



Chadeish Yameinu News

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Renew Our Days

Spring 2005

Rebbe's Corner

Now that the hoopla and busy-ness around my ordination has settled down, I wish to take a few moments to reflect with you. This has been a time of incredible transformation for me. Like a bar mitzvah, like a wedding, the ceremony in Boulder was both a culmination and a transition to new beginnings. I cannot describe to you what it was like to stand under a talis with my fellow rabbis-to-be, my mentors behind me, and Reb Zalman's hand on me, as I received his smicha, the transmission of his sacred trust.

I am blessed to have been able to share that moment with my family and so many of our chevra in attendance, and I am grateful for Reb Zalman's and my parents' good health and the fortunate circumstances that allowed us all to be together.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to you as well, as individuals and as community, for the tremendous support you have given me throughout this process, for the gift and gifts you have given me, and for the most amazing celebration we had here in Santa Cruz. It is my hope that I am able to give of myself so fully to you.

May we share many blessings and many years together.

Reb Eli

Check Out CY Adult Ed Offerings

One of the ways CY enriches our lives is through diverse adult ed programs. This winter we have had classes in Torah study and Torah trop (chanting) as well as Introduction to Judaism. In the coming months we will continue our regular Wednesday night classes at 7:00 PM at the Aptos Firehouse; watch for announcements about special topics as well as Torah study. In addition, Dr. Cal Rich will teach a series of classes on Monday evenings, March 21 through April 11, entitled What Happens When I Die. (Time and place of this class are to be announced.)

We began a new series of Shabbat afternoon talks by local rabbis and teachers with a fascinating presentation by Reb Eli of his senior project for ordination, a study of Jewish law regarding borrowing non-Jewish prayer. The series continues on March 5; Dr. Gary Dolowich will speak about his recent book on archetypes and acupuncture, and on how these archetypes are reflected in Jewish tradition. When the days again grow shorter in the fall, we will resume this Shabbat afternoon series with talks by Rabbi Paula, Rabbi Chaim (Howie) and Rabbi Shalom.

All classes and talks are free, and everyone is welcome.

Dear Friends,

Len and I were overwhelmed by the number of members of Chadeish Yameinu that came to Eli's ordination in Boulder. When we visited Santa Cruz last year, we met many of you and first-handedly experienced the warmth of your group. Now, seven months later, we once again were privileged to be with the friends and Santa Cruz family of our son, Reb Eli. He is indeed fortunate to have you; and we, his parents, are indeed fortunate to feel comfort in knowing that he is surrounded by such wonderful and caring people.

We would like to make a donation first, in honor of our son's ordination; secondly, in honor of all of you; and thirdly, in honor of Sandra Goldstein, who so beautifully created his amazing, fantastic, tallit for his ordination.

Thank you one and all.

Fondly,
Marian and Len Cohen

The First Woman Rabbi

Fraülein Rabbiner Jonas by Elisa Klapheck
English translation: John Wiley & Sons, 2004

Elisa Klapheck of Berlin, a Jewish Renewal rabbi and friend to many in our community, has published what can surely be described as a groundbreaking work about the first ordained woman rabbi -- Rabbiner Regina Jonas of Berlin (1902-1944). Rabbi Elisa succeeds brilliantly in joining hands with her predecessor across six decades of anguished German Jewish history and pulling her back from the brink of oblivion.

The first part of this book reconstructs Rabbiner Jonas's short life; she died in Auschwitz. And yet her story, though lost to memory for decades, does not end there. She left behind in Berlin a trove of letters, sermons, journals, and papers, most of which only came to light after the collapse of East Germany. Rabbi Elisa, a gifted writer as well as a scholar, becomes herself a part of the story as she sets about to rediscover the legacy of Rabbiner Jonas.

Part two of the book is the publication of Rabbiner Jonas' treatise: "Can Women Serve as Rabbis?" She has chosen this very difficult topic, she says, "because I personally love this profession and would love to practice it if it were ever possible." After examining the issue from every relevant aspect of Jewish law (halacha), she concludes boldly: "Aside from *prejudice* and *unfamiliarity*, there is almost *nothing* halachically opposed to the woman taking on the rabbinical role. So may *she*, too, through such work, promote Jewish life...in future generations." This was in 1930!

Thanks to Rabbi Elisa's absorbing portrayal of her life and work, Rabbiner Jonas can finally occupy her rightful place in Jewish history.

--Jeanne Rosen

Interfaith Pesach Seder: Save the Date!

On April 30, the last night of Pesach, Chadeish Yameinu will share an Interfaith Pesach Seder with Inner Light Ministries at their church in Soquel. There will be an original Haggadah by Leah Kushner, and lively music from Michelle Hodah and Valerie Joy, their amazing Minister of Music. Stay tuned - more information will be sent out later.

Chanukah Tzedakah Project a Success

Members of the Chadeish Yameinu community really came through this year with our first Chanukah Tzedakah project. Many people put together welcome boxes of practical supplies for the families that will be moving into the new Family Shelter due to open soon on River Street.

This simple project was really in keeping with that aspect of our tzedakah tradition that teaches us to help people gain the ability to be self-sustaining. The homeless families moving into this housing will be participating in a program designed to help them get jobs and move into their own apartments. Great job, CYniks! And thanks so much to Diane Klein for organizing and schlepping and making our group tzedakah happen.

Pesach

(March, 1996)

Miriam speaks:

Pharaoh has just agreed to let us go. I'm standing in the entrance to my home, the interior lit only by the sunlight streaming through this doorway. Before me, the dirt floor and dingy abode of a slave's quarters. Sunlight warms my back and plays tricks on my eyes as I peer into the darkness of what my life has been. In my haste I must leave behind a rising loaf of bread, a few possessions, and take only what I can carry on my back without growing overly weary. In my hand, I grasp the timbrel...

Let go, let go of who you think you are:
a victim, a slave.

Decide once and for all what to keep
and what to leave behind,

And go then---

Plunge into the waterless mikveh
where the seas part.

Keep going,

Keep going,

Even if you will die in the wilderness

Keep going,

Each step a beginning,

Each step a destination.

--Holly Blue Hawkins

Toda Raba for Donations

The following donations were made to Chadeish Yameinu since publication of the last newsletter:

- **Herb and Lillian Safran** in honor of Reb Eli and to help defray newsletter costs.
- **Jeanne Rosen** to sponsor R. David Zeller's teaching in Santa Cruz, in honor of Howie Schneider's and Zalmo BloomBecker's 60th birthdays, in honor of Reb Eli's smicha, and in honor of CY.
- **Leah Kushner** in honor of incredible wisdom and talents that Reb Lori brings to CY and in honor of CY awareness of globalization in Central and South America, continuation of fighting against the exploitation of multinational companies in the Amazon Rainforest and the support of indigenous sustainable cultures.
- **Dick and Diane Klein** in honor of Howie Schneider's and Zalmo BloomBecker's 60th birthdays, in honor of CY, and to defray costs of cake for Reb Eli's smicha celebration.
- **John Robinson** in honor of Holly Blue Hawkins and in memory of his wife, Jyoti.
- **Nick Littlestone** in memory of his father Ralph Littlestone.
- **Maia and Jason Zohara** in honor of Batya and Michelle Hodah for joyfully inspiring our children to love learning Hebrew, Reb Eli's ordination (Mazel Tov!), Mary Anne Gabay for being a real woman of valor, generous, charitable and kind.
- **Anonymous** in honor of Reb Lori.
- **Diane Lakein and Klaus Birk** - Thank you to Reb Eli, in particular, and CY, in general, for making my recent three-month stay in CA so wonderful and also to congratulate Eli on his smicha – Mazel Tov!
- **Marian and Len Cohen** in honor of Sandra Goldstein, who so beautifully created Eli's amazing, fantastic, tallit for his ordination, and in honor of Reb Eli's ordination.
- **Gary Dolowich** in honor of Reb Eli.
- **Shira Belford and Jonathan Adler** in honor of Rabbi Eli's smicha.
- **Rabbi Eitan Julius** in honor of Rabbi Eli – Mazel tov to Rabbi Eli and CY.
- **Deb and Jeff Roisman** in honor of Reb Eli on the occasion of his smicha.
- **Rabbi Paula Marcus, Aryeh and Daniel Nanas** in honor of Eli Cohen's ordination.
- **Sarita Chavez Silverman** in honor of Rabbi Eli's smicha.
- **Linda McConnell** in honor of Rabbi Eli.
- **Many people** who generously contributed toward Reb Eli's ordination gifts.

Todah Rabah to Esther's Klezmer Band

*For their Music on
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An all-woman band based in Santa Cruz, California, playing both traditional and original Klezmer tunes with their own spicy blend. Instrumentation includes violin, mandolin, clarinet, accordion and stand-up bass.

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Classified Ads

Book "The Heart of the Circle: A Guide to Drumming," by Holly Blue Hawkins (ISBN 1-58091-0025-4) available from your local bookseller or online from Amazon & B&N. <http://home.earthlink.net/~holyblue>.

Place an Ad in Chadeish Yameinu News

Classified ads cost \$18 for 4 lines, \$36 for 9 lines. Professional listings cost \$18/listing (4 lines). One line consists of approximately 5-7 words. Class listings cost \$18/listing (6 lines).

E-mail ads/listings to Nina Amir Lacey at cpywrtcom@aol.com. Mail payments to Chadeish Yameinu, P.O. Box 3578, Santa Cruz, Ca 95063-3578 before the next deadline. For more information, you can call Nina at 408-395-1776.

CY News is mailed on a quarterly basis. Deadline for the next issue is June 1.

CY Shabbat Schedule March-June

We have Shabbat services on selected Friday nights and Saturday mornings. Friday night services at the Garden are especially family friendly, so bring your children! They are welcome to stay throughout the service. We also have separate children's programming available at services for those who call Shalom Braveman at (831)375-7553 or e-mail him at Stephen@bravemantherapy.com in advance. Please also contact Shalom if you would like to host a regular or special Shabbat service. Also, contact him if you would like help out in any way with Shabbat services, High Holiday services or both. B'Shalom!

Saturday, March 5 – Archetypal Images in Judaism
Part of Local Scholars Series, led by Dr. Gary Dolowich
Time: 4pm – 7 pm

Place: Home of Jeanne Rosen (see directions below)
Gary will begin by presenting a model of the archetypes of the unconscious from the perspective of Jungian psychology. We will then explore together how these archetypes show up in Judaism. This approach promises to expand our understanding of the symbolic meaning of many of the personalities in Jewish life. We hope you will be able to join us for a Shabbat afternoon of study and fun.

Sunday, March 13 – Be Happy It's Adar Skating Party
Led by Joan Levine and Deb Newstat

Time: Afternoon
Contact: For Information Regarding Time and Place
Call Joan Levine at 685-8080

Saturday, March 26 - Shacharit Renewal Chanting Service
Led by Reb Eli Cohen and Nina Amir Lacey
Time: 10am, followed by vegetarian potluck lunch (vegan dishes also appreciated) at around 1pm
Place: Home of Lynn LeRose and Ed Garner (see directions below)

Friday, April 1 – Kabbalat Shabbat (the Friday evening service)

Led by Reb Eli Cohen
Time: 7pm, followed by a potluck oneg (snacks and desserts)
Place: The Garden (see directions below)

Saturday, April 16 - Shacharit Service
Led by Reb Eli Cohen

Time: 10am, followed by vegetarian potluck lunch (vegan dishes also appreciated) at around 1pm
Place: Santa Cruz Hillel (see directions below)

Friday, May 6 – Kabbalat Shabbat (the Friday evening service)

Led by Reb Eli Cohen
Time: 7pm, followed by a potluck oneg (snacks and desserts)
Place: The Garden (see directions below)

Saturday, May 14 - Leisurely Shabbat Journey
Through the Redwoods

No books, lots of Torah!
Led by Michelle Hodah
Time: 10am, Please Bring Sack Lunch
Meet at the home of Michelle Hodah & Mark-Paul Goodman (see directions below)

Saturday, May 21 - Shacharit Service

Led by Reb Eli Cohen
Time: 10am, followed by vegetarian potluck lunch (vegan dishes also appreciated) at around 1pm
Place: Home of Diane and Dick Klein (see directions below)

Saturday, June 4 - Shabbat Inner Light/Movement
Davvening

Body/Mind/Soul Connection to Prayer Opening
Led by Michelle Hodah
Time: 10am, followed by vegetarian potluck lunch (vegan dishes also appreciated) at around 1pm
Place: Home of Janice Ichtertz (see directions below)

Friday, June 10 – Kabbalat Shabbat (the Friday evening service)

Led by Reb Eli Cohen
Time: 7pm, followed by a potluck oneg (snacks and desserts)
Place: The Garden (see directions below)

Saturday, June 18 - Shacharit Service

Led by Reb Eli Cohen
Time: 10am, followed by vegetarian potluck lunch (vegan dishes also appreciated) at around 1pm
Place: Home of Deb Newstat (see directions below)

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST CONCERT SERIES!

Last year's Summer Time Concert, featuring Alisa Fineman, was a big success! We are expanding on this and will be having a **Summer Time Concert Series!** Watch your e-mails for announcements and prepare to join us for some fantastic live Jewish music at The Garden!

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CY Shabbat Schedule

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Directions to The Garden, 3070 Prather Lane, Soquel:

Going North on Hwy 1: Take Soquel Ave. Exit. Go right at light on Soquel. Go through 3 lights. The very next left after Thurber is Prather. It looks like a driveway. It is directly across from Sutter Surgical Center parking lot. If you pass the Skyview Theater (or flea market), you've gone a few yards too far. The last house on the right before the park is 3070.

Going South on Hwy 1: Take Soquel Ave exit. Go right all the way over the freeway and pass through 4 lights. Follow same as above.

Directions to Santa Cruz Hillel, 222 Cardiff Place, Santa Cruz:

Off of High Street between Seven Eleven and Slug Books, below the UCSC Campus.

Directions to Janice Ichtertz's, 741 Loma Prieta Drive, Aptos, 684-1639:

Going South on Hwy 1: Take Rio Del Mar exit. Turn right onto Clubhouse. At second stop sign Alta turn left onto Alta. Alta turns in to Loma Prieta. House is and half way up the hill.

Going North on Hwy 1: Take Rio Del Mar exit. Turn left onto Clubhouse. At second stop sign Alta turn left onto Alta. Alta turns in to Loma Prieta. House is and half way up the hill. Parking is very limited as street is on a windy and narrow hill. Best to park at the Shopping Center on the right and walk or call ahead and a pick up at shopping center will be arranged.

Directions to Diane and Dick Klein's, 800 Larsen Road, Aptos, 688-1154:

From the north take the Seacliff off-ramp & from the south take the Rio del Mar off-ramp. Follow Soquel Dr. to Trout Gulch Rd. where the Bayview Hotel & Sparrow Restaurant are located. Trout Gulch is a t-intersection. Go up Trout Gulch Rd. to the Aptos post office at the corner of Trout Gulch & Cathedral to carpool as we have limited parking. Then proceed on up Trout Gulch Rd. staying left (important) at the first y- intersection (Valencia Rd. to the right). Continue for about 2 more miles (past Valencia School Rd.) to the second y-intersection where Trout Gulch takes a sharp right & our road goes up the hill left of center (note the school bus shelter with a Larsen Rd. sign & fenced-in phone equipment behind). Proceed for 9/10ths of a mile. Look for the redwood & wire fence on the right, the vineyard & a tile sign with Klein 800 on it. The gate will be open.

Directions to Michelle & Mark-Paul's, 2018 Bobwhite Lane, Soquel, 427-1734:

Going South on Hwy 1: Exit Soquel Ave. Turn right off Fwy. Right at Soquel. Drive over Fwy bridge. Go through 3 lights. At the 4th light, Thurber Lane, turn left. On the right is an empty field, then 3 homes. Then, you'll see a driveway with the street sign: Bobwhite Lane. Drive 1/2 block past this, turn right on Sequoia, and park. Walk back to Bobwhite Lane. Our condo is the 3rd one on the right.

Going North on Hwy 1: Exit Soquel Ave. Turn right off Fwy. Go through 1st intersection (stop sign): Commercial Crossing, in front of Toys R Us & Circuit City. At second street, Mission Dr., turn left. Turn right on Soquel Dr. Get in left lane immediately. Turn left at next light, Thurber Lane. Follow directions above from left on Thurber Lane.

Directions to Deb Newstat's, 111 Jenne Street, Santa Cruz, 427-1248:

Taking Hwy 1 North: Follow Hwy 1 bearing right toward UCSC onto Mission St. Turn left on Laurel (3rd traffic light) and right onto Myrtle (across from high school field). Myrtle dead ends into Jenne St.

Taking Hwy 1 South: Turn right onto Laurel and follow directions above.

Directions to Jeanne Rosen's, 3150 Haas Drive, Aptos, 685-8350:

Haas Dr. is off of Soquel Dr. immediately south of Cabrillo College. Parking up at Jeanne's house is very limited and available only by prior arrangement. Please park on Soquel Dr. or at the bottom of Haas Dr., then walk the rather short but steep distance up hill to the second driveway on the left (not counting the new street on the left). A small sign on the ground points to 3150; go up to the top of the driveway. If you've never been to Jeanne's before, it is a good idea to call or email (JeanneRosen@sbcglobal.net) for help with finding her house.

Directions to Lynn LeRose and Ed Garner's, 432 Townsend Drive, Aptos, 688-0393:

Going either South on Hwy 1: Take Rio Del Mar exit. Head West, staying on Rio Del Mar as it splits past the 3 way stop and past the 4 way stop. Cross over the Train Trestle Bridge. Left onto Townsend. House is one half a mile down on the corner of Townsend and Kenneth. Please note: this is a "No Shoes" home.

Chadeish Yameinu as a community has chosen to affiliate with ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal. ALEPH is dedicated and committed to us: They provide us with our teachers, rabbis and cantors, with the Kallah, with tele-conferencing classes, with inspiration toward social action, and with the national infrastructure we need to grow as a movement.

Deadline for CY News

To submit articles for the next issue of CY News, e-mail all copy to Lori Klein at leahblum@cruzio.com or to Nina Amir Lacey at CPYWRTCOM@aol.com no later than June 1. All articles must be in Times New Roman 12 pt. with paragraph indents and no spacing between paragraphs.

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Mazel Tov To...

- **Rabbi Eli Cohen**, on his ordination through the ALEPH Rabbinic Program (Jan. 9).
- **Maxx Turigliatto** (son of Andra Rudolph), on becoming Bar Mitzvah (Jan. 22).
- **Alexander Lerek** (son of Debra Ruiz and George Lerek), who will become bar mitzvah on March 5.
- **Dick and Diane Klein**, on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Harry Isaac (Jan. 22).
- **Reb Lori Klein**, on receiving senior status in the ALEPH rabbinic program.
- **Alissa Goldring**, on the birth of a great granddaughter, Tenaya (Jan. 11).
- **Gary Dolowich**, on the publication of his new book, Archetypal Acupuncture: Healing with the Five Elements.
- **Ariel Lacey** on being awarded the "Gypsy Robe" for her performance in Theatre in the Mountain's production of "Into the Woods" (Feb. 4).

Do you have a blessed event you would like to share with the Chadeish Yameinu community? Please e-mail the details to leahblum@cruzio.com.

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Chadeish Yameinu is an egalitarian Jewish Renewal chavurah. Our Rabbi Eli Cohen, lay leaders and members offer services, classes and discussion groups for the whole family. We invite you to support Chadeish Yameinu. It is only with the energy and resources of many passionate people that our dreams can come true! Any questions? Call one of the following contact people:

To join an action group or get more info:

- **Shabbat:** Shalom Braveman (831) 375-7553; Stephen@bravemantherapy.com
- **Adult Education:** Jeanne Rosen (831) 685-8350; jeannerosen@sbcglobal.net
- **Children's Programming:** Maia Zohara (831) 475-6242; zoharita@aol.com
- **Social Action:** Shlomo Cooperstein (831) 655-8670; sc@is4life.com
- **Membership:** Shira Belford (831) 426-9271; belf@earthlink.net
- **Co-Caring/Spirit in Action:** Shlomo Cooperstein (831) 655-8670; sc@is4life.com

Please check one below:

- Enclosed is my **yearly donation** for \$ _____ (\$360 - \$1800) to be a Chadeish Yameinu supporter.
- I will pledge \$ ___ **per month (minimum \$30)**. Enclosed is my first payment. Please contact me about arranging a direct deposit for my monthly contribution.
- Enclosed is a contribution of **\$90 to keep me on the mailing list** so I will know what CY is doing!

Please make your check to "Chadeish Yameinu"
Send to P.O. Box 3578, Santa Cruz, CA 95063-3578

Name: _____ E-mail address: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____

- Yes, you can list the above info on the CY roster that is available to the CY community.
- No, please leave my info off of the roster.

In Memory Of...

Chadeish Yameinu sends its condolences to our members whose loved ones have died in recent months:

- Deb Roisman, on the death of her mother
- Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg, on the death of his father
- Reb Jeff Schulman, on the death of his step mother
- Helen Nunberg, on the death of her father
- Rick and Donna Kuhn, on the death of their son

Spotlight on Deb Newstat: Strictly a Blessing

“My life is filled with many blessings,” said Deb Newstat. For Deb, those blessings include two vibrant young adult children, her own business, new lessons learned as she pursues an MBA in accounting, and the loving, socially conscious community of Chadeish Yameinu.

Deb returns the blessing to us at Chadeish Yameinu by serving as our new volunteer bookkeeper. She is taking us to the next level by developing systems that will keep us financially sound as we grow. This is Deb’s area of expertise. With a partner, Deb runs “Strictly Business: Bookkeeping and Secretarial Services,” which customizes bookkeeping and small business systems for each client’s needs, and connects clients with the latest business software.

Deb and I used to be neighbors on the west side of

Santa Cruz. In 1999, when Deb was studying, with Reb Eli to become an adult bat mitzvah at Temple Beth El, I invited her to my house for a Shabbat service. That was her introduction to Chadeish Yameinu.

We both have moved to different parts of the county since then, but Deb’s connection to Chadeish Yameinu has grown stronger with time. For Deb, the turning point was attending the Shabbaton led by Rabbi Itzchak Mamorstein, which attracted her to the teachings of Jewish Renewal. Before she returned to school for her master’s degree, Deb attended Reb Eli’s weekly Torah study group. She values Chadeish Yameinu’s intimate community full of wonderful, dynamic people. As Deb said, “we have a wealth of spiritual leaders in our midst.”

-- Lori Klein