

Kol Neshama Minyan

VOICE OF THE SOUL

We meet on the 2nd Friday night of the month, at 6:30 pm in the Beit Midrash.

The Kol Neshama Minyan is a musical prayer service giving joyous voice to our souls and helping open our hearts to Shabbat and one another. The services are interwoven with singing, chanting, meditation, reflection, and dance. Guitar and other musical instruments enhance the Kol Neshama Minyan services. Our prayerbook (siddur) offers Hebrew with English transliteration to make your experience comfortable and accessible. Prior knowledge of the prayers or reading of Hebrew is not necessary for participation. The words Kol Neshama mean Voice of the Soul/Breath.

Our service is enriched by a variety of talented spiritual and musical leaders:

Sept 9 Hannah Dresner

Oct 14 Juli Moscovitz

Nov 11 Ami Goodman and Abby Caplin

Dec 9 Ami Goodman and Abby Caplin

Jan13 Hannah Dresner

Feb 10 Rabbi Ya'acov Gabriel

March 9 Rabbi Ya'acov Gabriel

April 13 Ami Goodman and Abby Caplin

May 11 Rabbi Ya'acov Gabriel

June 8 Rabbi Ya'acov Gabriel



HANNAH DRESNER, MFA, currently studies toward ordination in the ALEPH Rabbinic and Hashpaah Programs. Previously she taught in the department of Art Theory and Practice and in the Integrated Arts Program at Northwestern University, and thinks of her rabbinic studies as an extension of her work as an artist.



ABBY CAPLIN is a beloved facilitator of Jewish Renewal prayer at Congregation Kol Shofar. She co-founded and led the Circle Minyan at Congregation Beth Sholom and the Parents' Minyan at Brandeis Hillel Day School San Francisco with Ami Goodman. Abby is a physician and practices Mind-Body Medicine in San Francisco, providing counseling for people with chronic illness.



REB YA'ACOV GABRIEL has led creative davenning in Toronto, Kona/Hawaii, Capetown, Jerusalem and all across the US since 1981. He is ordained by Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, is a heralded singer/music producer and has released 8 recordings of his original songs. He believes that music, meditation, and prayer are for untying the knots of every day living, and for serving yourself and the world great portions of joy. Reb Ya'acov is a proud Zadeh and daddy and loves the Kabbalah of Gematria (the sweet teachings imbedded in numerology). He looks forward to reaching out to Neshamot and making friends at Kol Shofar.



AMI GOODMAN is an experienced and joyous leader of both Jewish Renewal and Conservative prayer, using his voice, heart, and guitar to involve participants. He founded San Francisco's "The Kumzits," a monthly Jewish song circle that met for 10 years, and he brings all of his musical depth of knowledge to the Kol Neshama Minyan. He has a degree in Jewish Studies from the University of Judaism and is a pediatrician and neonatologist at Kaiser-Permanente in San Francisco.