



The Newsletter of Kol HaEmek (Voice of the Valley) May 2006  
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 Please note all submissions preferred by the 20th of each month to [carolrosenberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolrosenberg@sbcglobal.net)

### Calendar for May

**Friday, May 5, 6:30pm** Shabbat Service with R. Shoshanah followed by dairy potluck. **Slide Show!** Stuart and Tara Marcus will present a slide show on their group's recent trip to Israel.

**Sunday, May 7, 10am-12** Shul school

**Saturday, May 13, 10am** Children and Family Shabbat Service for families and folks of all ages, led by R. Shoshanah

**Thursday, May 11, 7pm** "Healing of Soul, Healing of Body/Refuat HaNefesh, Refuat HaGuf"- with R. Shoshanah. A healing circle especially for those who themselves yearn for their own healing and/or for caregivers. This will be an entire evening dedicated to healing, with song, prayer, guided meditation, and opportunity for individual sharing. Access the sources in Jewish tradition which promote healing for you and those you care for. Those who participated in our first Healing Circle in February are encouraged to attend this repeat gathering.

**Friday, May 19, 6:30pm** Shabbat service with R. Shoshanah followed by a dairy potluck

**Sunday, May 21, 10:00am** The last Sunday school of the year + a potluck lunch & a big **Garden Day**.

**Friday, May 26, 6:30pm** Rock Shabbat! Potluck at 6:30, music starts at 7:15 - This will be a blending of traditional Jewish and klezmer fare with soul, funk and blues traditions. Bring your favorite Jewish music for us to learn and play and an instrument (optional). We want to sing, dance and enjoy a musical Shabbat together. For more info: Anthony Melville/Sara Esserman at 744-1494 <[saramelville@pacific.net](mailto:saramelville@pacific.net)>

**Wednesday, May 31, 6:45pm** Men's Group, potluck; all men are invited.

**Friday, June 2, 6:30pm** Shavuot Shabbat eve and all night learning and study session. (see page 3)

**Wed, June 7, 7pm** Oy, Have I Got a Joke to Tell You!  
 Do you love to tell jokes? Or laugh at them? Good ones and bad ones? PC and not PC?  
 Come share your collection of Jewish jokes and let's laugh and groan together!  
**Admittance fee:** at least one joke to swap.

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**WE NEED YOU TO MOW THE GRASS (weeds) AT THE SHUL NOW!!!**  
**CALL LOUISA 485-1290**  
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**GARDEN REPORT**

Please join us on May 21 at 10am for an **IMPORTANT GARDEN EVENT**  
 We need to put in irrigation lines for new plantings!!!!  
 plus other garden activities--  
 maybe we can move the shed????  
 Volunteers please call Louisa for info - 485-1290

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**You are invited to SHOSHANAH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, 4-7pm, SUNDAY, MAY 28** (Memorial Day Weekend), 1101 E. GOBBI ST, UKIAH (101 to Gobbi exit, go East to just before end of Gobbi, turn right into gravel courtyard). All ages welcome. Veggie/dairy potluck. No gifts - your presence is the present (there will be a tzedakah box for anyone who feels moved to contribute). Live music and dancing and just plain hanging out together.

Check out our Web page [www.kolhaemek.org](http://www.kolhaemek.org)

## Torah Portion of the Week & Holidays

May 6 Aharei Mot/Kedoshim - Leviticus 16:1  
May 13 Emor - Leviticus 21:1  
May 14 Mothers Day  
May 16 Lag B'Omer  
May 20 Behar/Bechukotai - Leviticus 25:1  
May 27 Bamidbar - Leviticus 26:1  
May 29 Memorial Day  
June 1 Erev Shavuot  
June 2-3 Shavuot

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### Attention computer users!!

We received notice that in July we will receive a \$500 grant from the Sinai Memorial Chapel Chevra Kadisha toward a computer and interactive software learning programs for our children. If some kind and generous person(s) who have recently "up-graded" will donate a computer able to handle DVDs, we can use the grant money for software. It would also mean we'd have a computer capable of creating our own teaching materials.

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### Lost and Found

After years of wandering all over Mendocino County and moving community belongings from place to place, we are gradually working to bring them *home*. Among the first of these was a gift from Barry and Janine Vogel: the popcorn machine (you may borrow it if you like!). Then came the Vogels' wonderful donation of dishes and flatware. The latest and perhaps most valuable of such once-scattered belongings is our Jewish Library; for many years these books were at the law offices of Barry Vogel and Norm Rosen. Now they're at the shul! Thanks to those who have cared for these treasures!

#### Still missing:

1. A tape called "Tak for Alt"
2. A group tallit made by children
3. 40 glass plates from the Shul
4. About 40 Shabbat prayer books

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### Glossary

**Tallit** - prayer shawl

**Shavuot** - The festival of the spring harvest, it was the time for bringing the first fruits to Jerusalem. Now we celebrate our first fruits--"our children"--with a whole night of study and the eating of dairy foods (blintzes--see recipe on page 5).

**Midrash** - An old story that includes a teaching that one thinks could have happened; usually based in Torah



## Donations to Kol HaEmek

### Make a Difference

Kol HaEmek is grateful for all contributions to our various funds. The following is a list of some of them:

- 1) Building Fund
- 2) Religious School Fund (Kalifornia Memorial)
- 3) Scholarship Fund
- 4) General Fund
- 5) Memorial Board Fund
- 6) Tzedakah Fund
- 7) Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- 8) The Marion and Sanford Frank Fund for Feeding the Hungry in Ukiah & Willits
- 9) Feeding the Jewish and Arab hungry in Acre, Israel\*
- 10) **MEMBERSHIP**

Questions? Call David Koppel 485-8910

**Please mail your contributions to:**

**Kol HaEmek, P.O. Box 416  
Redwood Valley, CA 95470**

\*Make your check payable to PEF:

Israel-Endowment Fund and earmark it to the Association for Community Development - Acre; HaAsif program. (There is a \$25 minimum requirement for checks to Israel).

### PASSINGS

Our congregation will say Kaddish on the anniversary of your loved one's death. Call Rabbi Shoshanah at 467-0456 with your concerns about the loss of a loved one and/or the name and either the Hebrew or English calendar date of death.

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**Dear KHE Chaverim,** It is with sadness that I share with you the death yesterday (Shabbat 5/27) of Michael HaKohan Sela (also known as Robert Moffitz). It was last spring that Michael, who lived near Leggett, began participating in KHE activities. His Jewishness was increasingly important to him in recent years, and our community meant a lot to him. Members of our community reached out to him in support and friendship, as his liver cancer progressively weakened his body, but not his spirit. With the help of two KHE angels, he made it to our KHE seder at the shul this year.

His funeral is to be tomorrow, Monday, May 1 at 3pm at our Jewish section of the Little Lake Cemetery in Willits. A gentle soul with a positive outlook on life. He was so happy to attend the Seder. z"l

## Many Thanks!

To Rabbi Shoshanah, Nancy Merling, Louisa Aronow, the Raybee/Charnes, the Koppels, Penny Walker and David Post, and all those who stepped forward to help serve and clean up our first community Seder in our Shul many, many thanks for helping to prepare and perform a much appreciated and wonderful seder for us all. Our community is truly blessed.

*Carol Rosenberg*

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### Recipe by Request: **Passover Spinach Kugel**

10 eggs, well beaten

2 packages frozen spinach, defrosted and drained

1 lb. melted butter or non-dairy margarine

10 tablespoons onion soup mix

1 lb. matzoh farfel or broken matzoh

2 cups hot water or broth

Place broken matzoh in a large bowl. Add hot water, toss matzoh in liquid. Add melted margarine mixed with soup mix. Add spinach and eggs. Mix well.

Place in greased 9"x 13" pan.

Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Uncover and brown top.

**Note:** you may add cooked mushrooms, shortening may be reduced for a dryer less rich Kugel



## A Note to the KHE Community

Ari's Bar Mitzvah was magical. It proves to me again that when all goes well, the total exceeds the sum of all the parts. Needless to say, I am incredibly proud of Ari, who says he still wants to study Hebrew and attend Shul School.

Mostly I want to thank the incredible team of volunteers without whom I could not have put on this event: Louisa Aronow, Yvonne Coren, Rachel Elkins, Bella Feldman, Robbie & Karla Gitlin, Nancy Moilanen, Bill Ray, Carol Rosenberg, Jan Stevens, Alan Sunbeam and Amy Wachspres. The volunteers from Aquarian Minyan were Marcia Brooks, Linda Elyad, Len Fellman and Bill Finn. I also give thanks to my sisters Alice Rosenthal and Bonnie Guthartz, and my mother, Ruth Cole, for their invaluable help. Most of all, I want to thank Rabbi Shoshanah for patiently fostering my son into the role of a Jewish man.

*With Love and Gratitude,*

*Robin Sunbeam*

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## SHAVUOT SHABBAT EVE AND ALL-NIGHTER, JUNE 2

Last year's combination of a family oriented celebration followed by a night of tikkun lail Shavuot (adult learning and being together all night long) was so successful that we're doing it again!

**6:30 - 7:30pm Offering of the First Fruits** - First, our children will have a procession modeled after ancient pilgrimages to the Temple, offering baskets of fruit and canned goods (which will later be offered to the hungry of Ukiah).

Please have your child come with an easy-to-carry basket filled at home. Then we'll showcase (and "shep nachas" from) the real "first fruits" of our community--our children, who will entertain us with dance, song, playing instruments, etc. (If your child would like to participate in the "talent show," please contact R. Shoshanah).

**7:30 - 8:20pm Refreshments** --Blessing of Challah and dairy/fruit desserts, featuring ice cream sundaes with fruit and nuts plus whatever else you bring (drinks, blintzes, cheesecake, noodle puddings, and fruit desserts). If you'll be bringing a home-baked Challah or if you would like to host this evening, please contact R. Shoshanah.

*Families can say goodbye at this point, or children can sack out in a classroom in sleeping bags brought from home. (Parents are responsible for your kids.)*

**8:30 pm: Brief Yizkor service to remember those we've lost.**

Adult Learning for Tikkun Lail Shavuot: Older children are welcome to participate. The last 10 minutes of each hour will be set aside for rest room and refreshment break. The night will be given over to a series of learnings via text, art, poetry, music and movement. Details via email as the date approaches. Would you like to lead a session? Contact R. Shoshanah.

The wee hours: chanting, singing Hallel, meditation, reading the story of Ruth, snoozing (bring sleeping bags).

Dawn - We'll greet the first morning light with the reading of the Ten Commandments from our Torah and watch the sunrise.

## **From The Prez's Desk...**

Dear Kol Ha Emek Community. My head has been swimming with all the possibilities of my second to last article to you as President of the Board. Thus once again, I am stretching the deadline and more than likely placing our editors a bit on edge as they try to hold open the correct amount of space for this article. So, please, my dear editors...take my tardiness as just my inability to separate out all the beautiful twirled yarns and threads of our community.

Today is April 24, 2006, Monday. I am still holding on to the sensory gifts this Shabbat (Samantha Ruth's naming & Ari Sunbeam's Bar Mitzvah) which I received. Smells, tastes, sounds, hugs, kisses, prayer, laughter, tears; I do not believe that it would be possible to document all the treasured, interpersonal and spiritual events which occurred. I mean this for myself and for what I observed of others. We are taught about other spiritual levels and worlds. For me, all were swirling this Shabbat.

So I settled on setting out to write a story to you, my community, about my (our) community. This is a true story. The names are not changed to protect the innocent. All characters were beautifully innocent. I am taking a leap of faith to believe that it is "okay" to use real people...but that's what we are...real.

### **The Lemon Cake**

I think the best way to start telling you this story is to start at what I saw as "The End" of the story. Or, probably...almost "The End" of the story. Robin Sunbeam, our Bar Mitzvah "Queen for the Day" most likely will offer you the final piece. What I mean is...where did that last piece of Lemon Cake go?

Here is my last piece:

Grandma Ruth, four foot nineish, kvelling in pink, a sturdy noventagenarian... with a smile unmistakably matched to Robin, herself...traversing the parking lot with a half eaten Lemon Cream Cake in her hands at about 3:15 pm, after her youngest Grandson's Bar Mitzvah! She knew precisely where she would serve that cake.

So going backwards...(If you haven't figured this out yet...this is a story about how we are woven to one another)...the Lemon Cake arrived at the Church via Linda Finn. Linda Finn is a dear friend of the Sunbeam Family who happened to be staying in my home during Shabbat. That morning...as she gathered herself and belongings to depart toward Ukiah...being who she was...and understanding all the details of an event...she asked, "Is there something I can take with me that they'll need?"

"Yes, take this Lemon Cake". I pulled the pink box from the fridge.

She delivered the cake.

How'd I have a Lemon Cake...three quarters left in my fridge? Afterall...Pesach just ended a day ago. The answer: I woke up at 1:30 am, tip-toed outside...and reached into my car...where I had forgotten it...that Friday night Shabbat. It probably would have been just fine in the car overnight...lemon cream and all...but I am a maniac about dairy and re Fridgeration...so out to the car I went to save the Lemon Cake. Incidentally, the stars were beautiful.

Yes, that's right...I'm going to ask, How did the Lemon Cake get into my car?

That's simple. Michael Feldman, our own favorite baker, stood next to my car, after Services, pastry boxes in arms, insisting that I take this gift (which included the Lemon Cake) home to serve to my guests. Of course, there was enough chocolate, cream and calories to overwhelm even the most indulgent. I promised I would find a home for the Lemon Cake...and packed it all into the front seat of the Volvo.



Why such sweetness? The Baby Naming and Shabbat all in one!!!

What could be sweeter than our community naming it's first baby in our Shul? Andrea Silverstein and David Patton glowed as they delivered Samantha Ruth's blessing. We all sat in awe while they put into words some of our deepest prayers for our own children.

So why did Michael have so many sweets in his arms? That's even easier to answer. Friday night was a very special Shabbat. Michael and Bella Feldman chose to be our hosts. Michael baked with sweet love in his heart. He filled the kitchen with pastries and cakes. It was an eve for sweetness. That was plain to see when one stepped into our Shul's kitchen...for potluck...almost everyone else brought "Sweets", too.

Why such sweetness? The Baby Naming and Shabbat all in one!!!

Samantha received her blessing...we finished Services. There was extra dessert for all.

So from the sweetness of the blessing for Samantha Ruth, our first baby to be named in our Shul, came a Lemon Cake from Michael, which was given to me to find a home...the cake traveled to Willits, spent the night in my fridge...then travelled to Ukiah to add to the sweetness for Ari's Bar Mitzvah...(but, of course...there were plenty of pastries already there...) so afterward...as you already know...Grandma Ruth knew inherently that the Lemon Cake must find a home and must arrive with all the cream in their proper swirls. She took care of that.

So, why am I telling you this story? Because I think it's just soo sweet and soo Jewish. It's who we are.

Blessings to you all.

Please don't forget what I've been saying: We have an empty seat on the Board. Please step forward to serve.

And...the best way to get involved with folks at Kol Ha Emek is to volunteer to do something. Help, of all sorts is always needed.

Spring and Summer Shul Projects are about to begin! Call me...I'll have something for you to do. (459-4039)

*B'Shalom, Nancy*

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## **Blintzes**

### *Batter*

3 eggs	2 Tb. salad oil
1 cup milk or water	3/4 cup sifted flour
1/2 tsp salt	butter or oil for frying

1. Beat the eggs, milk, salt & salad oil together. Stir in flour.
2. Heat a little butter or oil in a 6" skillet. Pour 2 Tb. spoons of batter into it, tilting the pan to coat the bottom. Use just enough batter to make a very thin pancake.
3. Let the bottom brown, then carefully turn out onto a napkin or clean dry dish towel, browned side up. Make the rest of the pancakes.

### *Cheese Filling*

2 cups farmers cheese (or cream cheese)	
2 Tb spoons of sugar	1 egg yolk
1 tsp lemon juice	1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp vanilla	1 Tb butter

Mix until smooth (if you use cottage cheese, sieve through cheesecloth to remove liquid)

4. Place a heaping Tb. of filling on each pancake. Tuck in opposite sides and roll like a jelly roll.
5. Fry the blintzes in butter or oil or bake them in a 350-degree oven until brown.
6. Serve with sour cream or cinnamon & sugar, or both. (makes about 18)

## **2006 Mendocino Women's Retreat** **Thursday, August 17 - Sunday, August 20**

Shalom Dear Women,

Hopefully our rain-soaked lands will begin to dry, the sun will emerge for more than 5 minutes and spring warmth will be reflected in our steps, in our smiles, and in our gardens. Not that it hasn't been a glorious winter in its own way.

Here at last is your invitation to the 2006 Mendocino Women's Retreat, and just when you were beginning to worry that your planning committee had gotten lost wandering the desert. And as many of you know our inspirational and beloved Rabbi Margaret, while not lost, has been wandering the deserts and cities of South Africa and will share some of her insights and experiences with us.

So join us by the banks of the Navarro River. The Red Tent in all its splendor will rise again and together we will fill it with songs, stories, study, frivolity and much laughter.

Last year's Tish ba Av Retreat was so stunningly wonderful because of all of your participation that it is with great humility we begin again to build the blocks of this year's retreat.

At our retreat we will look at some of the ways that Jewish tradition and practice shapes our memories and how those memories in turn shape the present and the future, for us personally and as a people. We will do so as women whose memories may be on their own journeys from the crisp innocence of youth to what might be the grander but more distilled recollection of old age. Margaret has just returned from a sabbatical in South Africa, and she will share some of what she learned about memory, history and transformation there.

This year as ever we look forward to seeing the faces of those of you whom we have shared past retreats with and treasured. We also gladly welcome the excitement of new friends and ideas.

*blessings,*

*Harriet Bye* <bysawer@mcn.org 707-937-3622

*Deena Zarlin* (call before May 25) <zarlin@mcn.org> 707-937-3622

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### **Methodists Also Remember the Holocaust**

Lisa Warner-Carey, minister of the Ukiah United Methodist Church, attended our Yom HaShoah observance and presented our congregation with a copy of the resolution adopted by the May 2000 Conference of the United Methodist Churches as part of their commemoration the 55th anniversary of the end of World War II. The resolution quotes the document "Building New Bridges in Hope, Book of Resolutions" (1996), which observes, "The Christian Church has a profound obligation to correct historical and theological teachings that have led to false and pejorative perceptions of Judasim and contributed to persecution and hatred of Jews." It further resolves to adopt the custom of remembering the Holocaust (Shoah) each year on the date designated on the Jewish calendar, as a sign of contrition and solidarity with the Jewish people. The United Methodist General Conference believes that this observance is a powerful means of educating people about this historical atrocity and sensitizing them to present and potential violence rooted in racial hatred.

**Dear KHE Chaverim,**

Turning 65 does not denote any special occasion in Jewish life, but does feel like a special marker in our American secular culture. No doubt about it--I'm a Senior. Just signed up for Medicare and the supplementary insurance which is recommended these days. But I won't be receiving Social Security just yet--and I'm certainly not thinking of retiring. I've already retired from several worklives in the past, although I never thought of it as retiring--rather I just evolved into new phases of my life, which meant my interests and work energies were invested in new directions. Somewhat like weaving an ongoing tapestry, with certain threads and designs being picked up and reappearing here and there in new colors and combinations. I've always loved to swim in the sea--but I need to gauge how long to stay in the water according to the temperature and strength of the waves and my energy, how much fun I'm having, what other demands I have on my life that day, etc.--and then I know when it's time to get out. Feels kind of the same with my work life. And right now, community rabbi-ing and chaplaining are engaging and rewarding for me, todah l'el (thank God!).

What a great variety of experiences I've survived in my 65 years! Being a senior means I'm a survivor. I'm the oldest of my siblings and all of my first cousins. My parents are gone, and so are their siblings. With the exception of two uncles by marriage, one 91 and one almost 90, I'm the oldest of all my close family. So age-wise I'm near the front of the line for departure...I think I'm fortunate that through my work, I've had a relatively large exposure to death and dying. My basic approach is that I need to be ready to die each day, and that in our ongoing living, we die many mini-deaths so that we can experience many rebirths within one lifetime. And the daily morning prayer which reminds us that "My God, the soul You have given me is pure" (Elohai neshamah sh'natati bee tahurah hee) goes on to say that "one day You will take it from me;" so each day I am reminded anew that I am an emanation from the Holy Source and that I am going to die. How precious life is! "Help us to treasure each day, that we may open our hearts to Your wisdom" goes the line from Psalms: *Limnot yameinu, kein hoda venavie levav hochmah.*

There's the family legend that with the advent of Hitler and the Final Solution, there was great debate among my parents' generation about whether to bring children into such a horrific world at all. Well, I'm glad that my parents went ahead with the mitzvah to "be fruitful and multiply," and now my grandson Adam is turning 8 weeks old as I write this. Reminds me of the midrash in which the parents of Aaron and Miriam decided to separate, since Pharaoh decreed that all male Hebrew offspring were to be murdered. Miriam convinces them to stay together, and that is when Moses is conceived. Faith in our future, faith in ourselves to surmount difficulties even when we don't know how, faith in divine providence, all of which we surely need today, just as we need folks of Moses' leadership caliber. Two simple sayings help bolster my faith in the process of being alive: "Expect the unexpected"--this has served me well on many an occasion; and "Yesterday is history; tomorrow is mystery; today is a gift and that's why we call it the present!"

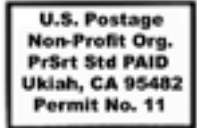
And at my age, I love meeting folks older than I am who are vital and funny and wise and really enjoying being alive. They're definitely models for me of what's possible. And I've met quite a few through Kol HaEmek. And I know that I'm a model for folks too. Twice recently I've been told by out-of-towners how much they appreciate seeing a woman rabbi with white hair on the bimah. They're familiar with younger female rabbis already, but an older one is still a welcome surprise to them.

I'm looking forward to my 65th birthday party, and I'm inviting you to come celebrate with me. The wonderful Zim Zum band that has played for us at Chanukah and at Ari Sunbeam's Bar Mitzvah will be there, and I hope the musicians (bring your instruments) and poets among you will join in the festivities. Please take this as a personal invitation to come to my home on my birthday and help mark this day in my life.

*B'shalom, oovrachah,  
Shoshanah*



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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.

**Our Mission** is to express and support Judaism in the following ways:

- To provide a space for religious study and prayer
- To share life cycle events through meaningful Jewish traditions
- To offer and sponsor Jewish education for all ages
- To be inclusive of all partnership 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* (healing of the world) as a community through socially just actions and education, and by mitzvot (good deeds)
- To offer membership in exchange for financial and other contributions, and allow all to participate regardless of ability to pay

## **Kol HaEmek Information & Resources**

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### **Open Seat**

**Address changes (e-mail, etc):** contact David Koppel [davekoppel@yahoo.com](mailto:davekoppel@yahoo.com) or call (485-8910)

**Brit Milah:** Doctors willing to do circumcisions in their office or in your home: Robert Gitlin, D.O. (485-7406);

Sam Goldberg, M.D. (463-8000); Jeremy Mann, M.D. (463-8000); Sid Mauer, M.D. (463-8000),

Chanan Feld, Certified Mohel (510-524-0722). **Assistance with the ceremony, contact the Rabbi**

**Chevra Kadisha (Jewish Burial):** Eva Strauss-Rosen (459-4005); Helen Sizemore (462-1595)

**Community Support:** *If you need help (illness, family crisis) or you can be called on when others need help;*

in Willits, call Divora Stern (459-9052); In Ukiah, Tal Sizemore (462-1595); Lake County (*Volunteer needed, call a board member*)

**Editor of the Shema:** Carol Rosenberg, Dan Hibshman & Tal Sizemore ([carolrosenberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolrosenberg@sbcglobal.net))

**Interfaith Council:** Cassie Gibson (468-5351) (Food preparation for homeless in Ukiah)

**Jewish Community Information and Referral:** Bay Area activities and services (415) 777-4545 or toll free at (877) 777- 5247.

**Library:** At the Kol HaEmek shul, 8591 West Road, Redwood Valley; open at shul events and by appointment

**New Members:** Nancy Moilanen (459-4039)

**Publicity:** (*Volunteer needed, contact a board member*)

**Rabbi's Council:** assists with community and calendar planning; **liaison** - contact Nancy Merling, [grandnan@saber.net](mailto:grandnan@saber.net) (456-0639)

**Rabbinical Services/Special Ceremonies:** Rabbi Shoshanah Devorah, 467-0456, [sdevorah@earthlink.net](mailto:sdevorah@earthlink.net)

**Use of Torah/Siddurs:** Schedule ahead of time with a board member.

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