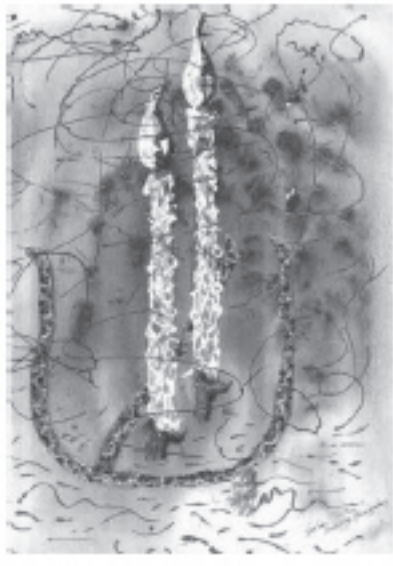


# Congregation Shir Hadash



## **Opportunities for Adult Learning 2011-2012**

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*[www.shirhadash.org/adulted](http://www.shirhadash.org/adulted)*

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## *Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 Opportunities for Adult Learning*

One of the primary missions of Congregation Shir Hadash is to provide educational opportunities for our adult members. Every year numerous courses, programs, speakers, and special educational activities are made available.

This year we are pleased to offer a series of 16 Sunday morning talks by notable speakers, including TV and movie personality Mayim Bialik and KQED radio host Michael Krasny. These lectures will address a wide variety of topics that we think will be of special interest to parents of Religious School students, as well as to all members of our congregation. This series, Exploring the World of Judaism, is generously supported by a grant from the Newton and Rochelle Becker Charitable Trust, which was established to encourage parents of Religious School students to participate in adult Jewish learning, as well as the Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco/Marin/Peninsula/Sonoma.

A highlight of each year's Adult Education series is the Levine Family Lecture and this year's distinguished lecturer will be Dan Walters, an expert on California politics and columnist for the Sacramento Bee. His lecture promises to be of particular interest in this important election year.

This year we are also pleased to support a May weekend retreat at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove that will have as its theme, Jewish Food. A wide range of related topics will be discussed, including food production and distribution, food justice, cultural and religious practices, recipes and family traditions.

In addition to the lectures and retreat, a wide range of programs and classes will be offered. Some will be repeats of popular classes from past years and others will be entirely new.

We invite you to check out the following pages for more details and to refer to the calendar on the inside cover of the booklet.

You may contact Michael Schneider, Chair of the Adult Education Committee at [adulthoodeducation@shirhadash.org](mailto:adulthoodeducation@shirhadash.org) or Patty Cruz at the Shir Hadash office [patty@shirhadash.org](mailto:patty@shirhadash.org), 358-1751, ext. 7.

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## EXPLORE THE WORLD OF JUDAISM!



*We all know how difficult it is to juggle our calendars these days. Seems like there's never enough time to do the urgent tasks let alone allow oneself the pleasure of expanding our mind (and soul) by taking some enrichment classes.*

*This year, through a generous grant from the Newton and Rochelle Becker Charitable Trust and the Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco/Marin/Peninsula and Sonoma, Shir Hadash is pleased to offer a speaker series designed to stimulate your brain and touch your heart.*

*For 16 Sunday mornings, September 18, 2011 - May 6, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. (running concurrently with Sunday school) join us as we **EXPLORE THE WORLD OF JUDAISM!** GOOD COFFEE AND BAGELS WILL BE SERVED!*

*Everyone is welcome to attend all 16 sessions, but we encourage you to participate in our PICK SIX program. After you've had a chance to peruse the entire list of speakers, tell us which 6 you want to attend either by filling out one of the special flyers or signing up online.*

***We begin our EXPLORING THE WORLD OF JUDAISM series on Sunday, September 18, 2011 with***

***Rabbi Henry Shreibman***, West Coast Director, Advancement and Outreach, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College -- who will speak on the topic of Jews, Money and Ethics: A Historical Approach to Stereotypes and Reality.

***On Sunday, November 6, 2011 we will welcome well-known actress Mayim Bialik who will speak on the topic of Raising a Jewish Child in a Multi-Cultural Environment.***

***Mayim Bialik*** is best known for her portrayal of the young Bette Midler in 1989's "Beaches" and went on to star in the popular sitcom "Blossom" from 1990-1994. Bialik holds a Ph.D. in Neuroscience, has two young children, is the spokesperson for the Holistic Moms Network and currently appears as Amy Farrah Fowler on "The Big Bang Theory."

Bialik received her B.S. in Neuroscience and Hebrew and Jewish Studies from UCLA in 2000 and earned a Ph.D. in Neuroscience in 2007 from UCLA, specializing in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder in adolescents with Prader-Willi syndrome. She is the celebrity spokesperson for the Holistic Moms Network, a national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting holistic and green parenting and living.

*On November 20, 2011, we will hear Jill Citrin Katz, a Harvard trained Biblical archeologist, will speak on Archeology and Torah Study.*

*On January 8, 2012, we will hear from Dr. Michael Krasny of KQED who will speak on the topic of Spiritual Envy: An Agnostic's Quest.*

*Michael Krasny, Ph.D.*, is host of KQED's award-winning Forum, a news and public affairs program that concentrates on the arts, culture, health, business, and technology. Since 1970, he has been a professor of English at San Francisco State University and has taught at Stanford University and University of California, San Francisco. He is a widely published scholar and literary critic, a fiction writer, and a guest and frequent interviewer on the City Arts & Lectures stage.

Dr. Krasny has interviewed many of the leading newsmakers and cultural icons of our time, including former President Jimmy Carter, Cesar Chavez, Noam Chomsky, Hilary Rodham Clinton, Francis Ford Coppola, Don DeLillo, Newt Gingrich, Vice President Al Gore, Norman Mailer, Toni Morrison, President Barack Obama, Rosa Parks, Nancy Pelosi, Robert Redford, Philip Roth, Salman Rushdie, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, John Updike, and countless others. He is the recipient of many awards and honors, including The S.Y. Agnon Gold Medal for Intellectual Distinction, The Eugene Block Award for Human Rights Journalism, The Inclusiveness in Media Award from The National Conference for Community and Justice, and a Koret Foundation Fellowship. He has also been named best talk show host by Focus magazine, a number of Bay Area newspapers, The San Francisco Publicity Club, and Citysearch.

*Other outstanding speakers in the series will include:*

- *Ken Blady*, educator, writer and Yiddish translator: How Different Can Jews Be? The Exotic Lives of Jews from Afghanistan to Yemen
- *Mitch Braff*, Executive Director of the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation: The Jewish Partisans of World War II: The Story of the Jews Who Fought the Germans and their Collaborators
- *Frances Dinkelspiel*, author of Towers of Gold: Isaias Goldman and the Early History of California's Jewish Communities
- *Rebecca Ets-Hokin*, well known San Francisco food personality: Israeli Cuisine from Past to Present

*Watch the NOTES and Temple website for a complete schedule of the Exploring the World of Judaism series.*  
[www.shirhadash.org](http://www.shirhadash.org)

## THE ANNUAL LEVINE LECTURE

### *California is Fast Running Towards an Economic Cliff and May Not Be Able to Slow Down in Time to Avoid Falling Off*



Dan Walters is one of California's leading political observers. California is facing a crisis of governance—unable to resolve such long-running, vital issues as the state budget, water, transportation and education. In essence, California is running fast toward an economic cliff and may not be able to slow down in time to avoid falling off.

How did we get here and what can be done to change it?



Dan Walters is a columnist with the Sacramento Bee and an expert on California politics. He has been a journalist for more than 40 years, working almost exclusively for California newspapers.

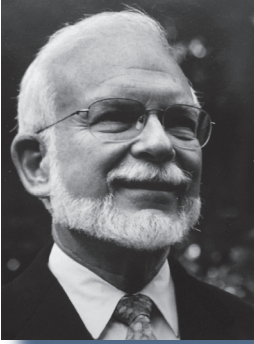
At age 22, he was the nation's youngest daily newspaper editor.

Walters joined The Sacramento Union's capitol bureau in 1975 as Jerry Brown began his governorship and he later became the Union's capitol bureau chief. In 1981, he began writing the state's only daily newspaper column devoted to California political, economic and social events and in 1984, he and the column moved to the Sacramento Bee.

He has written more than 6,000 articles about California and its politics, and his column now appears in more than 50 California newspapers. His articles have also appeared in The Wall Street Journal and the Christian Science Monitor, among other publications. In 1986, Walters published *The New California: Facing the 21st Century*, which has since undergone revisions to become a widely used college textbook about socioeconomic and political trends in the state. He is also the founding editor of the *California Political Almanac*, and co-author of *The Third House: Lobbyists, Money and Power in Sacramento*, a book on lobbying.

Speaker: Dan Walters  
Location: Congregation Shir Hadash Sanctuary  
Date: Friday, April 13, 2012  
Time: 8:00 pm  
Fees: Free and Open to the Public

The Levine Lecture was established by the Levine family in memory of Dr. Morris and Frances Levine, cherished members of our congregation.



## DAVID'S POEMS AND PRAYERS

### *Draw Closer to God Through Psalms*

Tradition tells us that there are 150 psalms, attributed to King David. Written over a 500 year time span, these psalms or religious poems have had the most extraordinary effect upon our world. Generally, they are recognized as some of the greatest writing every composed, and probably the most beautiful and the most sensitive religious poetry that exists in literature.

This February, a special visitor to Shir Hadash, Rabbi Ronnie Weiss of Massachusetts, will teach a class on Psalms -- specifically Psalms 120, 121 and 122 – all of which are psalms of ascent – sung by the people on their “ascent” or travels up to Jerusalem to attend the three pilgrim festivals. Though well known, these psalms have much that escapes a superficial reading.

Rabbi Weiss served the Cape Code Synagogue from 1965 to 1976 and Temple Beth Elohim in Wellsley, MA from 1976 to 2002. Recently he has been the “rabbi-in-residence” at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Newton Lower Falls, MA where he has been teaching Scripture.

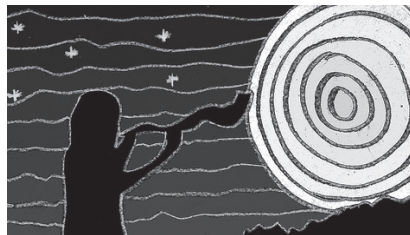
Instructor: Rabbi Ronnie Weiss

Date: Tuesday mornings, February 7, 14, and 21, 2012

Time: 10:30-11:30

Fee: Free

Book: Bring your own copy of Psalms or we will have copies available



## ISRAELI HIGH TECH

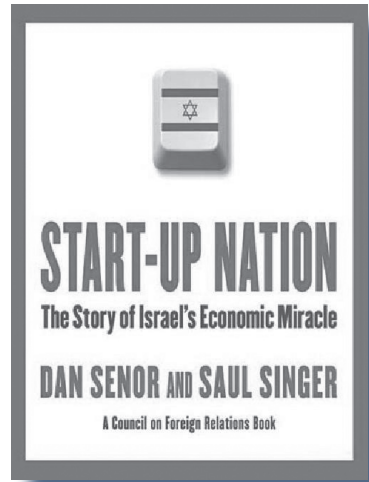
### *Learn How Israel Has Become A Global Leader in High Tech Start-Ups*

There are various historical and cultural aspects that lead many Israelis to pursue entrepreneurship, especially in the high tech arena.

This class will delve into why and how Israel has been so successful in stimulating individual entrepreneurial achievements.

Check the **NOTES and Temple Website** for further details regarding date and time for what promises to be a provocative and exciting class.

[www.shirhadash.org](http://www.shirhadash.org)



## JEWISH BOOK GROUP

### *Curl Up With A Good Book*



Share your love of books with Jewish themes and ideas as well as your desire to discuss them by participating in the Shir Hadash Jewish book group.

These are the books we are considering, pending availability from the Jewish Community Library. The group will be able to choose one more book, since we have four meeting dates:

***A Man, a Woman, and a Man by Savyon Liebrecht*** This novel by one of Israel's most celebrated writers reveals the complex underpinnings of an adulterous romance. Hamutal and Saul's liaison blossoms unexpectedly in the Tel Aviv nursing home where they come to visit their ailing parents, offering them emotional shelter as they struggle with their relationships with their families. (Lending books ready for pick up 8/1 due back 9/18)

***The Palestinian Lover by Selim Nassib*** This novel, by a Lebanese-Jewish writer, tells the story of a rumored secret love affair between Golda Meir and a Palestinian aristocrat. Meir is young, married, the lone woman among the inner core of Zionist men. Her chance encounter with an Arab gentleman has repercussions far beyond her own family, vividly told against the backdrop of Mandate Palestine. (Lending books ready for pick up 9/1 due back 11/27)

***Petropolis by Anya Ulinich*** Chubby, biracial teenager Sasha Goldberg continually disappoints her overbearing mother until she manages to escape the confines of her bleakly named Siberian town, Asbestos 2. She first lands as a mail-order bride in Phoenix, then ditches her husband and makes her way to suburban Chicago where a wealthy family adopts her as their pet. Her search for her father takes her to the mean streets of Brooklyn and back to Russia in this smart, darkly humorous, satire about coming of age in the 20th century. (Lending books ready for pick up 12/16 due back 2/12)

Facilitators: Rena Alisa and Diane Goldman  
Location: Shir Hadash Library  
Dates: September 11, 2011; Nov 13, 2011; Feb 5, 2012 and April 29, 2012  
Time: 4 Sundays at 10:45 a.m.  
Fees: This year we will be borrowing books from the Jewish Community Library in San Francisco

The Shir Hadash Book Group is free if you use our lending copies! Otherwise, it is the cost of the book.

Please see your weekly eHadashot for the latest information or email Diane Goldman at: [bookgroup-coordinator@shirhadash.org](mailto:bookgroup-coordinator@shirhadash.org)

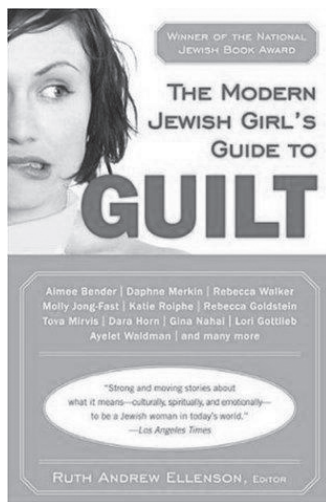
## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

*Learn about your Jewish Identity as it Relates to Contemporary Life*

The Women's Study group has chosen *The Modern Jewish Girl's Guide to Guilt* by Ruth Ellenson, for our study this year.

Join this intergenerational group of Jewish women to talk about Jewish identity and the tension inherent in contemporary life.

We will read and discuss short essays from our book by well known contemporary Jewish authors including Rebecca Goldstein, Dara Horn, Tova Mirvis and Ayelet Waldman on topics including trying to please our families, Jewish self-image, divided loyalties, and finding balance between our ancient heritage and our modern lives.



- Instructor: Rabbi Aron  
Location: Oneg Room at Shir Hadash  
Date: Third Thursday of each month, beginning November 17, 2011, meeting once a month through May, 2012.  
Time: 10:30 am  
Fee: Cost of book is \$8.00 for a used copy and \$10.00 for a new paperback copy.  
Books: Copies of the book are available for sale in the Temple office, contact [patty@shirhadash.org](mailto:patty@shirhadash.org) or 358-1751 ext 7.

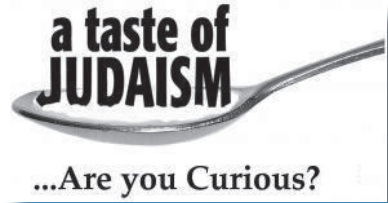
## TASTE OF JUDAISM

*Delve into the intricacies of Jewish thought and beliefs*

This interactive class provides an introduction to Jewish perspectives on ethics and values, study, community, holidays and spirituality.

This class is intended for beginners, and is particularly appropriate for non-Jewish

friends and relatives, Jews who have been disconnected from the Jewish community, and interfaith couples. Graduates of this class who seek more extensive study are welcome to attend the Introduction to Judaism program (see page 17).



Dianne Portnoy is a passionate learner who enjoys sharing the knowledge she has gained with others. Dianne was trained in the Holiday Workshop program of the UJC (United Jewish Communities) and has taught “Taste of Judaism” for many years.

Rabbis Aron, Fleekop, and Kaplan and Cantor Felder-Levy each teach one hour of the class so that students can become acquainted with a variety of perspectives.

Instructors: Dianne Portnoy, Rabbi Aron, Cantor Felder-Levy,  
Rabbi Fleekop and Rabbi Kaplan

Location: Chapel at Shir Hadash

Dates: September 13, 20 and 27, 2011

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Fees: Free and open to the public.

Books: Handouts will be provided

Websites: About Congregation Shir Hadash: [www.shirhadash.org](http://www.shirhadash.org)

About Rabbi Aron: <http://www.shirhadash.org/about/rabbiaron.html>

About Rabbi Fleekop: [http://www.shirhadash.org/about/rabbi\\_fleekop.html](http://www.shirhadash.org/about/rabbi_fleekop.html)

About Cantor Felder-Levy: <http://www.shirhadash.org/about/cantor.html>

Reservations are suggested so that we can prepare sufficient material. Please contact Patty Cruz at [patty@shirhadash.org](mailto:patty@shirhadash.org) or 358-1751 ext 7

# LEARN TO READ HEBREW

## *Beginning Hebrew*

This class is for those who have no Hebrew background, or who have forgotten their Hebrew and want to learn to read Hebrew phonetically.

The fall trimester will focus on learning and reviewing the sounds of the Hebrew letters and vowels. In the winter, we will concentrate on reading words and phrases more fluently. In the spring, we will bring these various skills together so as to learn to read some of the basic prayers.

Classes will be on Tuesday afternoons from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The teacher will be Rabbi Steven Kaplan. For those students who finish the first year, there is the option of studying a second year with Rabbi Aron and Cantor Felder-Levy to become an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah.



***Adult Beginning Hebrew A-*** September 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2011

***Adult Beginning Hebrew B-*** January 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 28, March 6, 13, 2012

***Adult Beginning Hebrew C-*** March 20, 27, April 3, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012

Instructors: Rabbi Steven Kaplan

Location: Library

Date: Tuesdays, September 20, 2011 to December 13, 2011  
(First trimester)

Tuesdays, January 10, 2012 to March 13, 2012  
(Second trimester)

Tuesdays, March 20, 2012 to May 22, 2012  
(Third trimester)

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Fees: \$26.00 for the book listed below

Books: Learning Hebrew by Lillian Adler, text and workbook



# COMMUNITY SERVICES SHABBAT

*Worship and Explore Various Timely and Provocative Themes*

**Community Shabbat services** are held about once a month on Saturday mornings at 10:30 am.

Themes for upcoming services this year include:

- Personal preparation for the High Holy Days - September 27, 2011
- Jewish Veterans: Point of Pride or Conflict - November 19, 2011
- Learner's Service: Come and Better Understand and Appreciate our Prayer Service - December 3, 2011
- Civil Rights and Social Justice - January 14, 2012
- Guest Rabbi: Ronnie Weiss - February 25, 2012
- Jewish Art - March 17, 2012
- Jewish Music - March 31, 2012
- Learner's Service: Part 11- May 5, 2012



Location: Sanctuary at Shir Hadash

## TORAH STUDY

### *Take Possession of Your Heritage*



The Torah is not meant to be the exclusive possession of rabbis or scholars, but has been understood in Jewish tradition as a gift to the entire people. The public reading of the Torah was designed to make it accessible to the whole community. The practice of studying Parashat HaShavuah, the weekly Torah portion, was commonplace throughout the generations among both men and women.

Join in that ancient tradition and take possession of your heritage. Rabbi Aron, and occasionally Rabbi Fleekop, will lead a discussion each Saturday morning, following Simchat Torah and until Shavuot, on the section of the Five Books of Moses specified by tradition for that Sabbath. We will particularly be focusing on the different personalities in the Bible, including that of God.

- Books: The Five Books of Moses (Many different translations exist and are welcome in our study). Two enrichment books that you might find interesting are *God: A Biography* by Jack Miles and *A History of God* by Karen Armstrong.
- Instructors: Rabbi Aron and Rabbi Fleekop
- Location: Congregation Shir Hadash Chapel
- Dates: Saturday mornings, October 22, 2011 – May 19, 2012
- Time: 9:30 am – 10:20 am
- Fees: Free and open to the public



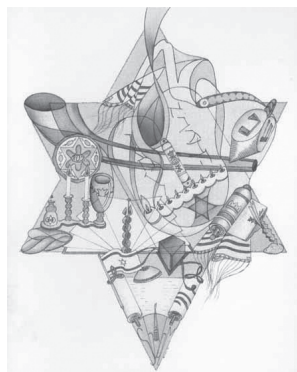
*“Torah study has helped me understand intellectually rather than emotionally this body of literature we have inherited from our ancestors. I am very interested in learning how ancient people, particularly my forefathers, thought then and how it is applicable today. What is it that makes us unique among all people? I want to learn where we have been and where we are going in the evolution of our theology. Under your scholarship, Rabbi Aron, you have made this process very enjoyable and very meaningful.”*

*Jacob Moradzadeh, Temple Member*

## INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

### *Learn About All Things Jewish*

The Introduction to Judaism course provides an overview of Jewish life-cycle, holidays, and other ritual celebrations. Participants will also study Jewish history and gain exposure to important Jewish books including the Hebrew Bible and Talmud.



Instructors will utilize a variety of teaching modalities. The first half-hour of each session will be devoted to the study of Hebrew. Participants are asked to complete reading assignments in preparation for each session. Questions are always encouraged.

To register for the class, please contact [patty@shirhadash.org](mailto:patty@shirhadash.org) or call 358-1751 ext 7.

This class will be taught in cooperation with Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Sinai, and Congregation Beth David.

Instructors: Rabbi Fleekop of Congregation Shir Hadash,  
Rabbi Magat of Temple Emanu-El  
Rabbi Pressman of Congregation Beth David  
Rabbi Berkenwald of Congregation Sinai

Location: Sessions will rotate from one synagogue to another, based on whichever rabbi is teaching. When you register you will receive a detailed syllabus with schedule of classes, location, and readings to prepare.

Dates: Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm begins November 1, 2011 and concludes on April 24, 2012 meeting weekly except during breaks

Fees: \$180 (this price includes the books)

## LEARN TO CHANT TORAH!

### *Explore the World of Trope and Cantillation Symbols*

Learn how to chant Torah and learn to navigate the cantillation symbols. Using *The Art of Torah Cantillation*, students will study each trope and learn how to sing them. Students will get to apply the skills they learned in class to real Torah verses and portions.



Instructor: Cantor Devorah Felder-Levy

Date: Wednesday mornings beginning October 26, 2011 until  
May 23, 2012

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Book: \$22.00



*I had always thought “wouldn’t it be wonderful to know how to chant Torah?” The sounds, the Trope, the melodies -- are all so hauntingly beautiful.*

*I decided to be part of Shir Hadash’s adult b’nai mitzvah class, and with that decision came the opportunity to chant Torah.*

*Studying Trope with Cantor Felder-Levy and learning to chant the Torah verses was a way for me to get closer to my spiritual self. I found that chanting provided a greater depth of meaning for me than only reading the Torah verses.*

*Cantor Felder-Levy has a special way of imparting her love of Trope and chanting to her students which makes the experience of learning Torah so much more meaningful.*

*Gail Pomerantz (Temple member)*



# ADULT ED RETREAT AT ASILOMAR

## *Jewish Food: A Weekend of Nourishing Your Body and Soul In the Beauty of Pacific Grove*

Shir Hadash will again be hosting a retreat at Asilomar conference grounds in Pacific Grove. Join in a weekend of fun and learning and experience the joy of Shabbat oceanside with other temple members.

This year the theme is Food...an important topic for Jews! We'll have speakers on topics related to socially responsible food choices, the emotions surrounding food and how to think globally, but act locally about food.

We'll even have an artisanal chocolate tasting and discussion of what makes chocolate production around the world happy (rather than exploitive) and what makes us happy about chocolate!

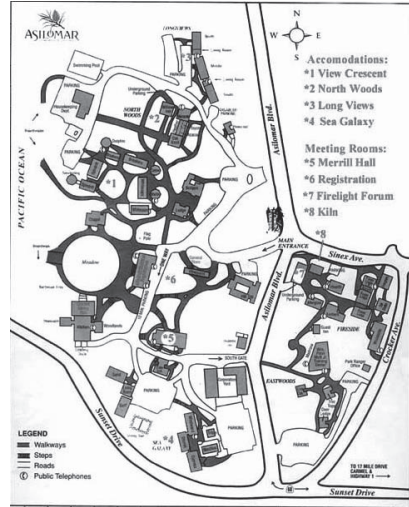
Gather with Shir Hadash members of all ages and form new bonds of friendship as we discuss Jews and food at beautiful Asilomar.

Coordinators: Susan Denniston and Elayne Klasson

Location: Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA

Dates/Time: Friday, May 18 at 6:00 pm to Sunday, May 20, 2012 at noon

Fees: \$325 per person, double occupancy (includes 6 meals beginning with Friday dinner and ending with Sunday)





# Welcome Back Synaplex

August 26, 2011, January 20, 2012 and more

## ***SYNAPLEX: NOT YOUR TYPICAL FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE***

A play on the words “synagogue” and “multiplex,” Synaplex offers many options concurrently providing a unique Shabbat experience, and a new pathway to enter into Jewish life for all ages at Shir Hadash.

While most of the time we save the mingling until after services, a Shir Hadash SYNAPLEX Shabbat mixes up the elements of the typical Friday evening. Through a combination of worship, conversation, food, speakers, movies, and art activities for the young, there are multiple opportunities for study, prayer, and socializing. It’s a way for the whole family to enjoy an evening at Shir Hadash even though individual interests may differ.

Upcoming SYNAPLEX Shabbats will include special experiences for every member of the congregation including wine and cheese for the adults, mixers, services, dinner, speakers, movies, meditation, Israeli dancing, cooking challenges, and more. While the adults attend classes or lectures, mixers or programs, our kids might be working on a mitzvah/art project or Shabbat games and sports.

Mark your calendar and join and us for this a truly unique Shir Hadash experience:

THE RETURN of SYNAPLEX: August 26  
Future dates to be announced