



The Newsletter of Kol HaEmek (Voice of the Valley)
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Coming Events

Friday, November 11, 4:30 pm, Shul school; **6:30 pm**, Kabbalat Shabbat and potluck with R. Josh

Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m., Torah Study, with Rabbi Josh. Coffee and danish will be available

Friday, December 9, 6:30 pm, Round-the-table Shabbat and dairy potluck with visiting Rabbi Carol Caine

Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m., Torah Study session with Rabbi Carol Caine. Coffee and bagels will be available

Friday, December 30, 4:30 pm, Shul school; **5:30**, Menorah lighting

Friday, December 30, 6:30 pm, Round-the-table Shabbat potluck supper and party to follow----->

**Welcome one and all
 To Our Annual Hanukkah Party and
 Shabbat Potluck
 with Rabbi Josh**



**Friday, December 30, 5:30 P.M
 at the Shul
 Food, Fun, Games and Music for folks
 of all ages
 Bring 7 candles (along with your
 Hanukkiah),
 good food (especially latkes),
 and your musical instruments!**

Opportunities for Tzedakah

Kol HaEmek (the Voice of the Valley) is funded by your member dues as well as your generous contributions to a **number** of funds including

- 1) Building Fund
- 2) Religious School Fund
- 3) Scholarship Fund
- 4) General Fund
- 5) Honoring and Remembrance Board
- 6) Tzedakah Fund
- 7) Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- 8) The Marion and Sanford Frank Fund for feeding the hungry in Ukiah and Willits
- 9) Mazon -a Jewish Answer to Hunger

Call: David Koppel, 485-8910

send checks to:

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Portion of the Week and Holidays

November 5 - Noach
November 12 - Lech lecha
November 19 - Vayera
November 26 - Chayei Sarah

December 3 - Toledol'
December 10 - Vayetse
December 17 - Vayislach
December 24 - Vayesher

December 24-31 Hannukah

December 31 - Miketz

We Remember

Maurice Marans	November
Estelle Koppel	November 5
Norman Feldman	November 4
Doris Rogers	November 16
Dane Wilkins	November 19
Solomon Glazer	November 19
Cynthia Suffel	November 23
Robert Leo Kisslinger	November 27
Jane Gurko	November 29
Milton Rosen	December 4
Evelyn Rapport Cohen	December 26
Mark Kinze Molgaard	December 27
Chaim Rayberg	December 10
Max Schechter	December 15
Joseph E. Suffel	December 16
Esther Perner	December 19
Elizabeth Elberg	December 23
Dora Goldberg Levin	December 23
Elizabeth Elberg	December 23
Pauline Strauss	Cheshvan 1
Abraham Cohen	Cheshvan 12
Stan Showers	Cheshvan 2
Sanford "Fritz" Frank	Cheshvan
Louis Jonas	Kislev 10
Myra Cohen	Kislev 6
Leon Horowitz	Tevet 3

Update from Rabbi Shoshanah:

The Rabbi asked to wish you all a healthy good year and express her heartfelt thanks for your kind words and good wishes and to let you know her home has been sublet and she flew to Israel on October 16. Her plan is to return by the end of June 2017.

Donations to Kol HaEmek July-September Thank You!

Bruce and Cassandra Andich
Louisa Aronow and Sandy Turner
Ace Barash and Satoko Barash
Lynne Coen and Charles Hott
Judith M. Corwin
Isa Davila
Rachel Elkins and Dana Thibeau
Harvey Frankle and Jackie Perner Frankle

Mazel tov to Issac Frankle and Jainie on the purchase of their first home in Portland.

Mazel tov to Josh Frankle and his fiancée, Chandra Buck, on their engagement. They are planning a wedding in July 2017.

Mazel tov to Jackie and Harvey on their move to Portland, now enjoying the available culture and ease of their new life.

In Honor of and with Thanks to Shoshanah on her retirement--a job well done, we love you .

In honor of Sherrie Ebyam on reaching the age of wisdom and maturity, Mazel tov.

Thank You, Janae Stephens, for your many ways of serving Kol HsaEmek and your generosity.

Judith Fuente and David Nelson
Cassie Gibson and Chris Gibson
Janet Gurevich
Dan Hibshman and Leslie Kirkpatrick
Jay Joseph and Jennifer Joseph
Adina Merenlender and Kerry Heise
Nancy Horowitz Moilanen and David and Elisa
Vickie Paterson
Elizabeth Raybee
Norm Rosen and Karen Rosen
Eva Strauss-Rosen
Susan Sher
Janae Stephens and Gary Stephens
Amy Wachspress
Nancy Merling
Penny Walker and Irwin Feldman
Sally Emerson and Mally Arad
Joan Katzeff and Paul Katzeff
R. Bobby Ducharme and Michael Ducharme
Stuart Marcus and Tara Lesley Marcus
Stephen Pasternak and Liesbeth Pasternak
Elane Parat
Karin Wandrei
Jo-Ann Rosen
Charles Seltzer and Lark Letchworth
Erika Strong and Douglas Strong
Carol D. Rosenberg
Leon Springer and Nancy Marotta Springer

Margo Frank and Marc Levine
Reid Edelman and Deborah Edelman
Darline Bergere and Josh Bergere
Steven Levin and Joan Levin
Robin Sunbeam
Peter Mayland
Susan Juster and Rachel Juster
Joel Goldberg and Cindi Barr Goldberg
Andy Coren and Yvonne Coren
Leslie Batz and Daniel Wentworh
Sara Esserman Melville and Antony Esserman Melville
Mark Levine and Kathy Crosby
Victoria Harris and Mathew Harris
Marcela Ries
Robert Mandel and Carol Mandel
Lee Wachs
Virginia Dakin
Barbara Stanger and Leo Stanger
David Koppel and Linda Koppel
Helen Sizemore
Laurie Markowitz and Dale Harrison
Maralyn Lowenheim
Darline Bergere
Andy and Yvonne Coren
Sherrie Ebyam

A Membership update from your Board.

Your Board of Directors has just sighed a collective breath of release. The first High Holiday celebrations at Kol HaEmek without Rabbi Shoshanah officiating have gone very well. Rabbi Josh's conducting of services with Rabbi Daria have been very well received, and we look forward to Simchas Torah and the conclusion of the high Holiday cycle.

We have received our first orders for leaves for the Remembrance and Memorial Board and will be sending the first orders to Hillel Posner by the end of November so he can produce them for Hanukkah. Please *do send us* the copy for the leaf of your choice. Three lines of approximately five words per line. Four lines on a big leaf.

for example:

In Memory of Harry & Joan Bistrin
with Many Thanks
the Kol HaEmek Community

or

In Celebration of Thirteen Years of Service
as our Rabbi
Rabbi Shoshanah Devorah

David Koppel, our long-serving Treasurer, reports membership donations are significantly down from previous years. Have you forgotten to send your membership? Please take corrective action soon. Not having a resident Rabbi is a financial saving, but not to where your membership donations aren't vital to our survival as a congregation. Please, we need your contribution for this year!

We also need your help. Our Board is short two participating members. Three of our members are in their 80's. We need younger members, with new creative ideas and energy, if this congregation is to live and grow.

Succot

We had a Succah this year because Joel Cohen came home from Oakland just to cut bamboo for us. Bob Mandel cut reeds between rain showers, Susan Sher, Eli Edelman and Dan Hibshman cut redwood suckers for the roof and Dan Hibshman loaded down his little truck and gingerly carried it all to the Shul. For actual assembly there was initially only Eli Edelman, myself and Tania, a house guest of the Sunbeams. Fortunately just in time, Robin and Moses came to our rescue and all together we assembled a Succah.

Dears, this is my last year as Captain of the Succah team--someone else needs to step forward and take this on, as well as other chores. I am no longer able to climb ladders and move chairs and tables.

Sincerely,
Carol Rosenberg

In My Opinion:

As I write this I'm looking out my window grateful for the second rain of the season but concerned about the weather spoiling our plans for celebrating Succot on our Shul deck tomorrow. Then it hit me. I'm in a warm cozy house being concerned about building a Succah, a temporary shelter that teaches us major lessons about the fleeting meaning of security. Meanwhile hundreds of people here in Mendocino County and thousands in California are out in the rain without any temporary shelter or secure place to sleep tonight or any way to be warm and dry. These people know all there is to know about insecurity.

This is not a new awakening for me, I have served on the Homeless Services Action Group for more than three years. Several of you know that several years ago one member of our community was out in the rain without a home. Blessedly that is no longer the situation. I truly saw how that experience could destroy a person, and possibly take their life.

This year it was different, we had help, staff assigned from the City of Ukiah, Mendocino County and the Ukiah Valley Medical Center and it still didn't look promising. There were months of meetings and members of the committee contacting almost every property owner in the City of Ukiah to ask them to rent *empty* space to the Homeless Action Group. Space so we could cobble together a shelter for the most vulnerable people in this city. Finally, one property owner figured out how we could use a part of his property to create a shelter. If we can find funds and get City permission we could use that space for a year!

The use of the property will cost us a third of the funds we are to receive from the County and the City, so we need to raise additional money for staffing and ongoing expenses. Approximately \$40,000 will be needed to staff at night, at least, 40 folks each night from November through March.

Last year KHE held a fundraising event to help support a shelter; hopefully, some of our members and friends will help again. As the location develops and we have a way of utilizing community support. I will keep you informed to let you know where to send your money and how you can volunteer.

Again we all need to stop for a moment and realize how we are truly blessed and that so many need our help.

With much love and hope,

Carol Rosenberg

Know Your Community

The following is an interview with KolHaEmek member, Leila Achtoun.

If you are a fascinating person and would like to be interviewed, please contact Susan Sher @ ssher@pacific.net or (707) 272-7917.

I was born **October 4, 1998 in Fort Bragg, CA.**

I have lived in Mendocino County since **birth except for one year in the Bay Area and one year in Portland, OR.**

My favorite place in Mendocino County is **Montgomery Woods.**

I give back to my community by **knitting beanies and scarves that I pass out to people on the street.**

I am thankful that **I have a family that supports me in everything I do.**

I am most proud of **my high school academic record; I worked very hard to be ranked 3rd in my class and holding leadership positions.**

Friends would describe me as **loud and cheerful.**

If I could do something over, **I would be more appreciative of my Waldorf education while I was there.**

I want to try **to spread tolerance wherever I go.**

I get the greatest joy from **watching my brother become a young adult.**

The most memorable trip I ever took was **the 3 weeks I spent in Morocco last summer with my dad.**



I worry about **the increase in ignorance and hatred.**

I care about **the environment a lot and preserving nature in the 21st century.**

I have been most inspired in my life by **Jonathan Safir Foer because his knack for storytelling is entertaining but also addresses deep and profound themes.**

One thing I wish I could change about the world is **people's craving for material things.**

If I have learned one thing, it is **people are drastically different but there are universal similarities; it's beautiful but shocking.**

In 10 years, I see myself **working in a big city focusing on peace and conflict resolution in the Middle East.**

I wish more Jews would **embrace the uniqueness of our heritage and the fortitude of our people.**

Something people would be surprised to know about me is **I love lime flavored hot Cheetos; they're disgusting in the best way.**

For Hanukkah variety, try these latkes:

Sweet Potato-Parsnip Latkes (makes approximately 25 pancakes)

2 pounds garnet sweet potatoes (yams) rinsed and peeled
1 pound parsnips, peeled
10 shallots
6 large eggs, beaten
3/4 cup + 2 tablespoons matzoh meal
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
Vegetable oil for frying

1. Using the coarse side of a box grater or the medium coarse grating disc of a food processor, grate potatoes, parsnips and shallots. toss together in a large bowl
2. Add eggs, matzoh meal, salt & pepper. Toss to mix well.
3. Pour 1/4 inch of oil in a 10-12 inch frying pan (with sides at least 2 inches high); heat over medium heat. When oil reaches 350 degrees using a measuring cup, gently place 1/3 cup of mixture into hot oil. Use 1/3 cup of mixture for each pancake. Cook 3-4 at a time; do not crowd pancakes. Turn and cook on reverse side when edges are brown and crispy.
4. Transfer finished pancake to paper towel to drain briefly, keep pancakes warm in a 200-degree oven until all are ready to serve. To freeze pancakes to serve at a later date, place fried pancakes between layers of aluminum foil, freeze and reheat in 350-degree oven on a baking sheet.

Ginger-Sour Cream Topping

In a small bowl mix together
1 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons apple cider and
2 teaspoons freshly grated ginger root

The light that shines within us
Illuminates the path that leads
To peace around the world...
And Love that conquers
Violence and lights the Right
Way of their faith as well as
that of ours
Robert Axt



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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.
- To share life cycle events through meaningful Jewish traditions
- 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* (healing the world) as a community through socially just actions and and by Mitzvot)
- To offer to our membership in exchange for financial and other contributions and allow all to participate regardless of the ability to pay

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