEWS from
our greater Community

You are cordially invited
to a
BOOK EXPERIENCE
Author Jo-ann Rosen

"UNSHAKEABLE"
Friday, 4/19 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Mendocino Book Co
102 S. School Street

HELP!!

Who Knows How to
run the Shul t.v.
and Movie system??

CALL KATE!

707-463-0839

"SONGFEST" INLAND VALLEY WOMEN'S CHORUS 30 YR. ANNIVERSARY
MAY 4, 2024, 2-5 PM

THEY SING THURSDAYS 6-7:30 PM @ HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

HAVE AN INTEREST IN JOINING THE CHORUS? CONTACT MADGE AT 707-459-1493

OR MSTRONG@WILLITSONLINE.COM.

JOIN US FOR THE

Kol HaEmek Community PASSOVER SEDER

Friday, April 26th

Gather at 5:30, Start at 6 pm

To RSVP and for details:

Email Kate at

katem@mcn.org

Put "Seder" in the subject line

Seder held at our Shul in Redwood Valley.

Space is limited. RSVP for more details.



SHALOM ***PEACE***SHALOM

PASSOVER SEDER

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE 34th ANNUAL PASSOVER SEDER

WEDNDAY APRIL 24, 2024

LONG VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
345 HARWOOD ROAD
LAYTONVILLE, CA

PLAN TO ARRIVE BY 5:30 PM
SEDER BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

PLEASE BRING:

1. Place settings plates, glasses for wine juice or water
2. Potluck dish (no bread please)
3. Box of Matzo to share *optional
4. Wine or grape juice *optional
5. Donation for the rent/upkeep of the Garden Club

For more information call: Susan Bradley 707-489-6096
Dorothy Asbury 707-489-8240

MASK:OPTIONAL

Nanceleh's Yiddishah Blog By Nancy Horowitz Bertsch

Vey es mir, here it is again: the Shema ehlah deadline. I'm overflowing with naches from those of you who have contributed to help with this blog. But, Oy Gevault...now I gotta put it together. Don't get me wrong, I'm not kvetching...I'm kvelling that there's been so much energy and response to this blog! This is a real kinnahurrah! Such a blessing! So, Nu? What am I gonna write about?

I must admit and apologize for my frequent errors throughout the Shema. The truth? I get so verklempt when giving Bob the details. And now that its warm outside, I am schvitzing, too! I send him wrong dates, wrong names, wrong information...the whole megillah. There's so many details, I could platz! Bob, thank you for your patience. You are such a mensch!

So tonight, before I could sit down and write, I had to have a little nosh. I'm such a baleboste, there's always a good bissel nosharie to enjoy; especially as the holidays are approaching.

Oh, I just remembered, I can write about the morning of our family Pesach. Each Pesach, I wander into the kitchen dressed in my favorite schmatah, ready to cook. Oops, usually find some schmutz on the counter. Gotta clean up first! Now, I'm trying to work the word: babushkah into this paragraph...I never wear one when cooking, but maybe I should.

This reminds me of when I was really a young shaynah madelah; with curls bouncing off my head, such a keppelah! I would wear a babushkah, to match my dress. My mom made them.

That memory brings me to a day, now a little older; maybe wearing a scarf on my head; now having assimilated into conservative Orange County. I had perfected my look and dispelled with my New York Jewish accent; even dropped my Yiddish. Uncle Hy said I looked like "a real shiksa".

That day, me and my goyisha friends had a seltzer bottle fight in the garage. Yep, Dad always had a case of seltzer and two jars of Fox's Chocolate Syrup delivered right into the garage. Oy, now drinking that was a real mechiah! But anyway... we made a mess...all I recall is Mom calling those trombeniks, those meshugahnah nogoodniks some other names that don't belong here. I got put on restriction, just for having some fun on a hot day; and trying to assimilate.

That's another topic: Bringing up Jewish children in a non-Jewish friendly county. The non-verbal message was "assimilate"; blend in...but when I tried; I got in trouble.

As I said earlier, "Vey es mir!"

"A sheynem dank", to Elise Wilkins, for most of these vocabulary words.

Mazel Tov, to me, for figuring out how to use them all together!!

Got some other stories, jokes, vocabulary etc? Send it in...I'm building a future file of references, vocab, sayings and a joke or two to share. Text me: 707 972 – 6528.

TOTAL ECLIPSE 2024



I recently traveled down to Texas (don't hold it against me!) for the Total Eclipse of The Sun. While we didn't have the ideal viewing weather for it, I highly recommend trying to get to see one in this lifetime. It's a truly awesome and somewhat life-changing event ...

My mom sent a Midrash from her Rabbi that resonated with me:

I WAS WALKING MY DOG THE OTHER EVENING AND LOOKED UP TO SEE A BEAUTIFUL CRESCENT MOON. THAT'S NOT SURPRISING BECAUSE IT'S THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH OF NISSAN, AND JEWISH MONTHS ALWAYS BEGIN WITH A NEW MOON.

WHAT SURPRISED ME IS THAT IT WAS EERILY REMINISCENT OF THE CRESCENT SUN I SAW ON MONDAY THROUGH MY ECLIPSE GLASSES. THE SAME CRESCENT, BUT ALSO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

PERSPECTIVE MATTERS. WE SEE THINGS AND BELIEVE THAT WE UNDERSTAND, THAT WE ARE SEEING CLEARLY AND COMPLETELY. THAT'S SELDOM THE CASE. WE SEE FROM A PARTICULAR ANGLE, AT A CERTAIN MOMENT IN TIME AND SPACE. AT ANOTHER TIME THE EXACT SAME THING CAN SEEM QUITE DIFFERENT.

PURIM, PURIM AND MORE PURIM

IT WAS A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR TOGETHERNESS, OUR FREEDOM AND THE BRAVERY OF OUR ANCESTORS! KIDS GATHERED FOR A WHAT??? A PIZZA PARTY?! YEP....YOU KNOW. IT WORKED GLORIOUSLY. WE HAD A SLEW OF KIDS IN COSTUMES ZOOMING IN AND OUT, SCREECHING AND LAUGHING. AKA: BONDING. THEY BAKED AND TASTED THEIR HAMENTASHENS, GOBBLED DOWN PIZZA, READ THE MAGILLAH WHILE PLAY ACTING HAMEN, ESTHER AND THE REST. THEY HAD A BLAST!

THE ADULTS WERE NOT FAR BEHIND. WE HAD A TERRIFIC TIME, TOO WITH VASHTI AND HAMEN SHOWING UP; NOT TO MENTION MORDECAI, ESTHER AND THE OTHERS. BUT THE PRICE WAS HIGHER THAN PIZZA! WE HAD TO BID (THAT'S RIGHT...MONEY) TO PICK OUR CHOSEN MAGILLAH PLAYERS (OR PAY TO *NOT* TAKE THE ROLE). ENDED UP WITH A LAUGHABLE CREW OF ACTORS & ACTRESSES- COSTUMES NOTWITHSTANDING. THE SCRIPT KEPT US ALL ON OUR TOES. IF YOU MISSED IT, YOU MISSED SOME PRETTY HILARIOUS SHUSHAN ANTICS, SILLY CONVERSATIONS, AND ADVENTURES. GOOD ENOUGH, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, TO STAMP OUT SOME OF THOSE NEFARIOUS INTENTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN LURKING IN OUR WORLD....AND STAMP OUT WE DID! EVIL HAMEN DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE! THE EVE WAS TOPPED WITH MORE DESSERT THAN YOU CAN CARRY...DOZENS OF DELECTABLE HAMENTASHENS, OH, AND A FEW HEALTHY NIBBLES. THE SILENT AUCTION HAD SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. THE LIVE AUCTION WAS LIVELY W/COMPETITION FOR INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS IN HOMES BY CHARLIES SELTZER, ED REINHART AND SPENCER BREWER. PLUS, WE HAD CHANCES AT BIDDING FOR ELIZABETH RAYBEE'S GROUT CAMP OR SUMMERTIME STARGAZING. CROWNS AND HATS OFF TO AMETHYST FRECHT, RAYNA GRACE, ELIZABETH RAYBEE AND MICHAEL NEMETH WHO MADE BOTH PURIM PARTIES.

A HIGHLIGHT FOR THIS YEAR! I READ THE BOARD NOTES. THE EVENTS WERE DEEMED A SUCCESS!



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Our purpose is to create an environment in which Jewish culture, religion and spiritual life can flourish, to perpetuate and renew our Jewish connections with ourselves and our homes, within our community and the world.

- To provide space for religious study and prayer and sponsor Jewish education for all ages
- To be inclusive of all partnerships and family configurations
- To include interfaith families and Jews-by-choice
- To network with other Jewish communities
- To educate and share our culture with other Mendocino County residents
- To be a foundation for Tikkun Olam as a community through socially just actions and by Mitzvot

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