



# KEREM SHALOM Adult Programming Newsletter

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Jerusalem Menorah by Yoram Raanan

"When the holy Temple stood, the light of the menorah (a visible sign of the supernatural light of the Shechinah) emanated from the windows which were uniquely constructed to let light out, rather than in. It illuminated not only the Temple courtyard, but all of Jerusalem. To complete the picture of Jerusalem, there needed to be light in the middle of the scene, the golden light of healing and fellowship and true peace, which we pray will shine again soon from the heart of Jerusalem." Yoram Raanan

# Welcome to our varied offerings, brought to you on Zoom, in person, or both ("hybrid") as noted.

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

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

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#### Policies for COVID-19 and other Respiratory Infections

Masks are currently optional for all events at Kerem Shalom. In-person attendees should be vaccinated and have appropriate boosters. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the latest policy.

# We stand with and pray for our sisters and brothers in Eretz Yisrael.

# **Upcoming Special Events**

# The Antisemitism Awareness Team presents:

# **Cultivating Curiosity & Understanding in Difficult Conversations**

with Shira Hoffer and David Hoffman

Sunday, Nov 3 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: In person at KS

**KS Members Only** 

This interactive workshop is designed to help us navigate challenging discussions with curiosity and respect. Using videos and role plays, we will explore the differences between debate and discussion, strengthen our skills in seeking mutual understanding, and engage respectfully on sensitive issues, including the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

Whether you're looking to improve your communication skills or seeking ways to foster positive dialogue across differences, this workshop provides practical tools for meaningful engagement and connection.

Please RSVP by Oct 31 to antisemitism-awareness@keremshalom.org

# Kristallnacht (Pogrom Night) Remembrance

With guest speaker Bonnie Stein

Sunday Nov 17 10:30am – 12:00pm Location: Zoom

Bonnie Stein, the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, has been involved in Holocaust education for 27 years. Bonnie was the President of the Board of Generations After at the Florida Holocaust



View of the old synagogue in Aachen, Germany after its destruction on Kristallnacht. photo taken ca. November 10, 1938. (Holocaust Encyclopedia)

Museum in St. Petersburg, Florida for 12 years. Bonnie also was a founding member of an International Group of Descendants of Holocaust Survivors.

During her talk, she will share how she became connected with the Florida Holocaust Museum and the Children of Survivors group, and eventually her trip to Berlin, Germany as

part of the organization One-By-One which brings together children of survivors and descendants of the Nazi regime. This journey proved to be a life-changing event.

Bonnie speaks about remembrance (when it's valuable and when it's not), what it means to remember in a helpful way, the non-productiveness of blame, and how to move forward even when there are terrible things in our past as well as terrible things still happening in the world.

Lastly, Bonnie speaks about the impact of going to Germany, meeting with descendants of the Nazi perpetrators, and how being part of One-By-One has influenced her life, as well as her message for today.

To attend this Zoom session, please RSVP to: AP-registration@keremshalom.org

# Transcendentalism for Yankees—and Jews?

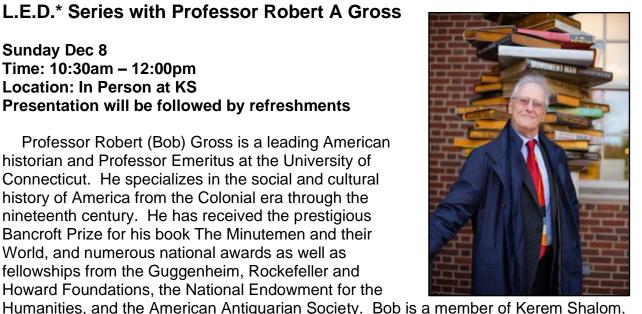
#### L.E.D.\* Series with Professor Robert A Gross

Sunday Dec 8

Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm Location: In Person at KS

Presentation will be followed by refreshments

Professor Robert (Bob) Gross is a leading American historian and Professor Emeritus at the University of Connecticut. He specializes in the social and cultural history of America from the Colonial era through the nineteenth century. He has received the prestigious Bancroft Prize for his book The Minutemen and their World, and numerous national awards as well as fellowships from the Guggenheim, Rockefeller and Howard Foundations, the National Endowment for the



His latest book (2021) is entitled The Transcendentalists and their World. The religious and intellectual movement known as Transcendentalism sprang up in Massachusetts, with Concord as its epicenter, during the 1830s and 1840s. It came to inspire both a new vision of individualism and idealistic efforts for social change, particularly abolitionism and women's rights. In the 1850s and after, Transcendentalism expanded beyond that regional base and spread to national and international audiences.

Did the movement have any appeal to Jews in the mid-19th century United States? Does it have anything to say to Jews today? Bob's talk will offer an accounting of Transcendentalism in Concord and New England, but with a Jewish twist. Transcendentalism, one could say, argued that we are all, each and every one of us, chosen people. How would this square with the collective identity of Jews?

Please join us for a very special talk on how and why Transcendentalism arose during a period of rapid changes in politics, economics, and society and Professor Gross' insights on its significance for Judaism.

Please RSVP by Dec 5 to AP-registration@keremshalom.org

\* L.E.D. = Learn. Explore. Discuss.

#### Classes in Judaic Studies

# Learn Shabbat Prayers and Songs with Natasha Shabat

Four Wednesdays: Nov 12, 20; Dec 4, 11

4:00 - 5:30pm Location: Zoom

COST: \$60 for the series for KS members; \$90 for

non-KS members

Learn about the Hebrew and English prayers in Kerem Shalom's prayer book, *Shir haLev, Song of the Heart.* We'll practice reading transliteration and pronouncing the actual Hebrew. Discover alternate translations of the prayers and songs you've been singing in Hebrew all along.



In this class we'll focus on the Shabbat prayers in *Shir haLev*, including their English translations, multiple interpretations, and how to pronounce them in Hebrew with confidence. This class will provide a fun, safe, context in which no question is too basic. For example, why is the prayer book called a siddur?

This class will help you dig deeper into the holiness of the Shabbat liturgy, which might even transport you to a new level when you celebrate Shabbat at Kerem Shalom.

**Natasha Shabat** is an independent scholar who learned Hebrew as an adult and has been teaching Biblical, Prayer Book, and Modern Hebrew full-time to adults since 1997, including at Kerem Shalom and Hebrew College. Since 2020 all of Natasha's classes and private lessons are on Zoom. Natasha is a graduate of Harvard University in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

RSVP: <u>AP-registration@keremshalom.org</u>

Please make checks out to Kerem Shalom.

Drop or mail to: PO Box 1646 Concord, MA 01742

NOTE: If there is enough interest, this 4-week course could develop into a weekly Learn-to-Read Hebrew class.

### **Upcoming Future Events**

# **Introduction to Torah Chanting**

#### With Celia Shneider

Beginning in January 2025, on Monday mornings or evenings, or Thursday mornings—the dates and times to be determined based on responses.

This 6-session class will introduce you to the ancient art of Torah Chanting. About 1300 years ago, the Masoretes of Tiberia developed a system of vowel points and cantillation marks, or trope (Te'amim), which gave pronunciation, melodies and phrasing to Torah readings. You will learn some of the 26 symbols and their melodies so you can be on your way to becoming a Torah chanter.

Prerequisites: Ability to read Hebrew, and keep a tune.

Text: Chanting the Hebrew Bible by Joshua Jacobson, Student Edition, The Jewish Publication Society.

Celia Shneider is a long-time member of KS. She studied Torah Chanting with Cantor Ellen Band 13 years ago, and has since been chanting Torah for Kerem Shalom and several MetroWest Synagogues, for Shabbat, High Holiday services, and B'nai Mitzvot celebrations.

Contact <a href="mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org">Rosalie@KeremShalom.org</a> to express your interest.

Rosalie will be in touch to let you know the final day and time.

#### Additional Resources

# Classes via My Jewish Learning via THE HUB

# A wonderful variety of offerings!

How to use it: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvTDG3Q5vUw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvTDG3Q5vUw</a>

https://www.myjewishlearning.com/daily-guide-to-our-zoom-events-livestreams-and-other-online-resources/

#### **Kerem Shalom News**

## **Racial Justice Task Force update**

from Deena Whitfield

The Racial Justice Task Force has completed 1500 postcards to help increase the participation of historically underrepresented communities in the electorate. These postcards went to registered voters in Pennsylvania. In addition, we will complete 700 letters to voters in Nebraska and Pennsylvania.

The Food Insecurity group made a donation of \$720 to Open Table and is running a food drive for Open Table as well.

The Social Action Group will be running a **drive for Household Goods** on November 18th and 19th. The committee will be providing a list of appropriate items that are most needed.

# Joint Study Sessions with West Concord Union Church and Kerem Shalom

The New History of Jewish-Christian Relations was a 6 week course, conceptualized by Rabbi Darby (KS) and Rev. Hannah C Brown of the West Concord Union Church (WCUC) and taught by Dr. Jacob Meskin of Hebrew College. Dr. Meskin proposed readings and led group discussions of a broad brush stroke of teachings over the last 2000+ years. Participants, members of WCUC and KS, discussed the changing historical perspective of modern theorists of both Christianity and Judaism.

Here are some comments from attendees:

I have learned so much — about the dire, and for so very many fatal, failings in the history of Christianity; but also about the promising contemporary scholarship, both Jewish and Christian, that emphasizes the shared roots, the points of convergence, and the possibilities of reconciliation and mutual respect between two compelling faith traditions.

- Ted Scott (WCUC)

This course was eye-opening for me since I knew so little about the history of Christianity. It increased my understanding of the growth of Christian-based antisemitism through the ages, as well as modern attempts by the Church and theologians to question traditional negative Christian beliefs about Judaism.

- Jane Appell (KS)

Interested in Joining our Kerem Shalom Community?

Did you know that **long distance memberships** are available for people who live out of the area?

Find out more: <a href="https://keremshalom.org/join-us/">https://keremshalom.org/join-us/</a>

Why not drop Robyn, our administrator, a note? ksadmin@keremshalom.org

# **KS Spotlight**

#### Sukkot Celebration 2024/5785!



Photo by Nancy Kaplan

Many thanks to all the folks who, despite the rain, participated in assembling and decorating this year's beautiful sukkah!

### Marla's Corner, or Who Knew?

### Last issue's question

What member of the KS community is the founding partner of a company that recently was awarded the prestigious Ruth Silman Award to honor its work in sustainable energy? This KS member has also served the community as a long-time board member.

(drumroll...)

It's **Ted Barten**, Kerem Shalom's long-serving Treasurer!

#### **Nov/Dec Question**

Which current KS member in the first Me'ah class held at KS swore afterwards never to set foot in our synagogue again? Guess what? *They have...*many, many times!

People ask me, where do I find all these stories? I tell them, "I ask." The next comment is how do I find such unusual people? I think everyone has a story that people are going to say, "no, they really didn't do that?" What is your story? Let me know and I will be delighted to inform the entire congregation!

Marla: <u>adult-programming-committee@keremshalom.org</u>

# **Kerem Shalom Library**

We are continuing to spotlight books on the history of Israel, as well as books written by KS members, located on the shelf under the large, artful image of Jerusalem in the adult library.

Nanci Bell, our volunteer librarian & Rosalie visited the Israel Bookshop in Brookline and brought back the following recently published books:



 Israel 201: Your next-level guide to the magic, mystery and chaos of life in the Holy Land by Joel Chasnoff and Benji Lovitt 2023

- **The Israel Warrior**: Fighting back for the Jewish State from campus to street corner by Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, 2023
- Israel's Edge: The story of the IDF's most elite unit—Talpiot by Jason Gewirtz 2016
- War Against the Jews: How to end Hamas Barbarism by Alan Dershowitz 2023
- In the Lion's Den: Israel and the world by Danny Danon 2022
- **Cooking Together**: The Israeli Pantry: recipes originating from the Gaza Envelope. 2024
- Target Tehran: How Israel is using sabotage, cyberwarfare, assassination, and secret diplomacy to stop a nuclear Iran and create a new Middle East by Yonah Jeremy Bob and Ian Evyatar 2023
- *Iron Swords, Bleeding Hearts*: The fateful war of Israel with Hamas by Michael Bar-Zohar 2024
- Saving Israel: How the Jewish people can win a war that may never end by Daniel Gordis 2009

The library is open whenever Kerem Shalom is open.

Please visit, browse, borrow!

(and please return books so that others can access them)

# **Literary Groups**

# **Kerem Shalom Book Groups**

We offer 2 different book groups



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# **Jewish Content Book Group**

Hosted by Jane Appell

We discuss books with Jewish content or themes

Meeting monthly on the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Tuesday of each month**Meetings are sometimes on Zoom, sometimes in person.

#### **Next Meetings**

Nov 12, 12:30pm - Displaced Persons: Stories by Joan Leegant (at a private home).

Dec 10, 12:30pm - The Council of Wise Women (The Village Life) by Izzy Abrahmson & Mark Binder (at a private home).

To join, contact Jane Appell at jewish-content-bookgroup-info@keremshalom.org

# Kerem Shalom Book Group Hosted by Pat Sills

Meeting monthly

#### Next meetings

Thu, Nov 21, 10:30am - Necessary Trouble by Drew Gilpin Faust Thu, Dec 19, 10:30am - The Guncle by Steven Rowley



To join, or for details on future books, contact Pat Sills bookgroup-info@keremshalom.org.



# **KS Writers' Workshop**

We offer meetings to share our in-process writings. Currently we are discussing works of fiction, non-fiction, as well as a screenplay. This supportive group works together, helping make all of our dreams come true. Dates and times are decided by participants.

Contact: Rosalie@keremshalom.org

#### Marla's Cookbook



As a project that has arisen within the KS Writers' Workshop, Marla Richmond is compiling a book of recipes that have been passed down over generations.

She requests your help:

"Do you have a recipe that comes from your mother or bubbe or aunt or friend? It is often found in a tin box with lots of other recipes on index cards or hand written on an envelope or... I am writing a cookbook of recipes that have been handed down through the family. I will acknowledge all accepted recipes. Recipes are preferably Kosher, but it is amazing what one can do to replace traif ingredients. Please send recipes you have tried with a photo of the original recipe and a copy that can be read to

marla.richmond@comcast.net.

Send it with love and humor.

Look for a notice of taste testing coming soon!"

Thanks!

Marla

#### **KS Members in the Arts**

The Concord Chamber Music Society (**Nancy Sokol**, President) will present a concert of chamber works by Ravel, Wyner and Hamelin on. Sunday November 17th at 3:00 pm at the Maxwell Auditorium, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum in Lexington. Tickets available at concordchambermusic.org.



KS members **Robert Carr, Marion Levinstein and Celia Shneider** will be playing with the Concord Orchestra on December 6 and 7 both at 8:00 PM at 51 Walden Street. The title of the concert is "The Unknowable" and will feature works by Boulanger, Finzi, Vaughan Williams, Tchaikovsky and Sibelius.

Tickets are available at concordmaorchestra.com

Cynthia Katz has three upcoming exhibitions:

Roddy Exhibition, currently at Concord Art, thru 10/20

**Aura, Kathryn Schultz Gallery**, Cambridge MA (Cambridge Art Association) October 30-January 17. Opening reception October 30 6-8pm

Alternative Processes Competition and Exhibit, Soho Photo Gallery, NYC. November 13-Dec 1. Opening reception Nov. 14 6-8. FIRST PRIZE AWARD!!!!!!!

#### Jill Goldman-Callahan welcomes you to

**The Umbrella Arts Center** at 40 Stow street in Concord, which will be hosting open studios on December 6,7 and 8. Please come visit Jill on the third floor in studio 303. The hours are: Friday - 12:00 - 5:00pm and Saturday & Sunday - 11:00am - 5:00pm

Marla Richmond created this beautiful quilt, named "Thanks Jenni!"



It is based on a quilt in *Quilting with Liberty Fabrics* by Jenni Smith. Marla exhibited it at the Concord Piecemakers Show in October.

And some astronomically amazing photos...





**Jane Appell** caught this amazing image (left) of the Northern Lights in Lincoln MA. **Scott Sancetta** captured comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS (right) in Harvard MA.

#### Leisure

## KS Women's Walk

A group of KS women is walking along neighborhood trails or (when conditions require) safe local sidewalks.

# Tuesdays at 2:00 or 2:30pm

Contact: Karen Belinky via Rosalie: Rosalie@KeremShalom.org for updates





# **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

## **Judaic Studies in Community**

### **Shabbat Shalom Group**

Led by Rosalie and group members

#### **Fridays**

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

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

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

**Location: Zoom** 

Adult members of KS who are interested in exploring messages of the Torah in depth are invited to join this group. Through sharing personal experiences and reactions to the Torah readings, group members find themselves developing warm friendships and continuing to find deeper meaning in their lives.



Art by Yorem Raanan

If you are interested in joining, please contact <a href="mailto:Rosalie@KeremShalom.org">Rosalie@KeremShalom.org</a>

#### **REGISTER HERE**

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

An invitation to **Women Members** of Kerem Shalom **First Monday of each month, 10:00 – 11:30am** 

**Location: Zoom** 

Led by Rosalie, Director of Adult Programming

Next meetings: Nov 4, Dec 2

We welcome women from both Jewish and non-Jewish backgrounds.

Would you like to learn a bit more about the Jewish holidays that appear each month and how we can connect to their meanings? You don't need to have a background in Judaic studies or even be familiar with Hebrew. The group is held in English and the friendly, supportive participants find it to be a warm, interesting and inspiring experience. Join us and find out!



Art by Yorem Raanan

"A group of women enter the room or Zoom. A candle is lit. We greet each other by our 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

#### **REGISTER HERE**

If you have questions, please contact Rosalie@KeremShalom.org

# **Torah Conversations Group**

Saturdays, 8:45 – 9:45am For KS members and non-members

KS Torah Conversations is an ongoing conversation group that meets each Shabbat morning. We welcome you to join us!

No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew is required to participate, although attendees are asked to read the week's parasha (Torah portion). Most participants read

English translations. The parasha can be read online at Sefaria as well as other sources, and accessed easily via the Hebcal calendar app.

As a guide for discussion, along with reading the parasha, the group chooses one collection of weekly commentaries. For the current year, 5785, it will be Rabbi



Jonathan Sacks Commentary. Some participants also enjoy reading from a wide range of other commentaries, many of which are on our resource list. 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.

- The group meets each Shabbat morning, with rare exceptions, as long as there are two or more of us who are available to meet.
- Currently we meet on Zoom except for the last Saturday of the month when we meet in-person in the KS library, with the exception of some holidays.
- NOTE: The in-person meeting schedule may be revised from time to time, so be sure to check the calendar on the KS website for the most up to date meeting format.
- Conversations about the week's parasha begin promptly at 8:45am and end at 9:45am. For general conversation, the Zoom room is opened at about 8:35, and the library at about 8:30.
- For Zoom, use the link on the KS website calendar.
- Contact for further information: Colleen Humphreys, torah-conversationsinfo@keremshalom.org

# Health & Comfort for Mind, Body and Soul

# **Insight Meditation with Cheryl Steinberg**

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 10:00 am (Zoom opens at 8:45 to schmooze) 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

### **REGISTER HERE**



### **Spiritual Inspiration**

## Facilitated by KS member Carolyn Gold

Spiritual Inspiration is a series of six small group, two-hour virtual meetings, one every other week, **beginning in January**, **2025** at a time and day that works for participants. Using quotes and poetry from different religions and philosophies to open to the mystery in our lives, we will move out of our heads and into our souls.

Each participant will go on an internal odyssey.

The purpose of Spiritual Inspiration is to find your truth, your own unique path to follow. There is no map. You will know in your heart when you "get there." (Genesis 12:1-17)

#### **Objectives** are for each of us to:

- Deeply listen to our inner lives and align our lives to what we hear
- Develop heart and mind habits that support living well
- Experience more of what's sacred in our lives

**Spiritual Companions**: Carolyn and our small group will be the spiritual companions, providing deep listening and deepening questions to help us "embrace our wandering," as our ancestors did in the desert. Spiritual companions help us penetrate the surface of life and find our utmost truth. (Thomas Merton: Podcast 8) As Moses said, "Truth is not in the heavens...it is in your mouth and on your heart for you to live it." (Deuteronomy: 30:12-14).

**Participants**: Four to five individuals seeking to experience life in deeper ways. Your role is to see what is, by openly sharing and deeply listening to yourself. Help others to do the same with questions that help them go deeper. The group sharing builds connection and community. We have the freedom not to fix or repair anything for anyone else.

**What You Need** for Meetings: Access to zoom, a journal, pens and your commitment to attend six sessions, once every other week, on a Tuesday afternoon. The fee is a voluntary contribution to Kerem Shalom or the organization of your choice.

#### Testimonials From Past Group Members

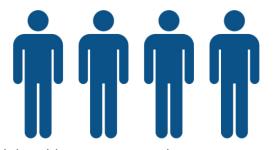
- "It's so meaningful, profound and deep. We are all so open; Carolyn's facilitation and small group size helps this happen."
- "The material (poems, quotes, exercises) touches me inside."
- "Each two-hour session is beautiful. Each one helps me see myself."

For questions, or to express interest in participating, contact Carolyn Gold via Rosalie@keremshalom.org

**Carolyn Gold** is a certified Spiritual Director by Still Harbor. She has worked for five years with a spiritual director, and is a certified executive coach. She has studied Torah for 20 years, and has studied, participated in and led group spiritual direction. She has a passion for spirituality she wants to share.

# **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 <a href="mailto:member-group-info@keremshalom.org">member of the current men's group or in starting a new one, please contact George Peabody at <a href="mailto:member-group-info@keremshalom.org">member of the current men's group or in starting a new one, please contact George Peabody at <a href="mailto:member-group-info@keremshalom.org">member of the current men's group or in starting a new one, please contact George Peabody at <a href="mailto:member-group-info@keremshalom.org">member of the current men's group or in starting a new one, please contact George Peabody at <a href="mailto:member-group-info@keremshalom.org">member group-info@keremshalom.org</a>.

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 Nancy Sokol for her contribution to writing and editing; to Jody Kotkin and Robyn Barabe for their consistent support and PR; to Rabbi Darby Leigh, KS President David Luberoff and the Executive Committee for their ongoing support; to Diane Fulman for researching and organizing our L.E.D. sessions; to Marla Richmond for creating "Marla's Corner"; and to the AP Committee for their assistance in creating these offerings: Carol Barron, Diane Fulman, Carolyn Gold, Carole Greenfield, Marla Richmond, Scott Sancetta, Nancy Sokol, Sue Wolff and Board VP Jane Appell for their patience, creativity and good humor. 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.

- Cantor 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.