



*Vineyard of Peace  
by Ilana Manolson*

## **KEREM SHALOM**

### **Adult Programming Newsletter**

Volume 3.2 – Nov/Dec 2022/5783

## **Kerem Shalom's Congregational Theme for the Year "Liberation"**



*"Crossing the Red Sea" by Israeli artist Yoram Raanan*

Welcome to our varied offerings.  
**Programs are on Zoom only** unless otherwise noted.

*Brought to you with Creativity, Calmness, Commitment and Camaraderie by your  
Adult Programming Committee*

You can always find the latest offerings at: <https://keremshalom.org/adult-programming>  
and check out the *KS Weekly News* (emailed each Thursday),  
for the most up-to-date information.

**\*Mask Policy**

Currently – November 1 – masks are required for all in-person events at Kerem Shalom.

These policies are regularly reviewed by the COVID-19 Task Force.  
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## Upcoming Special Events

*Learning from the Past/Creating a New Future...*

### Countering Antisemitism Threats: The Latest Strategies and Tools to Fight Hate

#### L.E.D.\* Series 2022/2023

With Jeremy Burton,  
Executive Director of the Jewish Community  
Relations Council of Greater Boston



Sunday, Oct 30  
10:30 – 11:30am  
Location: Zoom

Jeremy Burton will provide insights into longstanding and more recent threats of antisemitism. He has worked tirelessly with the Jewish community and its allies to counter these threats. Jeremy will help us define and recognize antisemitism in all its forms, understand its scope, and update us with the latest information on activity, threats, and countermeasures.

*Jeremy Burton is the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston (JCRC). Through advocacy, organizing, service, and partnerships, JCRC defines and advances the values, interests, and priorities of the organized Jewish community of Greater Boston in the public square.*

*Jeremy writes and speaks often about challenges and opportunities facing the Jewish community. He has been published widely, including in the New York Jewish Week, the Jewish Forward, Zeek, Sh'ma, and the Washington Post: On Faith. The JTA included him in their 2010 "Twitter 100" list of the most influential Jewish voices on Twitter. You can follow him @BurtonJM.*

#### [REGISTER HERE](#)

*\*L.E.D. = LEARN, EXPLORE, DISCUSS – Shed a little light.*

*Kerem Shalom's **Antisemitism Awareness Team** will continue to offer programming throughout the year*

***Learning from the Past/Creating a New Future...***  
**The Legacy of KRISTALLNACHT**

**With Dr. Martina Emme**

**Sunday, Nov 6**  
**10:30am - 12:00pm**  
**Location: Zoom**



Dr. Emme will be joining us from her home in Berlin. She is Head of the Department of Psychology at Anna-Freud high school in Berlin, Germany and co-author of the One-by-One book *Journeys of Transformation: Confronting the Legacies of Conflict, War and Genocide*.

She will share her journey coming from the country of perpetrators, born into a family with Nazi-believers including her own beloved grandfather who was involved in Nazi-crimes. She will describe how the life-changing encounters with descendants of survivors led her to become a teacher who sees her task as educating the next generation about the lessons learned from the Holocaust. Dr. Emme will talk about the projects she has initiated and share her vision: becoming guardians for protecting democracy.

***Dr. Martina Emme*** is a trauma pedagogue and Head of the Department of Psychology at Anna Freud High School in Berlin, Germany where she teaches Psychology and Pedagogy. She has initiated the GeDenktag/remembering the Shoah (January 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day) at the school. She is a member of the Cooperative Project between the Berlin Senate and the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem and is involved in creating projects dedicated to the prevention of antisemitism. She also serves as a group psychoanalyst for rabbinical and cantorial students at the Abraham Geiger Kolleg in Potsdam, Germany.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

**Freeing the Soul Through Music...**

## **With Yehudi Wyner:**

**Renowned pianist and Pulitzer-prize winning composer shares his music and its Jewish influences**

### **L.E.D.\* Series 2022/2023**

**Sunday, Nov 20**

**10:30 – 11:30am**

Followed by light refreshments

**In person *only* at Kerem Shalom**  
(masks required\*)

Kerem Shalom is honored to host Yehudi Wyner who will be discussing and performing his music for us. Mr. Wyner has composed over 100 works for orchestra, chamber ensemble, chorus, solo

performers, theater, and settings of Jewish liturgy. He has performed as a solo pianist and chamber musician, directed two opera companies, and taught at Yale, Harvard, Cornell, SUNY Purchase, Brandeis, and the Tanglewood Music Center and has been President of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. His many honors and awards include a Pulitzer Prize in music, two Guggenheim fellowships, the Brandeis Creative Arts Award, and a Grammy.



In awarding Mr. Wyner a Gold Medal for Music in 2021, the American Academy of Arts and Letters described him as “a true ambassador in the belief that the history of civilization is written in art whose creation and appreciation is universal across continents, cultures, and languages.”

Mr. Wyner will speak about growing up in a musical household with a father who was a renowned composer of Yiddish art songs and Jewish liturgical music, the influence Judaism has had on his compositions, and how he composes. He will be playing selections of his music as well.

Join us to listen to, and be inspired by, this widely acclaimed composer and pianist.

**Please RSVP by November 17 to [ksadmin@keremshalom.org](mailto:ksadmin@keremshalom.org)**

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*Freedom of Self Expression...*

## **Relax With Zentangle**

**With KS Member Marla Richmond, CZT  
(Certified Zentangle Teacher)**

**Sunday, Nov 13**

**Sunday, Dec 4**

(attend either or both sessions)

**1:30 – 2:30pm**

**Location: Zoom**



Take a little time to relax and draw easy figures with us! Zentangle is a method of filling spaces with pre planned shapes. No artistic talent necessary! Just get a glass of lemonade, iced tea or wine and relax with us! You will need an 01 micron pen and a pencil (No erasers! There are no mistakes in Zentangle!). If you preregister I will send you a "tile" to tangle on and a magic stick. Come join us on Zoom!.

[REGISTER HERE](#) for November

[REGISTER HERE](#) for December

*Reaching Across Cultures...*

## **The Jew and the Lakota**

**Broth Hour with Alexandra Krosner**

**Sunday, Dec 4**

**10:30 – 11:30am**

**Location: Zoom**

Kerem Shalom member Alex Krosner has a story to tell. It's about a Jewish woman who had never met a Lakota before and a Lakota family who had never met a Jew before. This is the story of what happened when they came together on a reservation in South Dakota.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Alex Krosner** is a new member of Kerem Shalom. Her older son will be attending Holiday Preschool this year. You might recall meeting Alex when she taught dancing at our recent Simchat Torah celebration.



The community around our Broth Hours is warm, welcoming and appreciative (despite being on Zoom). **If you have a story to tell**, please reach out to:

[rosalie@keremshalom.org](mailto:rosalie@keremshalom.org)

*Dedicated to Liberation...*

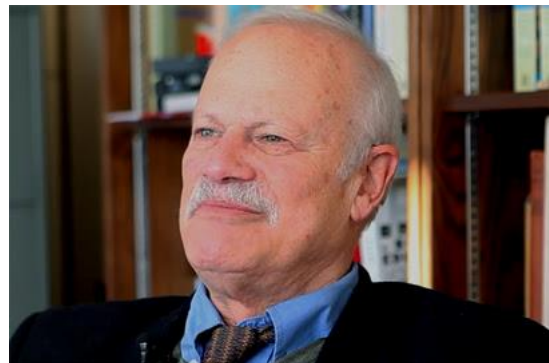
## **The Unknown Story of the Jewish Lawyers Who Fought Jim Crow**

**With Brandeis Professor Emeritus  
Stephen Whitfield**

**Sunday, Dec 11**

**10:30 – 11:30am**

Followed by light refreshments



**In person *only* at Kerem Shalom** (masks required\*)

Get ready for another extraordinary talk from Steve Whitfield. We're delighted to welcome him again as a featured speaker for our L.E.D series.

Professor Whitfield taught American Studies at Brandeis University from 1972-2017 and is now Brandeis Professor Emeritus. He has won a number of major teaching awards and is the author of ten books on twentieth century American history and on American Jewish history. Over the years, he has shared his insights on many topics with Kerem Shalom members, including politics, culture, music, and Jewish history.

Steve's will focus his talk on the critical role of Jewish lawyers in the civil rights movement during the 1960s. In Professor Whitfield's words:

"The quest for racial justice in the United States has been a constant struggle, with successes and failures, triumphs and limitations. One clear historic victory consists of the extinction of legally-sanctioned white supremacy in the South, a campaign that was mounted not only in the streets but also in the courtroom. In the early 1960s, a few hundred attorneys came from outside the region to apply their professional skills, taking risks and courting danger -- out of an idealistic desire to make America more democratic. Nearly all of these lawyers were white; nearly all of them were Jews. What they managed to accomplish has never been adequately told. The presentation at Kerem Shalom on December is intended to offer a partial remedy."

**Please RSVP by December 8th to [ksadmin@keremshalom.org](mailto:ksadmin@keremshalom.org)**

## Community Chanukah Celebration for Adults

**Sunday, Dec 18**

**5:00 – 6:00pm** Dinner

**6:15pm** Menorah lighting, a brief review of the interesting history of Chanukah, then a celebration with music, singing and more!



**In person *only* at Kerem Shalom**  
(masks required\*)

Join us! Look for more details on the KS website, and in the weekly news.

Interested in Joining our Kerem Shalom Community?

Find out more: <https://keremshalom.org/join-us/>

Why not drop Robyn, our administrator, a note? [ksadmin@keremshalom.org](mailto:ksadmin@keremshalom.org)



## Understanding Shabbat Prayers

### A Special Series with Rabbi Jamie Kotler

**Dates:** Five Tuesdays: 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22

**Time:** 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Cost:** \$120; \$180 for non-KS-members  
(Couples: 10% discount)

#### In person at Kerem Shalom

- Social distancing will be observed: we'll meet in a large space (masks required\*)
- If you cannot attend in person, contact [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org) to join others attending via Zoom



What is prayer? Why do we pray? What are we saying when we mouth all those familiar (and some not-so-familiar) Hebrew words? Why these particular words and not others that might be more personally meaningful? Is there an intentional structure to our prayer book, and if so, why is it so hard to see? How do we keep the words we utter fresh, and meaningful, conveying the essence of our souls? How do we keep our prayer from becoming an exercise in rote recitation, using words empty of intention and meaning?

We will tackle these questions and many others as we learn about our prayer book (siddur). Using the prayers of Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday night services) as our source text, we will explore the arc of the spiritual journey our siddur hopes to take us through. We will delve into the history of the siddur, and note the similarities between the Friday night service and every other service in Jewish liturgy.

Judah Ha-Levi, the great 11th century poet said, “Prayer is to the soul what food is to the body”. Our goal will be to make your experience of prayer more meaningful, to make it nourishing to your soul, a true conversation with God.

Join us – all are welcome!

**Registration:** Email [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org)

**Payment:** Checks made out to Kerem Shalom, P.O. Box 1646 Concord, MA 01742 - attention Rosalie

## Torah Studies

### With Rabbi Alan Ullman

**Dates:** Six Sundays: 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11

**Time:** 5:00pm – 6:30pm

**Cost:** \$150; \$225 for non-KS-members  
(Couples: 10% discount)



### In person *only* at Kerem Shalom

- Social distancing will be observed: we'll meet in a large space (masks required\*)

Rabbi Alan Ullman brings Torah to life by facilitating dynamic interaction and questioning of text, enabling us to view Torah in its ancient context as well as in its relevance to our lives today.

Rabbi Ullman helps us to see the wisdom of Torah as a way to guide our own spiritual journeys and to find the sacred in our everyday lives. A brief text is introduced at the beginning of each class. No previous knowledge or experience is required..

**This will be Rabbi Ullman's final Torah Study Series at Kerem Shalom**

**Registration:** Email [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org)

**Payment:** Checks made out to Kerem Shalom, P.O. Box 1646 Concord, MA 01742 - attention Rosalie

## New: ASL 1 and 2

### With Professor Larry Stephen

Professor Stephen, a highly regarded ASL teacher who has taught previously at KS, is available for level 1 and/or 2 courses **in person or on Zoom**. Sessions may be held on Friday, Sunday, and/or Monday (Monday would be Zoom only)



If you are interested please contact [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org)

# Diverse Cultures of Contemporary Israel: Exploring A Multiplicity of Identities Through Story And Film

**With Dr Jacob Meskin**

A multi- session series on Tuesday mornings

**First session: Jan 17**

**Location: Zoom**

For a variety of reasons most American Jews have learned more about the history of modern Israel, but less about the full complexity of all the different cultures that make up contemporary Israeli society. This course will help participants grasp how that history actually gets lived out in the day-to-day life of a sprawling, vibrant, deeply multi-cultural, and multi-religious society.

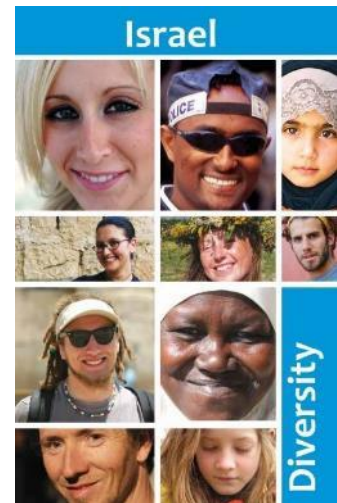
Drawing on popular media, such as films, short stories, Israeli sketch-comedy television shows, and especially popular music videos (all in translation), and also taking advantage of helpful scholarly literature, this course will explore many facets of the con-temporary diversity of cultural experiences in Israel. Using this multi-media approach, we will be learning about the following cultures, communities, and perspectives:

- Different Jewish cultures (Ashkenazi, Mizrachi, Russian, Ethiopian, etc)
- Israeli Arab cultures (Muslim, Christian, Druze, etc.)
- Palestinian intellectual and cultural perspectives on Palestinian identity and on Israel
- The central roles that food plays in different cultures
- Changing conceptions of gender identity
- LGBTQ identities in Israel
- Relationships between different kinds of religious Jews, and between religious and secular Jews

A great deal of what we will be studying will be drawn from popular culture in Israel. This turns out to be a fascinating and invigorating way to take the pulse of the many cultures and peoples that make up the society.

Students may be asked to watch several films at home, prior to class. This may require access to free and paid streaming services. They will also be asked to screen online videos.

Contact [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org) for more details  
Look to our next newsletter, the KS website or the Weekly News for updates





## KS Spotlight

### Kerem Shalom's *Hebrew School Reimagined* Staff



*Standing, from left: Nava Eisenberg, Avital Skolnick, Susan Stiefel, Abbe Smerling, Rabbi Sam Pollak, Joan Makepeace, Nancy Kaplan, Mallory Rubin, Mitch Gordon*

*Sitting, from left: Hila Krikov, Jill Goldman-Callahan, Joannie Hilton*

*Not pictured: Tikva Eigen*

The Kerem Shalom community is truly blessed to have this wonderful, dedicated team of teachers

*Correction to our last issue: Our KS President Mark Stein's past position was that of VP of Development for which he did an excellent job. Thank you Mark!*

## Marla's Corner, or Who Knew?

The Answer to last issue's question:

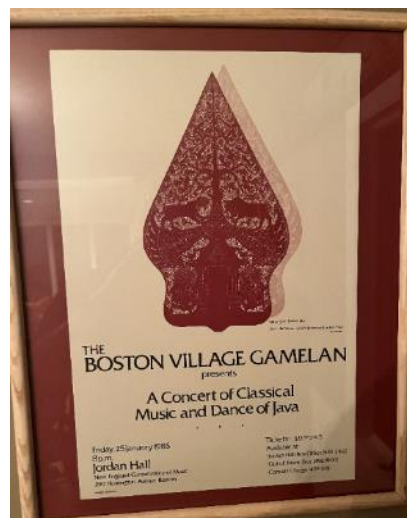
*Who sang Javanese music in Jordan Hall wearing red knit socks?*

It was our own **David Luberoff**! And you thought he only worked with electronics! Ask him about it!

### November/December's Question

What member of the KS community, finding themselves in Afghanistan, met **a truck full of Mujahadin**, and let one of the Mujahadin try on their sunglasses in return for letting the KS member hold his AK47? Photo of this trade in the next AP Newsletter!

And what about YOU? Do you have something in your life that no one would ever guess? Please share it! Send your description to: [adult-programming-committee@keremshalom.org](mailto:adult-programming-committee@keremshalom.org) and it may appear in the next issue!



## Literary Groups

### Kerem Shalom Book Groups

*We offer 2 different book groups*



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### **Jewish Content Book Group**

Hosted by Jane Appell  
Meeting monthly on the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 12:45 pm**

#### Next meetings

**Nov 8:** *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann  
**Dec 13:** *One Hundred Saturdays* by Michael Frank

To join, contact Jane Appell at [jewish-content-bookgroup-info@keremshalom.org](mailto:jewish-content-bookgroup-info@keremshalom.org)

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### **Kerem Shalom Book Group**

Hosted by Pat Sills  
Meeting monthly, evenings

#### Next meeting

**Tuesday, Nov 8** at 7:30 p.m: *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf  
**Jan:** *Antisemitism: Here and Now* by Deborah E. Lipstadt

To join, or for details on future books, contact Pat Sills  
[bookgroup-info@keremshalom.org](mailto:bookgroup-info@keremshalom.org).



### **KS Writing Group**

Are you working on a project and need to focus but are having trouble finding the time? We gather to support each other and overcome procrastination.

Monthly dates and times arranged by the participants.

If you are interested please contact [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org)

## Leisure



### KS Women's Walk

A group of KS women are walking along neighborhood trails.  
**Tuesdays at 2:30pm**

Contact: Karen Belinky via Rosalie: [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org)

### Mah Jongg

Would you like to play Mah Jongg?

We meet **in person** at Kerem Shalom

Contact KS Member Nanci Bell:  
[mah-jongg@keremshalom.org](mailto:mah-jongg@keremshalom.org)



### NEW! KS "Drama-ish" Club

Are you interested in getting together informally and reading through some plays or fun stories?. No previous experience needed.

Contact: [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org)

## Judaic Studies in Community

*Unless otherwise noted, all Judaic Studies groups are facilitated by the Director of Adult Programming, Rosalie Gerut.*

### Shabbat Shalom Group

Led by Rosalie and group members

#### Fridays

**10:30-10:45 am - Informal check-ins (optional)**

**10:45-12:00 - Meaningful discussions of the Torah parsha**

**12:00-12:30 pm - Open time for conversation (optional)**

**Location: Zoom**

We begin with a brief meditation, song, and gentle prayer to open our hearts and souls, and proceed to explore how the messages of Torah relate to our lives in today's world. Rosalie and group members take turns facilitating the group.



*Art by Yorem Raanan*

*"Thank you to Rosalie and to all our Shabbat Shalom sisters for nurturing our communal spiritual consciousness."*

- Jane Appell

Questions? Contact Rosalie at [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org)

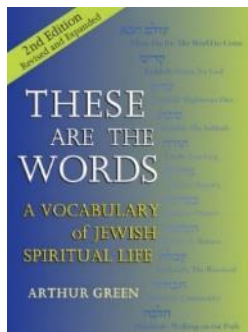
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

### Spiritual Studies

**Second Monday of each Month**

**10:00 - 11:30 am for KS Members and their friends**

**Location: Zoom**



"Dr. Arthur Green, one of the greatest spiritual teachers of our time, explains the meaning, history and origin of over 150 core Hebrew words. The basic vocabulary of Jewish spiritual life is explained with humor, insight and relevance to guide you on a historical and spiritual journey through Judaism."

- Amazon.com

As we read and share our responses, we deepen our knowledge, consciousness, and connections with one another. Join us!

**Next meetings: 11/14, 12/12**

Questions or to register, contact Rosalie at [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org)

## Rosh Chodesh (Beginning of the Month) Women's Group

An invitation to **Women Members** of Kerem Shalom

**First Monday of each month, 10 – 11:30 am**

**Location: Zoom**

Come and join a friendly and supportive group of women who meet monthly to explore meaningful themes of the Jewish calendar and discuss how they relate to our lives. (No previous knowledge or preparatory work required.).



Art by Yorem Raanan

*“A group of women enter the room or Zoom. A candle is lit. We greet each other by our Hebrew names and invoke the names of our mothers and grandmothers. We meditate and stretch for a moment. Then we discuss the Hebrew month: holidays or lack thereof; star sign; what is happening with planting, growing and harvesting on many levels. It is calm and quiet. This group of women may never have discussions like this anywhere else. But here we are safe and attached to our history. Jewish women together celebrating our commonality.”*

- Group Member Marla (Miriam) Richmond

**Next meetings: 11/7, 12/5**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

If you have questions, please contact [Rosalie@KeremShalom.org](mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org)

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## Rosh Chodesh (Beginning of the Month) Encore Women's Group

For women who prefer an evening group.

See **Rosh Chodesh**, above, for description.

**Meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, at 7:00pm**

**Next meetings: 11/3, 12/1**

**Location: Zoom**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

## Torah Conversations Group

**Saturdays, 8:45 – 9:45am**

**For KS members and non-members**

**Location: Zoom**



KS Torah Conversations is an ongoing conversation group that meets each Shabbat morning. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is required to participate, although attendees are asked to read the week's parasha (Torah portion). The parasha is listed in the KS Weekly News and can be read online at [Sefaria](https://www.sefaria.org). Most participants read English translations.

For the current year, 5783, as a guide for discussion, along with reading the parasha, the group will read the weekly section in [The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary](#), by Steven and Sarah Levy. Some participants also enjoy reading from a wide range of other commentaries.

Torah Conversations members take turns facilitating the discussion. The conversations typically flow back and forth between trying to understand the embedded meaning of the weekly parasha and connecting it to questions that have relevance in our lives. Each person's voice is welcomed.

Rabbi Sam Pollak, Director of Congregational Learning, serves as our Clergy Advisor and will study with us and facilitate our conversation once a month, on the following dates:  
11/12, 12/10, 1/7, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13 (Pesach) and 6/10

We meet each Shabbat morning, currently on Zoom. Conversations about the week's parasha begin promptly at 8:45am and end at 9:45am. The room opens ten minutes earlier for general conversation. The group meets weekly, with rare exceptions, as long as there are two or more of us who are available to meet. We welcome you to join us any Shabbat morning.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Contact Colleen Humphreys for further information: [torah-conversations-info@keremshalom.org](mailto:torah-conversations-info@keremshalom.org)



## Insight Meditation with Cheryl Steinberg

**Tuesdays, 9:00 – 10:00 am**  
**(Zoom opens at 8:45 to shmooze)**  
**For KS Members and Non-Members**  
**Location: Zoom**

Please join us for weekly Tuesday meditation sessions with Cheryl Steinberg. This class is great for any of you who would like to learn meditation and those already meditating who would like the support of others. The class is based on Insight Meditation and offers instruction and learning around the practice.



Contact Cheryl if you have any questions:  
[meditation-with-cheryl-info@keremshalom.org](mailto:meditation-with-cheryl-info@keremshalom.org)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Laughter Yoga with Susan Phillips

**Tuesdays, 7 – 7:45 pm**  
**For KS Members and Non-Members**  
**Location: Zoom**

The practice of Laughter Yoga is a way to generate our own laughter without relying on jokes. We practice easy and fun group laughter exercises, with short breaks of deep belly breaths, and end with guided relaxation. In this way, we stay centered in our body and breath and connected to each other through contagious giggles and warm appreciation.

Susan Phillips, M.Ed., Certified Integrative Health Coach and Laughter Yoga Teacher



Please contact Susan at [laughter-yoga-info@keremshalom.org](mailto:laughter-yoga-info@keremshalom.org) for the Zoom link.

## Kerem Shalom Men's Group



Are you interested in joining or starting a men's group? For over two decades, a small group of men connected with Kerem Shalom have been meeting regularly to witness each other's challenges, joys, and sorrows. Participants are happy to talk with Kerem Shalom members who might be interested in joining this group or starting a new one.

When this group began, its members were in their late 40s, a challenging, heads-down life stage for many men. Members are now in their 60s and 70s, a life stage with new challenges related to work, health, relationships, and family. The group explores these themes in semi-structured, confidential, and non-judgmental conversations which are "advice-free unless asked." Work, children, partners, the man's "role" as caregiver, and adventures are all grist for this mill. And while this is not a religious study group, religious and spiritual experiences are sometimes discussed.

If there is sufficient interest, members of the current group are more than happy to help a new group get underway, then step back and let that group evolve.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the current men's group or in starting a new one, please contact George Peabody at [mens-group-info@keremshalom.org](mailto:mens-group-info@keremshalom.org).

### Animals Can Bring Healing: A Holocaust Survivor and a Kitten

Shmuel was an institutionalized Holocaust survivor from Poland. His traumatic experiences in the concentration camps as a child left him debilitated with severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He barely spoke over the years and when he did, those words were often singular and monosyllabic. Shmuel was particularly fond of a kitten called Chanel. Chanel invariably chose Shmuel's lap as her special place for comfort and security. Shmuel stood up holding Chanel in his arms and gently rested his ear to her body... He was smiling and crying.

Struggling, he turned and spoke... in Hebrew.

This was the first time the staff and patients of Animal Therapy at HAMA Israel had ever heard Shmuel speak Hebrew so clearly and coherently. He began to rub his head gently on the cat's shoulders...

this indeed was a moment of grace.

Dogs also offer us loving comfort. The Hebrew word for dog is *kelev* (like heart). Here are three new young members of Kerem Shalom who certainly touch our hearts.



From left to right: **Charlie**, living with Nancy Kaplan and George Peabody  
**Karma**, family member with Marla Richmond and Robert Gottlieb  
**Millie**, at home with Nancy and Robert Brown

*For up-to-date info on all the happenings at Kerem Shalom,  
see the KS Weekly News (emailed each Thursday),  
the [KS website](#), and [website calendar](#).*

## Special Thanks

To KS member and artist extraordinaire, **Ilana Manolson**, for her beautiful illustration of Kerem Shalom/Vineyard of Peace; to **Scott Sancetta** for the many hours he spends editing and formatting; to **David Luberoff**, for his for patient, thorough reviews, **Jody Kotkin** and **Robyn Barabe** for their consistent support and PR; to **Rabbi Darby Leigh**, **KS President Mark Stein** and **President Emerita Deena Whitfield** for their ongoing support; to **Nancy Sokol** for her contribution to writing and editing; to **Marla Richmond** for creating “Marla’s Corner”; and to **the AP Committee** for their assistance in creating these offerings: **Elaine Allen, Jane Appell, Carol Barron, Diane Fulman, Carole Greenfield, Marla Richmond, Nancy Sokol, Kitty Stein** and to **KS Board VP Scott Sancetta** for his patience and good humor with this challenging effort. Finally, I offer my deep, heartfelt thanks to all these terrific folks and to Kerem Shalom for giving me the opportunity to work with our volunteers to create new and exciting offerings for our adult members.

- Rosalie Gerut



Kerem Shalom is committed to making our programs accessible to all members of the community. [Click here](#) for more info on inclusion at Kerem Shalom.