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## FEBRUARY 2011 BULLETIN

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### EVENT CALENDAR

Day	Date, Time		Location
Thur.	Feb. 3, 7 pm	<b>Rosh Chodesh/Sisterhood</b>	Home on Leeza Watstein Mota
Fri.	Feb. 4, 6 pm 6:45 pm 8:00 pm	<b>Children's Service</b> Led by Rabbi Lara <b>Potluck Dinner</b> <b>Shabbat Service</b> Led by Rabbi Lara	Shir Ami
Sat.	Feb. 5	<b>Adult Learning: Trope</b> with Rabbi Lara	Shir Ami
Thur.	Feb. 17, 7 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> (open to all members)	Shir Ami
Fri.	Feb. 18, 8 pm	<b>Shabbat Service</b> Led by Rabbi Andrew	Shir Ami
Sat.	Feb. 19, 3:30 pm	<b>Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Silver</b> Led by Rabbi Andrew	Beth Sholom
Fri.-Sun.	Feb. 25-27	<b>Sisterhood Retreat</b>	Westminster Retreat Center
Fri.	Mar. 4, 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	<b>Potluck Dinner</b> <b>Shabbat Service</b> , led by Rabbi Andrew	Shir Ami
Sat.	Mar. 5, 3 pm	<b>Adult Learning: Text Study</b> with Rabbi Andrew	Shir Ami
Thur.	Mar. 17, 7 pm	<b>Board Meeting</b> (open to all members)	Shir Ami
Fri.	Mar. 18, 7 pm	<b>Shabbat Service &amp; Purim Celebration</b> Led by Rabbi Lara	Shir Ami
Sat.	Mar. 19	<b>Adult Learning: Trope</b> with Rabbi Lara	Shir Ami
Sat.	Mar. 19, 7 pm	<b>Havdallah &amp; a Movie</b> with Rabbi Lara	Shir Ami
Fri.	Mar. 25, 8 pm	<b>Shabbat Service</b> Led by Rabbi Andrew	Shir Ami
Sat.	Mar. 26, 3 pm	<b>Adult Learning: Text Study</b> with Rabbi Andrew	Shir Ami



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Shir Ami Members and Friends:

Have you felt the beginning of the change of seasons? Spring is in the air! We just celebrated Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees, and indeed, even though it is early, the trees here in the Bay Area are already starting to bloom.

As Winter ends and Spring nears, it's a good time to evaluate one of our biggest initiatives of this year: the merger of our Hebrew and Religious School with Temple Beth Shalom's.

I have started to collect feedback from parents, teachers and staff, and students. I'm conducting one-on-one interviews, asking for input about what has been working well, what needs improvement, and how this merger has affected each person or family. I hope to complete this process by mid February.

The school liaison from Temple Beth Shalom will be going through the same process, and we plan to have a meeting to share ideas about how we might improve the combined school and what successes we've had that we can continue to build upon.

I also welcome any feedback regarding any other aspect of life at Shir Ami. What is working for you – what could be improved? Please feel free to give me a call, send an email, or talk to me at any of our upcoming events.



Harriet

Harriet Skelly, President  
[president@congshirami.org](mailto:president@congshirami.org)

Sunday, January 16th was Shir Ami's annual Tu B'shvat seder. Tu B'shvat, the Jewish celebration of trees, is a yearly opportunity for us to reflect on what nature provides for us, and our responsibility to care for our world. To celebrate, a group of about 20 individuals got together at Shir Ami to pray, discuss and eat a variety of fruits, nuts and beverages that reflect the four worlds of the holiday. This year's seder, led by Diana Zankowsky, featured a multi-media presentation showing news coverage of the fire that ravaged Israel's forests late last year, and an online animated story of how we owe it to ourselves and our children to nurture trees and plants. A great time and chicken-dinner was had by all, and the spirit of providing ended the evening as leftovers were taken to the South County Homeless Project. Special thanks to Maryann Leshin and Jonathan Zimmerman for organizing the seder this year, Diana for leading it, and to Sara Lamnin, Sharon Golebo, Nancy Storch, Milton & Pat Palmer, Diana & Fred Zankowsky, Rose & Bill Firestone, Barbara Ann & Roy Lewis, and Melanie & Nate Einbund for their help in setup, cleanup and providing ritual foods for the seder meal.

We are still looking for a chair of the Social Action Committee and writer of the Social Action Column (Tzedakah Box) for the Shir Ami Bulletin.

## RABBINIC INTERNS' PAGE

Shalom! February is going to be a busy month filled with simchas (joyous occasions). We are pleased to be part of the great upcoming events at Shir Ami, including a children's service, Shabbat potluck dinner, trope class, the Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Silver, and the annual Sisterhood retreat. Don't let a chilly Northern California winter get you down, come and warm up next to the Shabbat candles with the songs of Shir Ami. We are excited about the upcoming events and hope you are too!

### FEBRUARY/MARCH SERVICES:

#### **Friday, February 4th:**

**6:00 pm, Children's Service:** Rabbi Lara will be leading this service filled with story, song, and fun Shabbat experiences for all ages of children.

#### **6:45 pm, Potluck Dinner**

**8:00 pm, Shabbat services** for all, led by Rabbi Lara.

**Friday, February 18th, 8:00 pm:** This Shabbat service will be led by Rabbi Andrew and Sophia Silver, who will become a bat mitzvah the following morning.



**Saturday, February 19th, 3:30 pm at Temple Beth Shalom:** Join us in celebration with Sophia Silver as she becomes a bat mitzvah.

#### **Friday, March 4th:**

#### **6:30 pm, Potluck Dinner**

**8:00 pm, Shabbat services** for all, led by Rabbi Andrew

#### **Friday, March 18th, 7:00 pm: Shabbat and Purim**

This Shabbat service will be combined with our celebration of Purim. Come for a good time filled with song, prayer, the reading of Megillat Esther, and more! There will be a time also for the inclusion of children in

Pre-K through 5th grade. This service will be led by Rabbi Lara.

**Friday, March 25th, 8:00pm: Shabbat services** for all, led by Rabbi Andrew

### ADULT LEARNING, SATURDAY

The following information and opportunities will, we hope, bring new experiences into your lives, and also some familiarity and continuity as we move into our new year together.

**February 5th, 7 pm,** will be another session of the Trope class. This session will be taught by Rabbi Lara. Please note: we are not taking any new comers for the rest of this session. Rabbi Lara hopes to start another series of trope classes for new learners after this series has been completed.

**March 5th, 3:00 pm,** will be a text study on the weekly Torah portion with Rabbi Andrew. Everyone is welcome.

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**March 19th, 7:00 pm,** will be another wonderful Havdallah and Movie night, followed immediately by a discussion based on the movie to be viewed that evening. Movie will be announced in the March bulletin. Led by Rabbi Lara.

**March 26th at 3:00 pm,** will be another text study with Rabbi Andrew. Everyone is welcome.

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We hope to see you all at these Shabbat services and events throughout our weekends with you in February and March and we look forward to continuing what has been a fabulous year of learning with all of you!

#### **NEW BOOK FOR THE SHIR AMI BOOK CLUB!**

Our second book for the year is "Have a Little Faith: A True Story" by Mitch Albom. The book club will meet to discuss this book (after reading it) on **May 7th** (plenty of time!). The book discussion will be led by Rabbi Lara.

## SHABBAT SERVICE, FEB. 4

Friday, February 4th, 2011

Kids' Shabbat and Potluck



Kids' Program 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:45, Services 8:00 PM

Services will be led by

**Lara Pullan Regev**

Please participate in our rotating assignments

Last Name Initials

A to K...Main Dish

L to Z...Side Dish or Dessert

Drinks, Setup, Cleanup

## SHABBAT SERVICE, FEBRUARY 18

### Paresha Ki Tisa ("When you *take*...")

The Israelites are instructed by G-D to *take* an accounting of the population. They are told that each member must contribute exactly half a shekel of silver to the Sanctuary. And the people are once again commanded to keep the Shabbat.



Shabbat Services  
Friday, February 18th at 8:00 PM  
Led by  
**Andrew Terkel**

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February 19th - Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Silver  
February 25-27 - Sisterhood Retreat

## LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING

### Introduction to Judaism

*Judaism 101*

Next meeting: March

### Adult Hebrew

*Learning Hebrew through Prayer*

**Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm**

This weekly class is taught by Judy Ganz. If you have basic Hebrew literacy skills and you want to improve your:

- Hebrew Reading Skills
- Understanding of the Meaning of Prayers

please contact Judy at

[adulthebrew@congshirami.org](mailto:adulthebrew@congshirami.org)



### The Haftarah Commentary

Did you know that every week in the Jewish calendar not only has an assigned portion of Torah but also has an assigned portion of Haftarah?

What is Haftarah? It is a selected reading from Prophets or Writings that complements the reading from Torah. Thanks to Judy Ganz, the library at Shir Ami has been gifted with The Haftarah Commentary by W. Gunther Plaut. This commentary comes from the URJ Press and contains a comprehensive new translation, by Chaim Stern, of the weekly selections from the Prophets and Writings, complete with meticulously cantillated Hebrew text, commentary and translations, essays, gleanings from sources modern and ancient, notes, glossary, bibliography, and additional selections for use as alternatives to the traditional *haftarah*. This book is a welcome addition to our library and will be shelved in the bimah area with the other sacred texts.

### ADULT LEARNING WITH RABBIS LARA AND ANDREW

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## **ROSH CHODESH/ SISTERHOOD**

### **FEBRUARY/ADAR I ROSH CHODESH**

Dinner and Program: Thursday, Feb 3rd, 7:00 p.m.  
(Note time change) at the home of Leeza Watstein Mota in Dublin.

Please join us as we bring in the month of Adar I. Leeza Watstein Mota will be leading the evening with a celebration of Purim Katan ( little Purim) & Chinese New Years which begins that very same night. Jan Dombrower will be the co leader.

We will enjoy dinner together with home made Chinese soup and salad ,hosted by your co-leaders starting at 7 pm. For our program, we will have Rosh Chodesh rituals and we will learn about the Jewish-Chinese connection which will include traditions and rituals in common.

Then, in honor of Queen Esther and Purim, we will examine “ hidden and revealed identities.” We will also discuss other Jewish women, like Esther, who saved our people’s lives. Please bring a pad and a writing implement and three objects that represent your identity with one of the objects representing your Jewish identity. This will be a creative night with fun activities, stories, sharing, eating, learning and laughter, so don’t

miss it! Please check your email from January 27th for directions to Leeza’s home.

Thank you for all who have been prompt with your Sisterhood dues. Sisterhood dues go towards contributions to our programs, mitzvahs and simchas. We will be collecting any outstanding dues during this evening. Arrangements can be made for a payment schedule if needed. Please contact Diana Zankowsky at [adulded@congshirami.org](mailto:adulded@congshirami.org) for matters of dues.

### **UPCOMING WOMEN’S RETREAT: Feb. 25-27**

Looking forward to seeing all registered women at the women's retreat at the Westminster Retreat Center in Alamo, CA. The Retreat is full, but there is a wait list. Please contact Ruth Hartman to be added.

**For questions or information about Sisterhood, please contact Jan Dombrower at [Sisterhood@congshirami.org](mailto:Sisterhood@congshirami.org)**

### **ROSH CHODESH CALENDAR, YEAR 5771 (2010-2011)**

**Adar II** Mar 8- Tuesday

**Nisan** April 5- Tuesday

**Iyar** May 4- Wednesday

**Sivan** June 2- Thursday

### **Sh’vat Rosh Chodesh**

Last month we honored the holiday of Tu B’Shvat. Sara Lamnin lead the program. We read about the holiday, then we did a ritual of pouring water from a pitcher, sharing our wishes for the new year. We celebrated Helen Markus’s birthday with candles, cake, and song. We planted seeds in small pots to complete our Tu B’shvat experience, and enjoyed refreshments, visiting, and welcoming of new women.



## COMMUNITY PAGE



### “ROSE’S RAMBLINGS”

We continue this month introducing our new members.

#### New Member Profile

Meet the **Wolfson-Tsabba** family, new members to Shir

Ami: **Wendy, Yizhak, Esther and Benny.**

**Wendy** is originally from Minneapolis. After graduating college, (Bryn Mawr) she moved to Israel. She studied at Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva, specializing in business and communications. She returned to the U.S. after five years. At present she’s a science writer at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

**Yizhak** is a Sabra, a native of Israel. He’s a physicist, in material sciences. He’s employed by Lam Research Corporation, which is located in Fremont. Her background is Ashkenazi; his family is Sephardic, from Morocco and Libya.

So, you say, surely Wendy Wolfson and Yizhak Tsabba met in Israel? No, it didn’t exactly happen that way. He came to the U.S. as a Post Doc at M.I.T. and they met... (was it bashert?) on-line in Boston! They married in 2004, and three years later their twins, **Benny and Esther**, were born.

Wendy commutes to Berkeley and Yizhak to Fremont- so they found Castro Valley to be a perfect location and moved here in June 2010. They bought a home on Joseph Drive and have planted in the yard an Israeli type of garden with citrus fruit and fig trees.

They were very happy to discover that Shir Ami is within walking distance to their house. Wendy reports that Benny and Esther love the tots’ activities, and is very pleased that the twins are exposed to Jewish traditions in our pre-school. Wendy participates in the Rosh Chodesh group and finds Shir Amiers very welcoming. Wendy, Yizhak, Benny and Esther, we’re happy that you joined the Shir Ami family!

Photo at right- **Lina Teferi** with her grandchildren, **Isabella and Aaron.** **Lina** was featured in the January Bulletin in a New Member Profile



Bon Voyage! **Leah Hartman** excited and, she admits, a little nervous about her prospect for the upcoming term.

On January 30, she will be leaving for Jordan and the Middle East, spending five months in a Semester Abroad Program sponsored by her school, Brandeis University. She’s excited because she loves the idea of traveling to the Middle East, but nervous perhaps because she has no idea what it will be like being in a new country, staying with a family she hasn’t met yet.

Her particular interest in Jordan stems from her love of the Arabic language and poetry, which she’s studied at Brandeis for a year and a half. She hopes to perfect her language skills as well as pursue courses in history and culture, for which she’ll be receiving college credit.

She plans to hike and travel within the country on weekends and during spring break, to go farther afield, possibly to Egypt, Israel, and Syria.

Leah has promised to send us a Blog of her adventures from Jordan. Watch this Community Page for her reports.

**Note from the Community Editor: If you have news to share, let’s hear from you! Please send your items to [community@congshirami.org](mailto:community@congshirami.org)**



## COMMUNITY PAGE, P2

### February Bat Mitzvah

**Sophia Silver** will become a Bat Mitzvah on February 19th. She told us about herself in an interview with Rose Levine.



Sophia was born at Stanford Hospital in Feb. 1998 and lived in Redwood Shores until the age of five, when she and her mother Lisa and older sister Emma moved to Castro Valley. The family joined Shir Ami soon after that. She now attends seventh grade at Canyon Middle School. When she was in fifth grade, Sophia was chosen by the Castro Valley School District as Student of the Year.

Sophia has a wide variety of interests and talents. Among others, they are singing, playing the guitar, participating in choir, doing sports, and playing tennis. She especially enjoys acting in musicals, and has performed in *Oliver*, *West Side Story* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

She also has experience in volunteering. Once she took part in raising funds to buy a goat for a village in Africa. The goat provided milk and helped to feed the children in the village. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she regularly works with her dad, Adam Silver, on "Riders for Health," a non-profit organization that sponsors fundraising events to bring motorcycles and medicines to villages in underdeveloped countries.

When Sophia is called to the Torah at her Bat Mitzvah, she will be called by her Hebrew name, Malkah Liorah. She is excited about reading and chanting her portion, Vayakhel, from Exodus 35:1-38:20. In the portion, Moses is bringing together the community of Israel, and is giving them the laws of Shabbat. Sophia feels that tradition and community are still important today, and that Shir Ami is unique in its sense of connection with the community. She loves the congregation, and especially her Shir Ami friends.

Our best wishes go to Sophia and to her family. A hearty Mazel tov on the upcoming happy occasion!

News from the **Leshin** family:

- **Lola Ridgell** is travelling to Israel in January on a Birthright trip. Lucky Lola!
- **Maryann Leshin** and family were in Palm Springs in December celebrating her mother's 80th birthday. Mazeltov!

**Todah Rabah**-Thank You to the following:

- **Helen and Noah Markus**, for hosting Intern Rabbi Lara on Jan 7-9
- **To Bill and Rose Firestone**, for hosting Intern Rabbi Andrew on Jan 27-29
- **To the Blum Family** For hosting the Oneg on Jan.7
- **To Sara Lamnin and Jon Zimmerman** for hosting the Oneg on Jan.28, and to Sharon Golembo and Marlene Lamnin for their help.

**Thank you to the following for their generous donations to the Shir Ami library:**

- **Dr. Edward Anders**, for the book, *Amidst Latvians During the Holocaust*. Dr. Anders lived in Latvia until 1944. Later he immigrated to the U.S. He was a professor of chemistry at the University of Chicago. The book is an autobiography, and tells of Dr. Anders' war-time experiences.
- **Bill and Rose Firestone**, for the book, *Great Jews on Stage and Screen*. You'll be amazed at the breadth of the listings in this book, a compendium of biographies with photos of major Jewish actors and actresses.
- **Judy Ganz**, for *The Haftarah Commentary* by W. Gunther Plaut. See [page 6](#) of this bulletin for more details about this donation.

**Congratulations to Congregation Shir Ami** for collecting over 450 pounds of food for the Alameda County Community Food Bank. The food collected during the High Holy Days Food Drive provided 346 meals to children, adults and families. Thank you, **Julie Greenfield**, for helping coordinate this.

## COMMUNITY PAGE, P3

**Todah Rabah**-Thank You to the following:

**Ingrid Weinberg** in memory of her husband, **Rolf**, at his yahrzeit.

**Florence Finkle** in memory of her mother, **Tessie Bressler**, on her yahrzeit.

**Judy Ganz** in appreciation to **Harriet** and **Bruce Skelly** of their generosity.

**Ann** and **Sam Blank** in memory of **Rolf Weinberg** on the season of his yahrzeit.

**Zichrono Livracha**- May his memory be a blessing. Condolences to **Angie Ross**, whose father, **Frederick Apple**, died on December 10.

**Photos below from the celebration honoring Barbara Haber, Matt and Kaitlin**



### YAHRZEIT LIST, FEB. 4, 2011

Leon Meier, long-time member and one of the founders of Shir Ami  
Rivka Rosenberg, grandmother of Alex Druker  
Jacob Small, grandfather of Toni Schulberg

### YAHRZEIT LIST, FEB. 18, 2011

Esther Cooper, aunt of Ann Blank  
Fannie Heimowitz, mother of Stan Heimowitz  
Sy Mouber, long-time former member of Shir Ami  
Chris Partridge, son of Ricki Weintraub, former member of Shir Ami

### Kaddish List (to be Read at both Services)

Those who have died in the last 11 months

Layah Laks, long-time former member of Shir Ami  
Frieda Greenbaum, grandmother of Diana Zankowsky  
Frederick Apple, father of Angie Ross

## ODDS & ENDS

Several people asked that we please print the lyrics to the song Rabbi Lara sang at Adam's bar mitzvah. Here they are!

### **MAY I SUGGEST**

By Susan Werner

May I suggest  
May I suggest to you  
May I suggest this is the best part of your life.  
May I suggest  
This time is blessed for you  
This time is blessed and shining almost blinding bright.  
Just turn your head  
And you'll begin to see  
The thousand reasons that were just beyond your sight  
The reasons why  
Why I suggest to you  
Why I suggest this is the best part of your life.

There is a world  
That's been addressed to you  
Addressed to you, intended only for your eyes.  
A secret world  
Like a treasure chest to you  
Of private scenes and brilliant dreams that mesmerize.  
A lover's trusting smile  
A tiny baby's hands  
The million stars that fill the turning sky at night  
Oh I suggest  
Oh I suggest to you  
Oh I suggest this is the best part of your life.

There is a hope  
That's been expressed in you  
The hope of seven generations, maybe more.  
And this is the faith  
That they invest in you  
It's that you'll do one better than was done before.  
Inside you know  
Inside you understand  
Inside you know what's yours to finally set right.  
And I suggest  
And I suggest to you  
And I suggest this is the best part of your life.

This is a song  
Comes from the west to you

Comes from the west, comes from the slowly setting sun  
With a request  
With a request of you  
To see how very short the endless days will run.  
And when they're gone  
And when the dark descends  
Oh we'd give anything for one more hour of light.  
And I suggest this is the best part of your life.

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### **Cheesy Egg Casserole from Ruth Hartman**

Prepare one day ahead.

6 eggs  
1/2 cup flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 cup milk  
3 oz. cream cheese  
8 oz. small curd cottage cheese  
10 oz. shredded Monterrey Jack  
6 oz. medium Cheddar  
1/8 tsp salt  
1 bunch green onions  
12 oz. sliced mushrooms, sautéed in butter and drained  
diced jalapeno peppers to taste (optional)  
paprika

In a large bowl, whisk eggs  
Add flour, baking soda, and milk  
Cut cream cheese in small cubes.  
Add it, along with cottage cheese, to mixture.  
Add remaining ingredients except paprika.

Butter a 9x13 inch casserole dish.  
Pour in mixture. Sprinkle with paprika. Refrigerate overnight. Before cooking, let casserole sit out for one hour to come to room temperature.  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook 45 minutes.

## DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

- **Faith Can Be Simple**  
2/2/2011, 7:30 pm  
Screening and discussion of "Praying with Lior"  
[www.prayingwithlior.com](http://www.prayingwithlior.com)  
Temple Beth Abraham, 336 Euclid Ave, Oakland
- **Mischakim B'Ya Chad: Let's Play Together!**  
2/4/2011, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Play group for young children with special needs and their caregivers  
Come meet other families and celebrate Shabbat together  
Contra Costa JCC, 2071 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek
- **Widening the Tent: Special Education Speaker Series**  
2/6/2011, 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
Planning for a bar/bat mitzvah for a child with special needs  
Discussion led by Vicky Kelman and Rachel Brodie  
Cong. Netivot Shalom, 1316 University Ave, Berkeley
- **Shabbat Meyuchad**  
2/12/2011, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.:  
A special Shabbat morning service for families with children with special needs  
Cong. Netivot Shalom, 1316 University Ave, Berkeley
- **5x5: A Continuing Education Series for Teachers**  
2/13/2011, 1:30 to 3:00 pm  
Differentiated instruction: How you can reach all types of learners  
Led by Elana Naftalin-Kelman  
Temple Isaiah, 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette
- **Redefining Dance and Making it Accessible to All**  
2/13/2011, 7:00 pm  
A special performance by the Axis Dance Company --  
[www.axisdance.org](http://www.axisdance.org)  
Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit St, Oakland (RSVP required)
- **Song, Dance and Autism**  
2/16/2011, 6:30 pm  
"Autism the Musical," a screening, talk and book signing by Elaine Hall, founder of the Miracle Project  
[www.autismthemusical.com](http://www.autismthemusical.com)  
Temple Beth El, 1301 Oxford St, Berkeley
- **Parents Night Out**  
2/22/2011, 7:00 pm  
Enjoy a lovely evening with wine and cheese  
Cong. Netivot Shalom, 1316 University Ave, Berkeley
- **Havdallah and musical concert with by Jonathan Bayer**  
2/26/2011, 7:45 pm  
For children and adults of all ages and their families  
Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit St, Oakland

## Jewish Disability Awareness Month



February 2011

**Join us** at one of these activities and help break down physical, communication and attitudinal barriers throughout the East Bay Jewish community

For more information or to RSVP contact Elana Naftalin-Kelman at [elanan@jfed.org](mailto:elanan@jfed.org) or 510.318.6426.

Babysitting and sign language interpretation available upon request

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