



קול שופר KOL SHOFAR

March 6, 2010

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2010 Census Jobs: English & Bilingual (Spanish) Census Workers Wanted.

Marin County pay starts at \$20 per hour!

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for mileage while conducting census work. The local Census Office is now recruiting residents of Marin, Napa & Sonoma Counties for work. You may download an application form and access other valuable information at www.2010.census.gov – just click on the Job Seekers button near the top.

To schedule an eligibility test, call 866-861-2010. Practice tests are available in English and Spanish; you are encouraged to take a 30-minute practice test available on the U.S. Census Bureau website.

The eligibility test will be given at Kol Shofar's Davidson Middle School Annex on March 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

American Jewish World Service's Haiti programs

~ Will be the beneficiary of a benefit performance *March 7th at 2PM at 142*

Throckmorton Theater in Mill Valley of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

Several Kol Shofar children will be performing in this modern midrash on the story of Joseph and his brothers. These performances tend to sell out. Tickets are \$25 (plus handling fees if you don't buy the tickets at the theater). If you'd like to order online, here's the link:

<http://142throckmorton.inticketing.com/events2/65669/Joseph-and-the-Amazing-Technicolor-Dreamcoat>

Please select the Haiti Fundraiser option. Please also go to www.ajws.org to see what AJWS is doing in Haiti.

If you have questions, please email haitibenefitmarin@gmail.com

Sonoma State University Jewish Studies Program Spring 2010 Lecture Series

March 8, 3:00 PM, Student Union Multi-purpose Room

- Paula Birnbaum, "Jewish Female Artists in Interwar Paris"

March 15, 7:00 PM, University Commons

- David Biale, "Not in the Heavens: Is There a Tradition of Jewish Secular Thought?"

April 12, 7:00 PM, The Cooperage

- Paula Daccarett, "The History and Diversity of Mediterranean Jewries"

May 5, 7:00 PM, Student Union Multi-purpose Room

- Henry Shreibman, "Judaism and Islam: History and Hope"

Free admission. Questions? Visit www.sonoma.edu/jewishstudies

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Sylvia Boorstein & Rabbi Lavey Derby in conversation

Marin Interfaith Council's Salon Gathering

Thursday, March 11, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Home of The Rev. Rob Gieselmann, 61 Santa Rosa Avenue, Sausalito

Sylvia Boorstein, one of Spirit Rock Meditation Center's Founding Teachers will be interviewed by Rabbi Derby of Congregation Kol Shofar. This evening is in appreciation of your support of the Marin Interfaith Council. Dessert will be served.

RSVP to Alison Hendley at 456-6957 or admin@marinifc.org.

Get Ready!

Sunday, March 14, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 240 Tiburon Blvd.

Take the free 1-1/2 hour Get Ready Southern Marin disaster preparedness training. This class provides you and your family with the information and skills needed to be prepared for emergencies. Each participant receives a free GET READY manual with suggested supply lists plus many other important tips on preparedness.

Childcare available.

Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg – A New Age for Humanity & Judaism: Coming to Grips with Power, Freedom & Choice

Thurs, March 18 @ 7:30pm

Generally regarded to be one of the greatest modern Jewish thinkers alive today, Irving (Yitz) Greenberg is the former president of the Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation, a prolific writer, an Orthodox rabbi, and a Harvard Ph D. He will be speaking about the third era in Jewish history, the ethics of Jewish power, pluralism and post denominationalism.

In association with Lehrhaus Judaica

\$20 public/\$18 members/\$10 students

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Greene at jgreene@marinjcc.org or 415.444.8066

Jewish Music Festival

March 20-29, 2010

Music includes: *Sacred Jewish & Muslim Music of the Middle East*, American Premier of *Diaspora Redux*, West Coast Premier of *Saints and Tzadiks*, and *Klezmer Buenos Aires*.

For more information or to order tickets, please visit www.jewishmusicfestival.org or call 1-800-838-3006. Discounts are available for groups of ten or more at 510-848-0237 x119.

Hand in Hand – Learning together; Living together

Sunday, March 21, 1:00 – 3:30 PM, Osher Marin JCC, San Rafael

Nate and Rachel Zilberg are proud to sponsor a presentation about Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel, and a discussion of **The Current Situation and Future of Integrated Jewish/Arab Education in Israel**. Keynote speakers: Lee Gordon, Co-Founder of Hand in Hand and Exec. Director of American Friends and Amin Khalaf, Co-Founder of Hand in Hand and Director in Israel. Children are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by March 1st to njrevent@comcast.net.

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Compassion-Collaboration-Community: Strengthening our Response to Human Suffering

Monday, March 22, 6:30 PM, Osher Marin JCC

We will celebrate the festival of Passover with a delicious vegetarian dinner, traditional and new music, a gathering of old and new friends – plus stories of how Compassion and Collaboration can build a Community.

With Rabbi Ted Feldman, B'nai Israel Jewish Center, and Reverend Veronica Goines, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

\$25 – adults; \$20 – students; \$15 – children 12 and under

Please reserve by Wednesday, March 17 at 444-8000. Questions? Call Suzan Berns @ JCRC: 472-5128.

Sponsored by JCRC – North Bay Region, in association with: Osher Marin JCC, Marin Interfaith Council, Gan Haleve, Jewish Congregation of the San Geronimo Valley, Congregation Rodef Sholom, Congregation Kol Shofar, Marin Organizing Committee, Jewish Family & Children's Services – Marin Region, Jewish Community Federation – Marin Region.

Debbie Friedman Live in Concert

Saturday, March 27, 7:00 PM, Congregation Emanu-El, San Francisco

Shalom Bayit is celebrating its *chai* anniversary in March. Please join us for a community-wide gathering in celebration of inspirational Jewish music, and in recognition of 18 years of domestic violence services to the Bay Area Jewish community. Together we will celebrate what our wonderful community can accomplish in making our world a safer, brighter, and more peaceful place! Go to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/95275> to purchase tickets.

Fill a Seder Sack, Make a Passover Mitzvah! Passover Begins March 29.

In the Haggadah it is written, "All who are hungry, let them come and eat!" Please join Congregation Kol Shofar and Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) as we once again provide Passover bags to more than 325 of our Marin neighbors in need. Your cash **donation of \$18** will help purchase matzo, gefilte fish, macaroons, soup and other treats for each Seder Sack. **Please help fill one, two, five or more!** Checks should be made payable to JFCS and brought or mailed to Congregation Kol Shofar, P.O. Box 970 Mill Valley, CA 94942. Or you can donate online at www.jfcs.org. **Thank you!**

You may fill Seder Sacks in honor or memory of someone important to you. JFCS will send a card to acknowledge that a food bag has been purchased in tribute. Gifts received by March 24 will be acknowledged during Passover.

Caylia Chaiken: The Date Whisperer

is a woman on a mission to pave the way for romance for the dating challenged.

The Date Whisperer is a new show told through songs and stories, recounting one woman's humorous journey through the world of modern dating. Don't miss this original production written by Caylia Chaiken and Jennifer E. Hewitt.

* Featuring **the Max Perkoff Trio**

One Night Only! Friday, April 9, 2010 8:00 pm, Showcase Theater-Marin Center, 10 Avenue of the Flags - San Rafael, CA.

Tickets: \$20.00, available through the Marin Center Box Office at **415 499-6800**

Monday-Friday 11am-5 pm, Saturday 11am-3 pm

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The 2010 Kohn Summer Internship Program is now accepting applications!

This innovative 8-week program provides college undergraduates the opportunity to work in Jewish communal service, and receive a \$2,500 stipend. Placed in professional positions at leading Bay Area Jewish communal agencies, participants gain valuable work experience and receive supervision and mentoring from Jewish community leaders. The summer of 2010 marks the 25th year of the Kohn Summer Intern Program. Download an application today, get ready to build your skills, learn from the experts, and meet your community next summer. For more information, visit www.jvs.org/kohn, e-mail jewishprograms@jvs.org or call 415-782-6225. Applications are due April 1, 2010.

For Holocaust Survivors

Café by the Bay

Café by the Bay, a JFCS monthly group for Holocaust survivors, will present an update about Israel from Hagar Ben-Eliezar, Program Director of Congregation Kol Shofar and a Taglit Birthright Israel trip leader. **Wednesday, April 21 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.** For more information, contact Lorraine Harris at LorraineH@jfcs.org or 415-419-3635. Free.

Caring for Those You Care About

April 26, May 3, 10 & 17, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Marin Osher JCC

Are you caring for a family member or friend who is older or ill? Do you have concerns about your own care as you age? Join us for a four-part workshop series offering understanding, solutions and support. Each session will be devoted to a different aspect of caring for someone while still caring for yourself. You are welcome to attend one or all sessions.

April 26: Being an Effective Healthcare Advocate – for Yourself and Others

May 3 – Setting Boundaries and Dealing with Changing Roles

May 10 – Coping with Difficult Diseases

May 17 – Care and Compassion at the End of Life

A light dinner will be available for \$10. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call 415-499-3777 or email info@seniorsathome.org. Caring for Those You Care About is sponsored by Seniors at Home, Congregation Kol Shofar, the Osher Marin JCC and Congregation Rodef Sholom

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Jewish Community Federation (JCF) college scholarship program, administered by the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE).

The program serves primarily Jewish undergraduate students who demonstrate excellence in academic performance, community service, and demonstrate financial need.

Kindly forward this email to students at your institution so they can review the Q&A and specific funder requirements http://www.bjesf.org/financial_collegestudy.htm

The application deadline is April 30, 2010, and the following must be completed:

- o [2010 Family Application](#)
- o [2010 College Scholarship Part 1 - Pre Acceptance](#)
- o [2010 College Scholarship Part II - Post Acceptance](#)
- o [10 hard documents: hand-delivered or mailed to the BJE as listed below:](#)
- o *PLEASE NOTE: (We do not accept email delivery of hard documents)*

1. Typed Cover Letter with: your first and last name, address (permanent home/not college address), cell phone, email and, your parent's first and last name. NOTE: If you are reapplying to the BJE, also include your BJE ID# and the name of your previous year college funder.
2. Two academic recommendations The funders read this document! (on letterhead) from where you are currently enrolled from a teacher/professor or counselor. Ask them to discuss your character as well as academic achievements. NOTE: Gail Karp Orgell applicants: check special recommendation requirements.
3. Cumulative transcripts - through academic college semester/quarter Fall 2009 or the last four years of high school.
4. A 1000 word essay. The funders read this document! Elucidate what drives you to achieve: in academics, community or Jewish service, and/or career goal (i.e. how the past shaped the person you are today). NOTE: Reapplying students: a new essay is required by your funder based on your current academic year perspective, achievements, and Jewish participation on campus and career goals. *(This will also serve as your end of the year essay – therefore the only requirement on July 15, 2010 will be a copy of your transcripts to complete this year's end of the year requirements)*. NOTE: Gail Karp Orgell applicants: check for additional recommendation requirements.
5. Statement of Economic Circumstances: from either you or your parent. Be specific: if a parent is out of work, let us know the % drop in income for 2010. If a family member has major medical health issues, note its effect on disposable income. If you want to go to a private college and you can't do so without assistance, note this etc. etc.
6. Activity Resume: lists awards, outside activities, and Jewish participation (list separately)
*Star or highlight what you are most proud of in your list!
7. A copy of the SAR report (Student Aid Report) which is returned to you after you submit your initial Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It must include what the Federal government has determined are the parent(s) and student need i.e. EFC#.
8. Federal 2009 tax returns only. Includes schedules A-E. From Both your parents and student - if you file.
9. College Acceptance letter from where you will be attending college (NOTE not necessary for re-applicants unless they transfer colleges).
10. Financial aid award letter from the college listing all grants, loans and outside awards you received.

What is the next step? Visit the BJE website to review all criteria and access the on-line application [Click here](#). (continued on next page)

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Good luck! Our Jewish Community Federation lay College Scholarship Committee looks forwards to reviewing your completed application!

MAILING ADDRESS FOR ALL DOCUMENTS:

The Jewish Community Federation College Scholarship Program
c/o Bureau of Jewish Education | Financial Aid Director
639 14th Avenue | San Francisco, CA 94118 |

QUESTIONS FOR THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Janet Rothman, Financial Aid Director, Bureau of Jewish Education

Ph: 415.751.6983 x107 / F: 415.668.1816 | jrothman@bjesf.org | www.bjesf.org

Hazon California Bike Ride: 4 Days, 2 Wheels, 1 Community

May 7 – 10, 2010 (Mother's Day Weekend)

- Ride 80 – 120 miles over two days on a beautiful scenic route from Sonoma to San Francisco.
- Fully supported with bike mechanics, rest stops and great food. Luggage and bike transport included.
- Hazon is the largest environmental organization in the American Jewish community. We are working to transform Jewish life and create a more sustainable world – for all. This is your change to really make a difference.

For more information, contact CAride@hazon.org or 415-990-0644 or visit www.hazon.org.

JCHS Spring Celebration

Sunday, May 16, 5:30 PM, Jewish Community High School, 1835 Ellis Street, San Francisco
Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres, Live Music, Silent Auction

Benefiting the Jewish Community High School of the Bay Scholarship Fund

For more information, or to become an event sponsor, please call Julie Vlcek-Burke at 415-345-1818.

Looking for a Job?

Over the last 35 years, JVS has helped numbers of people find employment. We're offering dozens of workshops and panels - including a 50+ job search support group - both at JVS and around the Bay Area. Contact us at <http://www.jvs.org/Calendar.html> or hire@jvs.org. Just as importantly, if you have open positions in your business, or hear of any job openings in your field, please let us know. We can help you find the right person for the job.

2-1-1 Network of Care

Dial 2-1-1 to connect with community services near you: child care, senior services, counseling, job services, food, shelter, and so much more. It's fast, free, confidential and available 24 hours a day in more than 150 languages. You'll reach a caring, trained specialist, who will match your needs with local community services. 2-1-1- is sponsored by United Way and Marin Health & Human Services, First 5 Marin and others